

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

Humanistic messages from the Balkans

Strand 1, "European Remembrance":

1991 The beginning of the war in Yugoslavia

Duration 1 August 2016 – 31 January 2018

Regional Historical Museum - Varna

The Project is focused on creating public places for debating, exchange of cultural artefacts and aesthetic values. The activities are concentrated on the consequences of the conflicts in the Balkans during 20th century, more specifically on the last war which started in 1991. Our understanding is that using dialogue we can help healing the traumas caused by the severe conflicts in our region.

In order to fulfil our intentions we are looking for a suitable partner, possibly from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Romania.

It is preferable for the organization to have experience in managing European projects. We wait for your questions at **e-mail: Lyubomir Kutin - lkutin59@gmail.com and Zlatka Antova - zlapant@abv.bg**

The Project includes organizing Debate Clubs by the partner-cities. Their participants will collect and study publications, photos, video and visual arts related to the theme of the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the war in Yugoslavia. They will also prepare for participation in speech competitions for students under the age of 16 with the motto "Conflicts/Wars in the Balkans in the 20th century – a Source of Wisdom and Tolerance" with specially prepared regulations. The participants will present their speeches before an audience and will be assessed by a jury. The evaluation criteria are: content, organization of the speech presentation, originality and response to questions asked by the audience. The local publications of the competition will be in the respective local languages. The competitions will be documented by video and audio recorders, and photos. They will be distributed in the Internet with subtitles in the respective languages and in English. The winners of the local issues of the competitions from the different Balkan countries will meet for a closing phase in Varna. Immediately after the completion they will take part in a debate as well. The events will be in the framework of the city being European Youth Capital in 2017. Together with the holding of the competitions, the participants will prepare a travelling exhibition and a printed edition of the best speeches. They will be presented in the partner-cities in the Project. The popularization of the outcome will be fostered by a musical spectacle of works by authors from the Balkan countries participating in the Project. The spectacle will be performed in Varna during the closing events of the hosting of the European Youth Capital initiative. It will contain video-fragments of the speech-competition participants.

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