



MELTING FRONTIERS

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Starting point

After the Enlargement the European Union is faced with new challenges like it shows the discussion about the Constitution Treaty or the possible EU membership of Turkey as well as the swelling conflict between the so called „west“ and the Islamic world.

Nowadays many people in Europe and the Mediterranean area are living together neighbourly. Nevertheless the history of these countries is coined by intercultural conflicts, that are still unresolved. So, the continuous division of Cyprus or the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are still on the agenda of unresolved problems.

In a world of closer economic, social, political and cultural entwinedments between the countries the intercultural dialogue becomes a special importance. To take different points of view as well as to discuss over it, can contribute to recognize connections or parallels in origin and development of tensions.

Idea

During the formation process the European Union has shown on repeated occasions that a dialogue across cultural and national differences is possible. Beyond that an exchange of views could lead to a new partnership between Europe and the Mediterranean area.

In all these countries exist various Civil Society Organizations, which work for a progressive dialogue between the cultures. With the commitment of its members *Jugend bewegt Europa* e.V. contributes its part to the understanding between the peoples.

The project *Melting the Frontiers* will be an intercultural youth meeting. The young participants shall bring in their everyday experiences with intercultural conflicts in order to argue with their different cultures, identities and nationalities.

The project is a co-operation of



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The Chavaya Association / Israel

Realization

For one week in March 2007, 30 young people from Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, Palestine and Turkey will participate in a project workshop.

In workshops, discussions and regional as well as international meetings they will work on different topics:

- Europe and the Mediterranean area
- Is there a common European or Euro-Mediterranean identity?
- History and historical consciousness
- The social role of religion
- Nationality and nationalism
- Young adults in intercultural conflicts

The sustainable goal of *Melting Frontiers* is it to get to know each other and each others culture and to get rid of prejudices, The participants are developing a common project idea for a multilateral co-operation. A sustainable network between the young people and the involved Civil Society Organizations shall be built up for future projects.

Support

Jugend bewegt Europa e.V. once again is dependant on your support, similar to former projects, in order to make this youth meeting a successful one.

Our website offers a communication platform to raise an opportunity to exchange information between the participants before the project starts for their preparation. Furthermore, the project is made visible to a broader public.

On the website you can not only find the presentation of the project, information about current events and an overview about the European integration but also basic informations about the main topics. Moreover, there are links to the most important pages of the EU and the participating countries.

On the website we also present our partners, which support us with the realization of this project, and we give them the opportunity to place a link on their own website.

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