

**CALL FOR
PARTICIPANTS**



**26.-30.
JUNE**



**Europaburg
Neumarkt in der
Steiermark / Austria**

EYFON PEACE DAYS 2023

Dear young Europeans from all over our common continent!

We live in turbulent times – during the past year, we had to experience an unimaginable return of war to Europe and we don't know how to proceed. We can only hope that we will win back the ideas of peace, togetherness, respect and understanding - as we have been living it at Europaburg castle during the last five years.

With our “EYFON PeaceDays” we want to promote peace - bringing young people from different nations, background, education and opinions together in order to talk about a common, peaceful and stable world. We want to give you the opportunity to learn, to understand different views and to develop your attitude towards Europe’s goals and tasks.

Moreover we will have one day focussing on the Alps-Adriatic-Alliance, a region not only characterized by an incomparable scenic and cultural diversity, but also the living space for around 5.5 million people who share a common history, but above all common values.

If you are between 18 and 25 years old, citizen of Europe (EU +++), interested in meeting other young people, critically discussing European topics and issues and willing to have a good leisure time, you are cordially invited to the Europaburg castle in Neumarkt in der Steiermark / Austria. The participation with accommodation and program is free, you only have to cover travel expenses to / from Neumarkt. Upon request, we provide scholarships covering those costs, too.

EYFON PeaceDays – go for it, please send your application with your CV and motivation to office@eyfon.at. See you in June 2023! Yours, **EYFON-Team**

DRAFT PROGRAM – EYFON PeaceDays 2023

Date: 26th June – 30th June 2023

Participants: 30 - 35 young Europeans from Austria, Greece, Turkey, Western Balkans, Ukraine, Alps-Adriatic-Alliance regions and other European countries

Contents: Peace in Europe and the World, legislation (EU, UN), intercultural training, lifelong learning and art and culture as well as leisure activities in the region

The European Youth Forum Neumarkt wants to provide a significant input for the development of the European Union and its peace policy. The EYFON-team and external speakers from relevant institutions will discuss with the seminar participants and are available with their specialist knowledge. A selected leisure program will strengthen team building and ensure conviviality and relaxation.

When?	What?	Where?	Who?	How?
DAY 1 – Monday				
from 15:00	Arrival and check-in, allocation of rooms, exploring the castle	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	EYFON-team	Guided tour around the castle, house rules, safety instructions
parallel	Welcome-Snack	Castle Courtyard	CATERING	
17:00	Get-together	Castle Courtyard	EYFON-team	Q&A-session, group pictures
	EYFON presentation, introduction to the program Presentations of the participants	AudiMax	EYFON-team ALL	Team presentation, Q&A-session
19:00	Dinner	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
20:00	Get-to-know-each-other-activities	AudiMax	EYFON-team	Teambuilding, icebreaker-games
DAY 2 – Tuesday				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
from 09:30	<u>Contents:</u> "The idea of peace" with a focus on EU/UN – legislation and current challenges	AudiMax	EYFON-team, Representative of the EU Commission, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Lecture / discussion / group work or workshop
ca. 12:30	Lunch	Castle Courtyard	CATERING	
14:00	<u>Contents:</u> „Erasmus+ and solidarity programs“	AudiMax	LOGO Steiermark (tbc) (External lecturer)	Workshop
ca. 16:00	Tree-Surfing	Oberwölz	Murau-Botschafter	Group activity
19:00	Dinner	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	
20:00	<u>Contents:</u> Intercultural training	AudiMax	External lecturers or EYFON-team	Lecture / group work
DAY 3 – Wednesday				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
09:30	<u>Contents:</u> "Between media coverage and propaganda: Information and war. Historical and present perspectives"	AudiMax	Mag. Dieter Bacher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for consequences of war research (tbc)	Lecture / group work / discussion
13:00	Lunch	Local inn		
14:00	TabTour / Hiking	Naturpark Zirbitzkogel-Grebenzen	teamgeist	Group activity / Knowledge and creativity
18:30	Barbecue	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	

20:00	Intercultural Evening	AudiMax / Schwarzer Adler / Neumarkt	ALL	Country-presentations of the participants
DAY 4 – Thursday AAA Special				
08:00	Breakfast	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	
09:00	<u>Contents:</u> What is the idea of the cooperation of regions in Europe – AAA as a best practice	AudiMax	CEO Thomas Pseiner and Christian Buchmann, Sandra Kocuvan	Lecture / Workshop / Discussion
13:00	Lunch	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	
14:30	3D-archery	Zirbitzkogel	Murau-Botschafter	Group activity
18:00	Dinner	Local inn		
19:30	<u>Contents:</u> "Castle talk" Goals of Europe 2050 "European future Culture"	Seminar room	EYFON-team Daniel Kennedy, M.Sc, M.A. (tbc)	Informal talk / discussion
DAY 5 – Friday				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
from 09:00	<u>Contents:</u> Lessons learned, evaluation, plans for the future, open discussion	AudiMax	EYFON-team	Discussion / Handout „EU for you“
	Lunch-packages		CATERING	
from 11:00	Departure		EYFON-team / ALL	

Important information:

Neumarkt in der Steiermark is at over 800m above sea level, it can be cool - especially at night. Please bring suitable clothing. For leisure activities solid shoes, loose leisure clothing and - just in case - rainwear are required. Accommodation is in shared rooms (rooms for 2, 4 and 6 are available, bed linen and towels are provided). Culinary delights for the whole seminar week will be planned and delivered by our caterer. Please announce any intolerances and wishes regarding food (vegetarian / vegan) in advance so that the caterer can plan the meals accordingly.

Parking is available directly in front of the Europaburg, the address is Schloßleiten 6, 8820 Neumarkt in der Steiermark / Austria. For travel issues (transfers, reimbursement) please contact Kathrin Traumüller / office@eyfon.at directly.

All costs for your stay including accommodation, food, seminars, leisure activities and transfers are included. Scholarships up to EUR 300,00 per person for travel expenses from/to Neumarkt will be provided upon request. Please help us to keep the expenses for travelling at a reasonable level and bring all receipts and tickets with you for the reimbursement during the seminar week.

For further questions please contact our local project coordinator - Kathrin Traumüller - office@eyfon.at directly.