

POLAND

Auschwitz and the Holocaust in the context of teaching remembrance in Europe

1. General approach and framework :

The general aim of the training activities of the Pestalozzi Programme is to train education professionals to become multipliers for Council of Europe standards and values in education.

The work is based on three main pillars

- Content : standards and principles as well as project results of the Council of Europe
- Methodology : learner-centred, peer-training, collaborative work on issues of common concerns to find fit solutions for diverse contexts
- Four-fold concept of competences development : developing sensitivity and awareness, knowledge and understanding, individual practice, societal practice

2. Number : CoE 2010 1010-1016 Poland

3. Related Council of Europe Project :

“Day of remembrance of the Holocaust and of prevention of crimes against humanity” in schools
http://www.coe.int/t/e/cultural_co-operation/education/Remembrance/Default.asp#TopOfPage

4. Dates : 10/10/2010 – 16/10/2010

5. Deadline for application : 01/07/2010 **PAD: 24/06/2010**

6. Working language(s) : English

7. Venue :

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8. Number of available places :

15 participants from the signatory States to the European Cultural Convention

5 participants from the host country

5 participants from Israel (invited by Polish Minister of Education)

9. Target group :

Teachers and educators (14-19 years old students) of history, literature, arts, civic education, ethics, philosophy, religion, geography, biology, etc., who are planning to organise study visits to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum.

10. Focus of the training activity :

- provide teachers and educators with the history of the largest German Nazi death camp
- introduce issues concerning the symbolism, memory and commemoration of Auschwitz
- integrate site visits in the pedagogical work:
 - discuss various aspects of education at the authentic Holocaust-related memorial sites
 - prepare visits that teachers and educators will organise for their classes
 - have a better knowledge on how to prepare lessons on the subject of the Holocaust
 - reflect on how to integrate site visits into civic and human rights education
- share experiences on project(s) for the implementation of the “Day of Remembrance”, exchange views and ideas
- create networks of teachers and educators concerned about the Holocaust education
- broaden teachers’ knowledge on the history of Polish Jews
- give the opportunity to get acquainted with the multicultural heritage of Cracow

11. Expected results :

- teachers and educators will get knowledge about the history of Auschwitz
- they will be aware of variety and complexity of symbolism, memory and ways of commemoration of Auschwitz and the Holocaust
- they will be acquainted with didactical and methodological tools enabling them to integrate site visits to their pedagogical work that would concern:
 - education at the authentic Holocaust-related memorial sites
 - preparation and follow-up activities connected with school visits to memorial sites
 - integration of site visits into civic and human rights education
- they will be inspired to prepare projects connected with the “Day of Remembrance...”
- they will be acquainted with the multicultural heritage of Cracow and the history of Polish Jews

12. Outline of programme :

The European Workshop will start (Sunday, 10 October 2010) in Krakow, where the participants will stay the next two days (Monday and Tuesday) to have the opportunity to get knowledge about the cultural heritage of the town and, more especially, to be familiarized with the Jewish heritage.

From Tuesday evening to Friday afternoon (12 - 15 October 2010), they will stay in Oswiecim and have a 3 days programme at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. A full programme of lectures, workshops and visits which has been prepared by the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust will help them to put the above mentioned goals in their teaching practice.

Draft Programme :

Sunday, 10 October 2010

- Arrivals of the participants (Cracow)
- Dinner in a Jewish restaurant

Monday, 11 October 2010

- Official opening of the European Workshop
- Exchange of experiences (short presentations prepared by the participants)

Lectures, discussions
Visiting the Old Town and Kazimierz (the former Jewish quarter of Cracow)

Tuesday, 5 October 2010

Presentations of educational projects conducted by most experienced international institutions
Visiting a school in Cracow
Bus transfer to Oświęcim

Wednesday, 6 October 2010

Lectures and sessions in the International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Guided tour of the former camp Auschwitz I
Workshops in groups
Meeting with a former prisoner of Auschwitz camp

Thursday, 7 October 2010

Guided tour of the former camp Auschwitz II – Birkenau
Meeting with museum guides and educators
Workshops, lectures, discussions,

Friday, 8 October 2010

Lectures, discussions
New national exhibitions (workshops – presentations of the results of groups work)
Evaluation
Transfer by bus to Cracow

Saturday, 9 October 2010

Departure of participants

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15. Travel and subsistence expenses :

Travel expenses :

Participants from the signatory States : Travel expenses of those participants are covered by the Council of Europe according to the rules.

Participants from the host country : Travel expenses of those participants are covered by the Ministry of National Education in Poland.

Subsistence expenses :

Subsistence expenses are always covered by the host country for all participants. Any travel or activity, included in the programme of the European Workshop, should also be taken in charge by the host country.

16. Other information :

The success of the training activities depend on the commitment of all the participants. By accepting to participate in the Pestalozzi programme, participants and facilitators agree to participate actively and assiduously in all the phases of the activity.

Information for participants from the signatory States to the European Cultural Convention :

Travel expenses : Participants benefiting from reimbursement of their travel expenses are advised to consult carefully on the website the section about "Rules". Application form : Candidates must send their application form duly completed to the National Liaison Officer of their country of residence. All information available on : <http://www.coe/Pestalozzi>