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Call for Contributors

Navigating Democratic Challenges - Civic Education in German-Turkish Youth Exchange

A METHOD LAB

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Youth exchange goes beyond fostering international understanding. It equips young people to navigate a world that only partly corresponds to our normative ideas. Through exchanges and encounters, young individuals learn to change perspectives, recognize differences, and foster their own opinions. In a fast-changing world, we must consider how we can support young people in gaining autonomy, developing a critical view on our societies, and fostering competencies that empower them to trust in their own capacities to contribute to democratic change.

German-Turkish Youth Bridge is organizing a two-day Method Lab “Navigating Democratic Challenges – Civic Education in German Turkish Youth Exchange” together with the Association of German Educational Organizations (AdB) and the Toy Gençlik Derneği.

With the Method Lab “Navigating Democratic Challenges”, we aim to enhance German-Turkish youth exchanges and their unique potential for integrating young people into society while strengthening democracy and participation. The lab’s objective is to raise awareness among young people in Germany and Turkey about the importance of democracy, pluralism and political participation. To achieve this, we will better utilize the potential of civic education in German-Turkish youth encounters, bringing together experts and fostering the development of professional networks. Participants will introduce and further develop methods that integrate civic education with international youth work, with a specific focus on the circumstances of young people growing up in both countries.

What is the Method Lab about?

The lab brings together up to 22 experts and youth workers (educators, teachers, trainers...) from formal and non-formal backgrounds from both countries, as well as employees of the German-Turkish Youth Bridge. We prefer applications from partnerships or tandems.

During the lab, we will collaboratively examine pressing topics relevant to young people and youth work, exploring the differences and similarities in public and professional discourses in both countries. As contributors, you will introduce, test, and refine methods and concepts that offer unique contributions, exploring new ways to link political and civic education with youth exchange in the Turkish-German context.





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We will discuss and delve into important topics in political and civic education in both countries from a methodological perspective including:

- **Language:** competency, youth language, multilingualism, language facilitation (language animation as a bridge)
- **Diversity and discrimination:** intersectionalities, addressing exclusion and hate (fighting antisemitism, racism, nationalism and other -isms, group-focused enmity)
- **Media literacy and competency:** critical reflection on media
- **Youth participation**
- **Empowerment:** migrational backgrounds, inclusion, culture ambassadors

The methods and project results discussed will be revised by the participants and organizers and made available online and in print free of charge to the professional audience. The German-Turkish Youth Bridge will promote the material within its networks and distribute it to partners, facilitating the transfer of knowledge beyond the circle of participants into international youth work and exchanges.

Your role as contributors

As a contributor, you will suggest, prepare, and introduce a specific method or methodological approach from the topics listed above. The methods should facilitate deeper exploration of the topics relevant to young people in both countries. You will present your methods in a teaser training session, incorporating reflection and feedback loops (2-hour training slots). Based on the training and feedback, you will further develop the methods in a written form for being published.

Your profile

Ideally, you will apply as a tandem with a colleague from the respective other country.

You should be

- actively engaged in the field
- in contact with young people or addressing youth-related issues
- familiar with learning processes through mobility programs
- knowledgeable about a specific topic/method that you will introduce at the lab
- conceptually able to discuss methods
- experienced in German-Turkish youth exchange
- proficient in spoken and written English
- willing to write about your method using a two-step process: (1) draft text before the lab, and (2) revise after the lab incorporating learnings from the feedback during the lab. This process will occur in collaboration with the Method Lab's facilitating team.



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Practicalities

A honorarium is foreseen for your work connected to the lab. It depends , depending on your commitment. Participation, delivery, and timely submission of the methods sheet in due time after the Method Lab is obligatory

All travel, accomodation, and meal costs will be covered by the German-Turkish Youth Bridge. Accomodation will be provided in single rooms, multiple dietary requirements can be accommodated.

The venue for the Method Lab is Jugendbildungszentrum Blossin, located close to Berlin. The venue is well connected to Berlin Airpot and to public transportation in Berlin/Brandenburg.

Application

Please fill in [this application form](#) by February 9, 2025. The sooner, the better!

Contact and further information

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