

Second Belgrade History Education Symposium
23-24 March 2023

Embassy of France, Ethnographic Museum, Goethe Institute, University of Belgrade

**History and memory culture for Europe: 60 years of Franco-German cooperation
Inspiration for cooperation in Southeastern Europe and contribution to European unity**

An event of the Month of the Francophonie in Serbia 2023

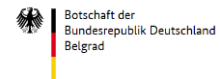
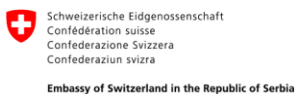
60 years ago, on 22 January 1963, the Elysée Treaty created a new basis for Franco-German relations. This development of Franco-German friendship following the Second World War was carefully prepared by public diplomacy events such as the Reconciliation Mass at the Reims Cathedral on 8 July 1962 celebrated by President Charles de Gaulle and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Charles de Gaulle's "speech to young Germans" in Ludwigsburg on 9 September 1962. The Treaty is a political agreement of friendship between France and West Germany. Following its signing Germany and France established a several instruments for strengthening their relations, following a history with centuries of rivalry and wars. The new cooperation included centrally the areas of culture, education and youth with a particular focus on history education and shared memory culture as a prerequisite for achieving greater European unity. After 1990 exchange and cooperation with Poland was established through the "Weimar Triangle" supporting multilateral approaches. With the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe in 1999 the Franco-German Youth Office developed cooperation with young people from Southeastern Europe, inspiring 2016 the foundation of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office at Paris, and then established in Tirana.

Participants of the Second Belgrade History Education symposium will be discussing 60 years of Franco-German cooperation as a contribution to European unity and identify how far it can be an inspiration for multilateral cultural cooperation in South-Eastern Europe. The first day of the symposium will be dedicated to the Franco-German and other European practices and conclude with a panel discussion, open to the public. The second day of the symposium will consist of two workshops for educational experts, including history teachers, academics, curricula designers and history students from the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Belgrade. The conclusions of the two-day workshop will be used to further develop history education and teaching in view of lessons from the Franco-German, Swiss, Polish, Cypriot, other South-Eastern and European practices.

The guiding question of the symposium will be the role of history education in post-conflict settings as a potential agent in the process of building peace and European unity. Another important aspect of history teaching is enhancing education for democracy, diversity, and respect of human rights in inclusive and dynamic societies of the 21st century that face different societal and political challenges, based on the [Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture](#) developed by the Council of Europe.



The Second Belgrade History Education Symposium will be held in various historical locations around the University of Belgrade and Faculty of Philosophy, allowing domestic and international participants to jointly experience sites and connect to significant spaces of cooperation and learning for Serbia.



THURSDAY, 23 March 2023

Arrival of domestic participants

Venue/starting point: Art Hotel, Knez Mihailova 27, Belgrade
Languages: English only (no interpretation)

10h00-11h30. Visit to memory sites / guided city tour in Belgrade:

- Preserved and lost Ottoman and Jewish heritage
- Controversial murals on 20th Century history

Starting point: Belgrade Art Hotel, Knez Mihailova 27, Belgrade

Venue: French Embassy, Gračanička 2, Belgrade
Languages: Traduction simultanée français-anglais / French-English simultaneous interpretation

13h30 Registration of the participants (registered participants and upon invitation only)

14h00 Opening
H.E. Mr Pierre Cochard, Ambassador of France
H.E. Ms Silvia Davidoiu, Ambassador of Romania, President of the Group of Francophone Ambassadors in Belgrade
Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

14h15-15h45 ***Franco-German friendship & history education: contribution to European unity***
Prof Thomas Serrier, University of Lille
Prof Eckhardt Fuchs, Georg Eckert Institute, Braunschweig
Prof Igor Kačkolewski, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
Prof Dubravka Stojanović, University of Belgrade
Moderator: Mr Andreas Holtberget, EuroClio, The Hague

15h45-16h15 Refreshments

16h15-16h25 Walk to the Ethnographic Museum

Venue: Ethnographic Museum, Studentski Trg 13, Belgrade
Languages: English only (no interpretation)

16h30-18h00 **History education after conflict – Overcoming or cementing divisions?**

Mr Celestin Berthelot, Observatory for History Teaching in Europe, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Prof Dilek Latif, Expert of the Observatory for History Teaching in Europe, Cyprus International University, Nicosia

Mr Loisos Loukaidis, Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR), Nicosia

Mr Steffen Semmler, Georg-Eckert-Institute, Braunschweig

Moderator: Prof Marko Šuica, University of Belgrade

18h10-18h20 Walk to the Goethe Institute

Venue: Goethe Institute, Knez Mihailova 50, Belgrade

Languages: French-German-Serbian simultaneous interpretation

Public event (interested and invited guests, and symposium participants)
Franco-German friendship as inspiration for Europe and the Balkans

18h30

Welcome

H.E. Ms Anke Konrad, Ambassador of Germany

H.E. Mr Pierre Cochard, Ambassador of France

H.E. Mr Rafał Perl, Ambassador of Poland

H.E. Mr Urs Schmid, Ambassador of Switzerland

Panel discussion

Franco-German friendship as inspiration for Europe and the Balkans

Ms Marija Bulat, Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Head of Local Branch Office, Belgrade

Mr Benjamin Kurc, Franco-German Youth Office, Director Franco-German Citizen Fund, Berlin/Paris

Ms Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović, Secretary General, Europa Nostra, The Hague

Ms Anamarija Viček, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education of Serbia, Belgrade

Mr Bernard Wicht, Conference of Cantonal Directors of Education, Head of International Affairs General Secretariat, Berne

Moderator: Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

Followed by a reception with refreshments hosted by the Embassy of Germany

FRIDAY, 24 March 2023

09h30-12h00

Two parallel workshops

Workshop 1: History curricula and textbooks and their role for reconciliation: European perspectives and experiences

Venue: Faculty of Philosophy, Čika-Ljubina 18-20, Belgrade

Languages: English only (no interpretation)

Moderator: Ms Ana Radaković, Education for 21st Century/Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade

Workshop 2: Memory sites and history education institutions as places for democratic learning

Venue: Ethnographic Museum, Studentski Trg 13, Belgrade

Languages: English only (no interpretation)

Moderator: Ms Nevena Bajalica, Terraforming, Novi Sad

Concluding session

Venue: Ethnographic Museum, Studentski Trg 13, Belgrade

Languages: English only (no interpretation)

12h00 Concluding session
Reports from the two workshops
Questions and discussion
Moderator: Prof Marko Šuica, University of Belgrade

12h45 Closing remarks
Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Council of Europe office in Belgrade
Ms Lidija Županić Šuica, President of Education for the 21st Century, Belgrade
Prof. Milan Stančić, vice dean Faculty of Philosophy,

13h00 Buffet lunch hosted by Council of Europe office in Belgrade.

Departure of participants

Background

Since 2020, the Council of Europe office in Belgrade in partnership with the embassies of France and Switzerland organised several events in the area of history education in cooperation with non-governmental organisations and the history department of the University of Belgrade. During the last years it was possible to create a space for discussion:

- to introduce the initiative of the [Observatory for History Teaching in Europe \(Ohte\)](#), of which Serbia became a founding member alongside France and others (both France and Serbia support more European states joining the Ohte);
- to analyze the [challenges of history teaching in Europe](#) and present history projects carried out in Serbia;
- to discuss regional history in view of European integration during the French Presidency of the Council of the EU, [Institut français de Serbie \(institutfrancais.rs\)](#).

This was accompanied by a variety of other outreach activities, articles and talks. At the beginning of November 2022, the [First annual Forum for History Education of the Council of Europe](#) was held in Belgrade. Some 80 experts from almost all 46 Council of Europe member states analysed the issue of “Sites of Memories: Learning spaces for democracy”, in view of preparing a recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to be discussed at the Conference of Ministers of Education in Riga in 2023.

2023 also marks the 70th anniversary of [the first Council of Europe conference on “The European idea in History Teaching”](#) held in Calw (Germany) in August 1953.



**Deuxième Symposium sur l'éducation de l'histoire à Belgrade
23-24 Mars 2023**

L'Ambassade de France, Musée Ethnographique, Institut Goethe, l'Université de Belgrade

Histoire et la culture de la mémoire : 60 ans de coopération franco-allemande
L'inspiration pour coopération en Europe de sud-est et contribution à l'unité européenne

Un évènement du mois de la Francophonie en Serbie 2023

Endroit : L'Ambassade de France, Pariska 11, Belgrade

Langues : Traduction simultanée français-anglais / French-English simultaneous interpretation

13h30 Registration (l'événement ouvert aux médias)

14h00 L'ouverture du Symposium

S.E. M. Pierre Cochard, Ambassadeur de France en Serbie

S.E. Mme Silvia Davidoiu, Ambassadrice de la Roumanie en Serbie, Présidente du Groupe des Ambassadeurs francophones à Belgrade

Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Chef du Bureau du Conseil de l'Europe à Belgrade

14h15-15h45 **L'amitié franco-allemande et l'éducation de l'histoire : contribution à l'unité européenne**

Prof Thomas Serrier, Université de Lille

Prof Eckhardt Fuchs, Institut Georg Eckert Institute, Braunschweig

Prof Igor Kačkolewski, Université de Warmia et Mazury à Olsztyn

Prof Dubravka Stojanović, Université de Belgrade

Modération: Mr Andreas Holtberget, EuroClio, La Haye

Endroit : Institut Goethe, Knez Mihailova 50, Belgrade

Langues : Traduction simultanée français-allemande-serbe

Table-ronde ouvert au public: L'amitié franco-allemande : inspiration pour l'Europe et les Balkans

18h30 Allocution de bienvenue

S.E. Mme Anke Konrad, Ambassadrice l'Allemagne

S.E. M Pierre Cochard, Ambassadeur de la France

S.E. M Rafał Perl, Ambassadeur de la Pologne

S.E. M Urs Schmid, Ambassadeur de la Suisse

Table-ronde

L'amitié franco-allemande : inspiration pour l'Europe et les Balkans

Mme Marija Bulat, Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Chef du Bureau de Belgrade

M Benjamin Kurc, Office Franco-Allemand pour la Jeunesse (OFAJ), Directeur du Fonds Citoyen, Berlin/Paris

Mme Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović, Secrétaire Générale, Europa Nostra, La Haye

Mme Anamarija Viček, Secrétaire d'Etat, Ministère de l'Education de la Serbie, Belgrade

Mr Bernard Wicht, Chef du Secretariat general des affaires internationales CDIP, Berne

Modération : M Tobias Flessenkemper, Chef du Bureau du Conseil de l'Europe à Belgrade

Suivi par une réception sur l'invitation de l'Ambassade de l'Allemagne

