

EDUC Youth Integration Lab Potsdam

„Participation and urban diversity in modern cities“

Date: 16 October - 18 October 2024

Location: University of Potsdam, Germany

What is EDUC?

The Universities of Potsdam (Germany), Cagliari (Italy), Brno (Czechia), Pécs (Hungary), Paris-Nanterre (France) and Rennes 1 (France), Jaume I University (Spain) and the University of South-Eastern Norway are part of a European university alliance: The European Digital UniverCity or EDUC connects the universities and languages, the different disciplines and faculties and a large number of students, researchers, teachers and staff. In total, eight universities in seven countries are now part of this transformative alliance.

The goal of the European Digital UniverCity (EDUC) Alliance is to create a European higher education area in which students, staff, teachers and researchers from the eight partner universities can learn, teach and work together. Jointly used digital infrastructures and services ensure networking between the universities and actors, especially in the area of teaching and learning.

EDUC combines knowledge and university traditions from Western, Central and Eastern Europe. This enables the development of strong relationships between regions and a European perspective on the global challenges of the 21st century.

What is a Youth Integration lab?

The Youth integration lab is a space formed by the eight EDUC universities connected with their territory implementing activities for the meeting and exchange between young people to help them develop their critical thinking and become active citizens on current challenges.

A Youth integration lab will empower young people as European citizens aware of their rights, trained for democratic participation and equipped against discrimination based on age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or economic background. The target group are young people/youths from the territory of the hosting university and students and experts from the eight EDUC universities.

It is a three-day on-site event at one of the eight EDUC universities, accompanied by researchers and associated partners who will provide the young people with the knowledge and tools necessary for their reflections.

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Target group:

- up to ten youths from the city of Potsdam
- 14 (Phd) students from EDUC partner universities
- Students from the university of Potsdam

Topic:

In many cities, there are fewer open spaces for urban youth culture. What are the reasons for this and what defines urban diversity? How can an urban diversity be maintained that takes into account the needs of all people living in the city? In particular, what can young people do to reach decision-makers in urban development for their own concerns?

Wednesday, 16 OCTOBER

Location: Campus Griebnitzsee

Time	
09:00-10:00	Morning welcome coffee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Youth integration lab and ice breaker game EDUC team • Greeting from external cooperation partner “Potsdam Civic Foundation” Marie-Luise Glahr
10:00-12:00	Lectures and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The importance of youth and subcultures in urban areas” Dr Paul Eisewicht, Institute of Sociology at University of Muenster, speaker of the Youth Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association & chief editor of jugendszenen.com • “Urban spaces as living spaces for young people? The importance of youth and subcultures in cities” Prof Dr Wolfgang Lauterbach, Professor of Sociology, especially Sociology of Education, University of Potsdam • “Youth on the Move: (Youth) volunteering in transition?” Markus King, Research assistant at the Chair of Social Science Education Research, University of Potsdam
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00-14:00	Travel to Berlin
14:00-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visiting “Museum of youth culture”, Platz der Luftbruecke, Kreuzberg ○ Wrap Up Day 1
16:00-16:30	Travel/walk to Neukoelln
16:30-17:30	Guided walk Sonnenallee, Berlin-Neukoelln (tbd)
17:30	end of day 1

Thursday, 17 OCTOBER

Location: Wissenschaftsetage, Bildungsforum Potsdam

Time	
09:00-10:00	Morning welcome, introduction to city walks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Maik Wienecke, Research Assistant at the Chair of Didactics of History, University of Potsdam ○ Potsdam Civic Foundation
10:00-11:30	City walk Potsdam “urban transformation” <i>first walk</i>
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00-14:30	City walk Potsdam “urban transformation”

	<i>second walk</i>
14:45-15:45	Wrap Up day 2
18:30-21:00	dinner (tbd)

Friday, 18 OCTOBER

Location: Wissenschaftsetage, Bildungsforum Potsdam

Time	Details
09:30-10:30	EDUC Keynote: Participation/urban diversity from a different European perspective Guest Lecture (tbd) and Q&A
10:30-11:00	Presentation of current youth projects in Potsdam Marie-Luise Glahr, Potsdam Civic Foundation
11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:15	Feedback and evaluation
12:30-13:30	Lunch
	End of event travel home

Call for participation

We are looking for **students or Phd students from our EDUC partner universities** to join the event actively. Students participating will receive a grant from their home university to attend the event.

Target group:

two students or Phd students per EDUC partner university

- of all disciplines interested in the topic
- with at least level B2 of English knowledge

logistical information

accommodation:

The University of Potsdam arranged an accommodation for the student participants at the “Pension Sanssouci” for 4 nights (**15th to 19th October 2024**). It is an optional offer, but please tell the University of Potsdam **at least a month before** if you are interested in the offer.

Depending on availability and your own preferences, you can choose between different room options: **Single rooms (75€/night)**, **two-bed rooms with two separate sleeping rooms (60€/night)** or **two-bed rooms with one sleeping room (50€/night)**, **optional breakfast for 7€/day**. Each participant pays the hotel individually by using the grant given by the home university.

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