

## KICK-OFF SEMINAR

### “Real Love & True Utopia. 1968 revisited”

Weimar, Germany | 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2019



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Love & sex seems to be everywhere. The omnipresence of love stories or sexual hints within all sorts of film, novels, songs and advertising has already become a cliché by itself. A glance at the past shows that this is not self-evident. In contrast, love and sexuality during the so called 1968 movements were seen as paths to individual and collective emancipation or even revolution. At first sight one has to admit that Europe and its cultures have changed dramatically since those days making the critiques and utopias of the past difficult to understand. Yet discourses such as about #MeToo, polyamory and pornography again criticize social taboos and constricting norms. And even more important, they anew try to emphasize that neither romance nor intimacy are exclusively private but strongly linked to topics as gender, power relations, individualism and even neoliberal economy.

With two-phase international youth exchange we want to investigate the criticism and dreams of the 1968 movements and their meaning for our own lives. Starting with the topic of love and relationships we will explore the diversity of 1968 cultural and political break-up in terms of national and regional contexts as in terms of social utopias. Doing so we will not only get a more precise idea about social developments and collective memories in different European regions but also make a fresh view on which dreams for a future Europe are current right now.

### We will

- Reflect the importance of love, intimacy and relationships in our lives
- Encounter ourselves and each other learning to know personal needs and dreams and cultural concepts to deal with them in their diversity
- Discuss how the topic of love, sexuality and relationships are linked to social structures such as family, gender and power relations and economy
- Find out which dreams motivated the '1968s' and how their social experiments developed till now
- Elaborate our own social visions and examine their relevance for our everyday life

### The project includes the following activities:

- **Activity 1:** Kick-off Seminar in Weimar, Germany (scheduled for 14th - 19th of April 2019)
- **Activity 2:** International Youth Exchange (1st phase) in Weimar, Germany (scheduled for 25th of May - 3th of June 2019)
- **Activity 3:** APV (Advanced Planning Visit) in Kalamata, Greece (planned for 16th -21th of September 2019)
- **Activity 4:** International Youth Exchange (2nd phase) in Kalamata, Greece (planned for 7th -17th of October 2019)

The "Kick-Off Seminar" aims at the content and strategic-organizational development of the overall project.

## PARTNERS INVOLVED

1	France	Hors Pistes
2	Greece	Social Youth Development Civil Nonprofit Society (K.A.NE.)
3	Hungary	Compass Europai Ifjusági Kozosseget Egyesület
4	Italy	Cooperativa Sociale Shannara Onlus
5	Portugal	UMAR – União de Mulheres Alternativa e Resposta
6	Romania	Asociația Tinerilor cu Inițiativă Civică
7	Slovenia	Socialna akademija – zavod za izobraževanje, raziskovanje in kulturo
8	Spain	Asociación Caminos - Asociación para el intercambio educación y desarrollo social
9	Germany	Stiftung Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

Participants are **1 (one)** representative (exceptions are Germany and Greece) each of the involved project partners (**age 18+ years**), who will perform the role of **Youth Leader**. This kick-off seminar is explicitly dedicated to work together with youth leaders of every group in order to prepare them and the upcoming program activities for future youth exchanges. If the presence of the youth leaders is not possible, representatives from the pedagogical area or the management level are welcome.

## TASK IN PREPARATION OF THE KICK-OFF SEMINAR

To be able to work together on the topic and benefit from our different perspectives and backgrounds we appreciate if you prepare two little tasks:

1. Please bring one article e.g. from a journal, newspaper, online blog that you find interesting.
2. Please do a small research regarding what was "1968" in your home country: Which political discussions were important back then? Which events were important in particular?

You will have time to prepare short presentation of your findings during the seminar.

## TRAVEL COSTS

We will reimburse the travel costs on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc., within the provided limit, accompanied **ONLY by original and/or electronical documents** (tickets, invoices, bookings, boarding passes etc.). Here you find the maximum contribution for travel costs for ONE person per country from hometown to Weimar and back:

Country	Partner Organization	Number of participants	Max. contribution per person
France	Hors Pistes	1	275,00
Greece	Social Youth Development Civil Nonprofit Society (K.A.NE.)	2	275,00
Hungary	Compass Europai Ifjusági Kozosseget Egyesület	1	275,00
Italy	Cooperativa Sociale Shannara Onlus	1	275,00
Romania	Asociatia Tinerilor cu Initiativa Civica	1	275,00
Germany	Stiftung Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar	6	20,00
Slovenia	Socialna akademija – zavod za izobraževanje, raziskovanje in kulturo	1	275,00
Spain	Asociación Caminos - Asociación para el intercambio educación y desarrollo social	1	275,00
Portugal	UMAR – União de Mulheres Alternativa e Resposta	1	360,00

## CHECK LIST FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

### 1. Train/Bus tickets

It is important that that **arrival and departure time** as well **as the price** are visible (+invoices if available).

### 2. Regular air tickets must be accompanied

- by the **original invoice** (signed and stamped)/receipt/pay order/proof of payment
- the **boarding pass** (the small ticket stub you receive before boarding the plane)
- the **price** stated in the invoices, receipts etc. must **coincide** with the price on the ticket.

### 3. E-Tickets must be

- **printed out** and include your **name**, the **exact fare you paid**, **details of your flight on the same page**

- be provided along with **the credit card receipt for the payment or a copy of your bank statement** (clearly showing the payment has been made)
- given with regular or electronical **boarding pass** (be sure to save your electronical boarding pass in advance)

**NOTE:** Some airlines print „passenger receipt“ at the top of the cardboard ticket. It is not accepted as a receipt of proof of payment. Therefore, if you book your tickets online, please, make sure to print out the e-mail you receive from the airline company upon the payment, stating how much and how you paid.

**Other important details:**

- Missing or lost tickets are not reimbursed
- Booking paper alone is not enough
- Any **costs for taxi are not reimbursed**
- Return tickets must be bought in advance before the journey

Following the guidelines of the program and internal regulations the travel must be released by the participants on the direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of long pauses or indirect routes (holiday travel), there is no reimbursement of travel costs!

Reimbursement is done in Euro.

**After the event (the seminar)** please send us back all your complete travel documents **in ORIGINAL** by post mail as well as your bank account details (name of account holder, name of the bank, IBAN code, BIC/SWIFT code, proven by a bank document) to:

**Europäische Jugendbildungs- und  
Jugendbegegnungsstätte WEIMAR (EJBW)**  
**Markus Rebitschek**  
**Jenaer Str. 2/4**  
**D-99425 Weimar**  
**Germany**

## **TRAVELLING TO WEIMAR and EJBW**

### **By Train:**

Please use Deutsche Bahn (German railway) connections to travel abroad and within Germany. You can reach Weimar from any city here.

<https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>

### **By Bus:**

Check the best option from your location to Weimar or use FLIXBUS [www.flixbus.com](http://www.flixbus.com) to reach the place. You can also check for alternative connections via Go Euro web-site [www.goeuro.com](http://www.goeuro.com)

### **By Car:**

From the A4 motorway take the exit to “Apolda”. Follow the B87 in the direction of Apolda until you reach the main traffic lights at Umpferstedt. Turn left towards Weimar on the B7 and follow the road into Weimar until you reach us on the Jenaer Straße.

### **By Airplane:**

The best option to come to Weimar by plane is to use the airports Berlin or Frankfurt. From there you can take direct trains or buses to Weimar. The cheapest flights you can check via [www.skyscanner.com](http://www.skyscanner.com)



Train connection: DB Berlin or Frankfurt – Weimar Hauptbahnhof

(<https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>)

Bus connection: Berlin or Frankfurt Airport/Central Bus station – Weimar Hauptbahnhof (use FLIXBUS [www.flixbus.com](http://www.flixbus.com))

**NOTE:** Please consider using more sustainable forms of travelling such as train and bus. European and North American societies already consume double or triple of the resources, nature can reproduce. Showing respect to the natural basis of human life by choosing train, bus or ride sharing can offer you quality time, learning to know foreign people and a more fulfilling connecting to the place where you are.

## IN WEIMAR

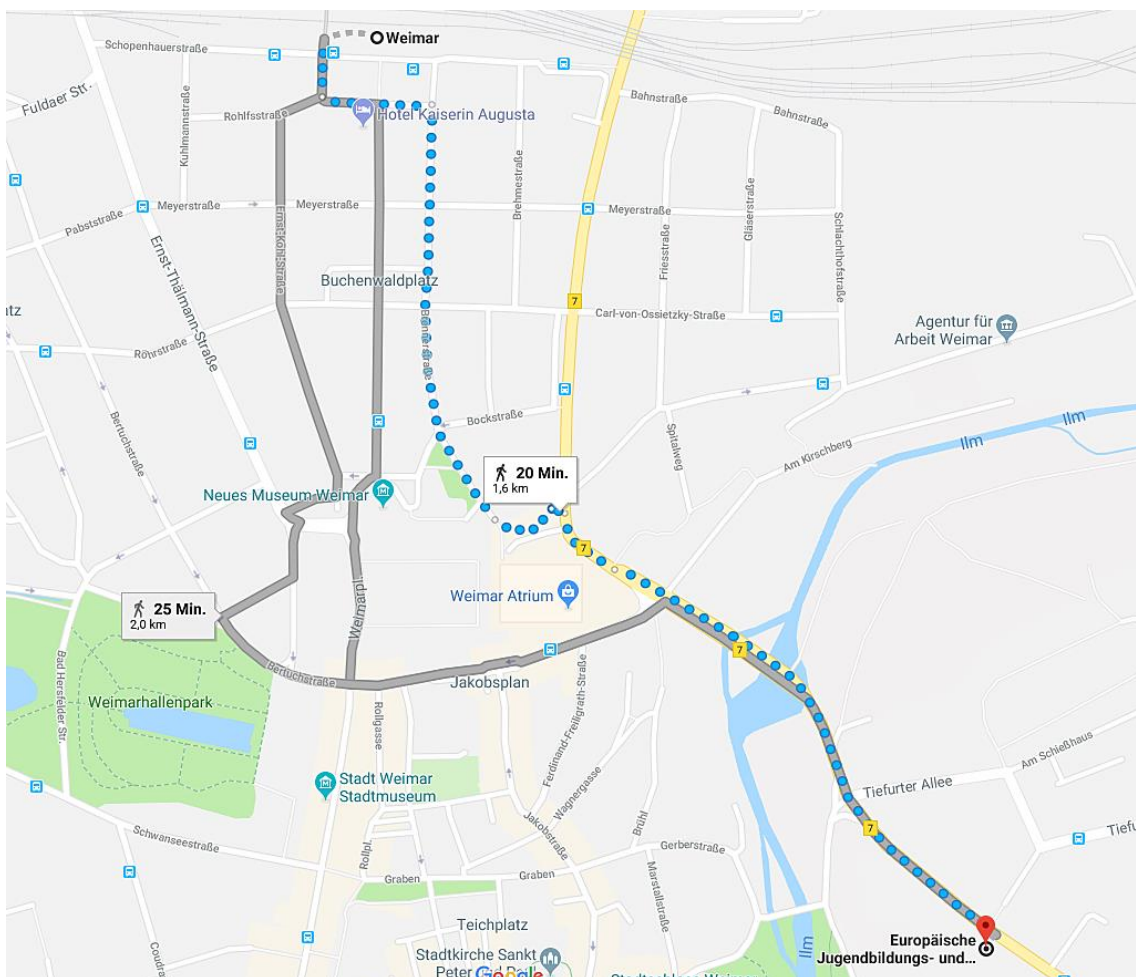
**After arrival at the main train station:** take bus no. 1 (direction: Ehringsdorf) from outside the railway station to the Goetheplatz – change to bus no. 2 (direction: Bodelschwinghstraße) or bus no. 9 (direction: Süßenborn) and disembark at the bus stop “Hellerweg / EJBW”.

*Single fare – 2,00 Euro*

*Single fare (4-ticket-set) - 6,30 Euro*

*1-day ticket – 5,00 Euro*

Further you can just take bus no. 1 (direction: Ehringsdorf) from outside the railway station to the bus stop “Friedensstraße / Atrium” and follow the main road (Jenaer Straße) uphill for approx. 800 m and enter the area of EJBW at your right.



## ACCOMMODATION IN WEIMAR

During the seminar we will stay in the facilities of the Stiftung Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar (Foundation “European Youth Education and Meeting Centre in Weimar), EJBW

The facilities include:

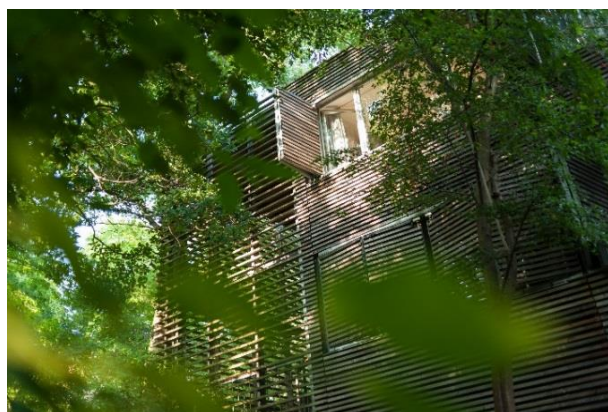
- 162 beds in single, two and three bed rooms with shower and toilet
- 15 modern, fully-equipped seminar rooms
- Computer room
- 2 internet terminals
- Elegant fireside room
- Sports facilities and playground
- W-LAN on the whole area

**Please bring your own towel(s)!**

**Check-in time – 15:00**

**Check-out time – 09:00**

<http://www.ejbweimar.de/>



**Program of the kick-off seminar (Weimar, 14 – 19.04.2019)** (Please, note, there may be slight modifications and changes in the existing program)

Sun, 14.04.2019	Mon, 15.04.2019	Tue, 16.04.2019	Wed, 17.04.2019	Thu, 18.04.2019	Fri, 19.04.2019
Arrival of participants	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
	Learning to know EJBW, current state of the project	Team building activities	Continuation of discussion: “Loving 1968?”	Practical Topics	Next steps
	Background of the partners	What do “1968” and “love” mean in our home contexts? What does it mean to us?	Roles within the project and program overview: Milestones, contributions, challenges		Feedback, Good Bye
	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
Welcome Presentation of the team and week plan	Learning to know each other	Exchange and discussion “1968 – social movements – utopia”	Attitude and approach of the project: Values and living together	Logistical Topics	Departure of participants
	Expectations and questions	Exchange and discussion “love – relationship – sex”		Open Questions	
<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	
Welcome Evening: Informal get to know	Informal evening in the city	Free evening	Option: Film screening	Free evening / Night in the city	

## PROJECT PARTNERS

France



Germany



Greece



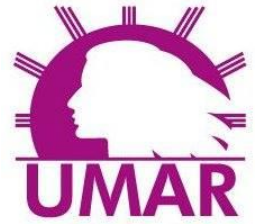
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