



Education for Democracy in Schools
**European Conference on
Living and Teaching European Values Today**
7th – 9th May 2025 in Weimar

Venue: Leonardo-Hotel, Belvederer Allee 25, 99425 Weimar

Wednesday, 7th of May	
<i>from 12 o'clock</i>	<i>Registration of participants</i> <i>Lunch opportunity</i>
1:45 p.m.	Departure for the <u>optional</u> tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided tour through the Buchenwald Memorial (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.) Thematic guided tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Weimar under National Socialism" and "Weimar Jews under National Socialism" (Lernort Weimar) (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.)
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<u>Optional: Marketplace and open space</u> <i>with coffee and tea</i>
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	<u>Optional: one Room of Silence / one Room for Exchange</u> – open to those returning from Buchenwald Memorial to reflect on their experience
5:30 – 6:15 p.m.	<u>Optional: Introduction to eTwinning and funding opportunities under Erasmus+</u> Sabine Liroy , National Agency Erasmus+ School Education, Germany
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<u>Optional: Participatory and Contemplative Singing Session with Jewish melodies</u> Dr. Alan Bern , Other Music Academy e.V., Weimar
7:00 p.m.	Musical opening "New Yiddish Music" Duo (piano/violin) Dr. Alan Bern and Mark Kohnatskyi
7:30 p.m.	<i>Round-table-dinner at the Leonardo Hotel (Goethesaal)</i>

Thursday, 8 th of May	
8:45 a.m.	<i>Optional: Musical start of the day with Dr. Alan Bern</i>
9:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome and opening of the Conference</p> <p>N.N., Representative of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education of the Länder in Germany (Kultusministerkonferenz)</p> <p>Gernot Stiwitz, Director, Educational Exchange Service (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst), Germany</p>
9:20 a.m.	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Dr. Deborah Schnabel, Director, Bildungsstätte Anne Frank, Germany</p>
10:00 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 a.m.	<p>Presentations of best practice from France, Italy and Poland</p> <p>Histoire et mémoire: des atrocités de la Seconde Guerre mondiale à la défense des droits de l'Homme aujourd'hui</p> <p>Ludovic Cherel, Collège Charles Baudelaire Clermont-Ferrand, France</p> <p>Project from Italy</p> <p>N.N., School, Italy</p> <p>Project from Poland</p> <p>N.N., School, Poland</p>
12:00 a.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 p.m.	Marketplace and open space – Exhibition of examples of best practice and exchange of experiences – <i>with coffee and tea</i>
2:00 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Parallel workshops – <i>with individual coffee / tea breaks</i></p> <p>a) Experience democracy in order to know democracy. – Democracy is not a theory. It must be practiced in everyday life as well as in schools. Rolf Gollob (CH) and Gelly Aroni (EL), from the Council of Europe “Living Democracy” Project will discuss and practice energizers and games on the topic of “Living and taking part in democracy”.</p> <p>b) Teaching critical thinking: tackling polarisation and keeping curiosity alive (working title) – Join journalists from Lie Detectors for a deep dive into fact-checking, source verification and learn more about media literacy.</p> <p>c) How do we teach controversial issues particularly related to contested narratives in diverse societies? (working title) – Britta Kornholt and Gitte Funch (DK), partners in the ConCitizen project, define relevant concepts and present practical methods to teach contested narratives and controversial issues in communities of disagreement (i.e. classrooms)</p>

	<p>d) Speak Up for Democracy – Addressing Populist Challenges with Democratic Values – Sabine Roehrig-Mahhou and Katrin Echtermeyer (DE) from Wisamar educational institute explore practical strategies for fostering constructive dialogue and championing democratic values—both in classrooms and beyond!</p> <p>e) Information disorders: how to tackle them with students? (working title) - Laure Delmoly (FR) from the French CLEMI teacher training network showcases experiences with institutionalized media literacy trainings in France and presents practical approaches and resources to empower children to become informed citizens.</p> <p>f) N.N.</p>
5:15 p.m.	<i>Guided tour along the river Ilm to sites of democracy and classicism</i>
7:00 p.m.	Departure for dinner (from bus parking “Atrium”)
7:30 p.m.	<i>Dinner at “<u>Alte Remise Tiefurt</u>” with a musical performance by pupils from the Schloss Belvedere Music High School, Weimar</i>

Friday, 9th of May	
9:00 a.m.	<p>Speech</p> <p>Maja Zaubitzer, Deputy Secretary General of the Federal Pupils' Conference, Germany</p>
9:45 a.m.	Parallel project presentations – session 1
10:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee & tea break</i>
10:45 a.m.	Parallel project presentations – session 2
11:30 a.m.	<p>Open space with partner finding fair</p> <p><i>with coffee & tea</i></p>
12:30 p.m.	Wrap-up and closing session
13:00 p.m.	<i>Farewell lunch buffet</i>
	<i>End of conference</i>