

Call for applications

"Young Voices for a Shared Remembrance – From Memory to Action"

A project of youth encounters between France, Germany, and Bosnia and Herzegovina on history and civic engagement

Are you interested in history and democracy? Do you want to help shape a peaceful future in Europe? Are you curious about how the legacies of war still affect our societies today? Do you want to stand up against historical distortion and create your own project on the subject of European history?

Join several youth encounters led by the Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO), in cooperation with EVZ Foundation (Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future) and RYCO (Regional Youth Cooperation Office). Together, we'll explore the intertwined remembrances of the 20th century across three countries, three timelines, and many perspectives – and offer you an opportunity to make your mark!

The "Young Voices for a Shared Remembrance" youth encounters will take place over a year with a first encounter in France in April 2026 and a second one in Bosnia and Herzegovina in September 2026.

We'll focus on three historical timelines:

- ▶ The two World Wars and Franco-German reconciliation
- ▶ The Yugoslav breakup wars and their impact on the region
- ▶ Colonisation and decolonisation and their effects on our societies

Through different stories, you'll explore national, familial, and personal ways of remembering the past, uncover forgotten stories and places, and discuss what a shared, inclusive, and democratic European remembrance could look like. We'll also address modern challenges such as historical revisionism and the misuse of information, especially online. This project will give you hands-on skills to understand and respond to these challenges.

***** Program overview

- ▶ Intercultural encounters in France and Bosnia and Herzegovina, including visits to historical sites and presentations by historians
- Online training with experts on media literacy, using social media for dialogue, and designing your own projects
- ▶ **Ongoing support from a team** of six trainers from the three participating countries
- ► Implementing your own project related to remembrance, intercultural dialogue, or peace education — with possible financial support







***** Why join?

- > A unique intercultural and civic experience Work on a project that combines history, remembrance, and civic action while developing skills in communication, project design, and cross-cultural cooperation.
- > A European network of young changemakers

Connect with other motivated young people from across Europe, build friendships, and collaborate on common initiatives.

▶ Impact on your personal and professional journey

Gain valuable experience by running your own project with support, while developing skills and knowledge that can boost your personal growth and future career.



- > You are between 18 and 30 years old,
- ▶ You live in France, Germany, or Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- > You are motivated, curious, and eager to get involved — no academic prerequisites are required!

We especially encourage you to apply if you

- > Student, early-career professional, volunteer, or living in a rural area
- ▶ Refugee or young person with direct or indirect migration experiences,
- ▷ Changemaker whether you're already active or just starting to get involved
- Young person with limited access to mobility programmes (e.g., due to financial challenges, health issues, or a disability).



Further information

You will stay in a double room with a separate bed. Your meals and accommodations will be covered by the FGYO, and local transportation during the event will be arranged for you. You are responsible for your travel to the event, but your costs will be reimbursed later, up to the agreed lump sum. We encourage you to travel in an environmentally friendly way whenever possible. Please note that first-class tickets cannot be reimbursed.

The working language is English, although all other languages will be given a place.



Dates and locations

- ► February March 2026: Online preparatory meetings
- ► April 2026: First meeting in Strasbourg, France (\) ~ 4 days
- ► May June 2026: Online learning
- ► September 2026: Second meeting in Bosnia and Herzegovina
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- ▶ July October 2026: Implementation of local projects

Applications must be submitted using this form: https://www.fgyo.org/form/young-voices

The closing date is 21 December 2025.

A response will be given by the second week of January.

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