# REMEMBRANCE AND LEARNING FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Strengthening the relevance and quality of remembrance activities with young people in Europe for mutual understanding and a common future



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# Aim of the training seminar:

to strengthen the relevance and quality of Remembrance work with young people while promoting peace, human rights and intercultural dialogue.



#### REMEMBRANCE AND LEARNING FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR

### **Background information**

In 2020, we commemorate 75 years since the end of the Second World War, the most destructive armed conflict and the greatest disaster in history. The Second World War overcame all previous wars in its scope and intensity, in the number of people involved, the quantity and quality of military equipment, the number of casualties and material destruction.



In the aftermath of the Second World War and the Holocaust, several organisations were established to promote international cooperation, peace and security. The largest was the United Nations, created on 24 October 1945 as an international peacekeeping organisation and a forum for resolving conflicts between nations, which celebrates 75 years since its foundation.

In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which emerged as a response to the terrifying events of the Second World War.

The creation of the Council of Europe, the leading human rights organisation at the European continent, was a result of the founding members' commitment to ensure that the tragedies of the Second World War would not be repeated and that commitment to the common values of human rights, democracy and rule of law would enable Europe to overcome the horrors of Nazism, racism, aggressive nationalism, and to preserve peace on the continent.

The Council of Europe and the Russian Federation, as a member state of the Council of Europe, are aware of the importance of the teaching of history and remembrance of the Second World War. In this respect, the Recommendation Rec(2001)15 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on History Teaching in twenty-firstcentury Europe, states:

everything possible should be done in the educational sphere to prevent recurrence or denial of the devastating events that have marked this century, namely the Holocaust, genocide and other crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and the massive violations of human rights and of the fundamental values to which the Council of Europe is particularly committed."



The training seminar in 2020 has been built upon experience accumulated during previous editions of the seminar since its inception in 2014, and the "Guidelines on Remembrance activities for and with young people".

The activity is a part of the 2020 Action plan of the Framework Programme on cooperation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy as a contribution to implementing one of the objectives of Framework Programme promoting intercultural dialogue, peacebuilding and cultural diversity.









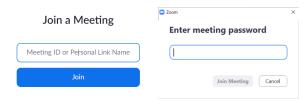
The COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible to hold the activity as a residential training seminar. However, the necessity and opportunity for this this event as a space for dialogue and discussion upon the occasion of 75 years since the end of the Second World War and the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights remain intact.

The Council of Europe and the organising partners from the Russian Federation decided to transfer the activity to an online event which will be held from 14-18 December 2020 on the Zoom platform with elearning phases prior to and following the activity.

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- After downloading, the programme icon will appear on the desktop. It is necessary to click on this icon, you will be offered the following options: "Enter the conference", "Enter the system", "Registration".
- You must select "Register", enter your name and email address. After registration, an email will be sent from the system to confirm the account.
- After confirming the registration, the account activation window will open, where you can set your password.
- After activating your account, a personal account page will appear, which means: activation was successful.



To connect to the conference, you need to click the "Enter the conference" button, enter the conference ID that the organisers sent to you.

Enter your first and last name in Latin letters. Enter the password in the "Access code" field, then click the "Enter the conference" button.

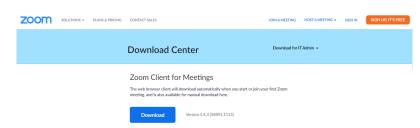
# **Zoom instructions**

**Technical requirements** 

For comfortable participation you will need:

- computer / laptop with internet connection
- headset / headphones + microphone

We recommend to download the Zoom programme to your computer and update to the latest version. Simultaneous translation is not available when you are connected to Zoom via browser. You can download the program from the official website at this link: https://zoom.us/download



#### ZOOM LINK TO THE TRAINING SEMINAR:

https://alumnirussia-org.zoom.us/j/82214427930? pwd=SzhvYmszSktEUm54U00vZDQxalozUT09

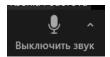
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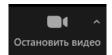
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After entering, you first go to the "Waiting Room".

Wait a little bit and the organisers will connect you to the main virtual conference room.

After connecting to the conference room, you will see the operating panel at the bottom of the screen with various function buttons. You will need the following functions "Turn on / off sound", "Turn on / off video", "Participants", "Chat", "Translation", "Reactions".













- "Turn on / off sound". With this button you can turn your microphone on and off. If someone speaks on air, the other participants mute their microphone. If you are silent, any noise in your room is available to all participants, so pay attention to the microphone.
- Enable / Disable Video. With this button you can turn your camera on and off. We ask all participants to connect with their cameras on, because this creates the effect of live communication.
- "Transfer". With this button you can select the translation channel. If you speak both languages of the training seminar, you do not need to use the translation. The translation function is available only when you are connected from a computer.
- "Participants". With the help of this button you can see a list of all participants, at the bottom of the list of participants you will see the button for raising your hand if you wish to speak.
- "Chat". With this button you can open a chat window, write comments there, ask questions. You can write a message to all participants in the general chat or send a message to one of the participants in a private chat.
- We invite all participants to turn on the video and camera, so we can see each other. We do not recommend that you sit with your back to windows or other bright light sources in this case, your face will appear to be in the dark.

#### CODE OF PARTICIPATION AND OUR AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATION

# Why this code of participation, recommendations and agreement?

As in the case with residential seminars and workshops, we aim to create a safe (online) space to exchange ideas respectfully and openly, a space to share stories and to inspire each other, as well as to engage in dialogue towards a building culture of peace and conflict transformation.



As we are aware that many of the issues are controversial, emotional, and with the potential to spark destructive conflict, at the beginning of residential seminars we spend some time to discuss and agree on a minimum set of agreements that will help the participants to live and work together.

Despite the fact that we work online, we will work together for a week, so we want to offer you these guidelines to manage our communication.

Please, read them carefully. We hope that by adhering to this co-working approach the Remembrance seminar participants can have a more fruitful dialogue and contribute to keeping the programme as inclusive and a safe space everyone taking part.

#### Some suggested values to engage in conversations

CURIOSITY OPEN-MINDEDNESS SINCERITY

ACCEPTANCE REFLECTION DIALOGUE

- Respectfully listen to the opinions of others
- When you introduce yourself, please say where you are from (city, town).
- Treat others as equals, respect their dignity, speak out without harm or judgment
- Participate with curiosity, empathy, understanding.
- Look for a deeper and more complex understanding of the situation, share new views with others.
- Bring your enthusiasm and desire to learn.

- Do not remain passive, if you have something to share, speak up!
- Don't judge or make assumptions: the goal is not to prove who is right and who is wrong.
- We are not here to seek the truth or to demonstrate that we are right, but in order to learn from new points of view and, possibly, ask ourselves new questions.
- Don't expect someone else to contribute and learn for you be proactive, take full advantage of this opportunity, and help others learn.
- Be on time

WE ARE HERE TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND BUILD UNDERSTANDING AS PAST EVENTS WILL REMAIN THERE.



## **E-LEARNING & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

THERE IS AN EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNICATION PLATFORM ON MOODLE PLATFORM FOR ALL THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEMINAR: 4 ONLINE MODULES BEFORE AND AFTER THE SEMINAR

HTTPS://E-LEARNING4YOUTH.COE.INT/

DIRECT INK TO THE COURSE:

HTTPS://E-LEARNING4YOUTH.COE.INT/COURSE/VIEW.PHP?ID=87 SELF-ENROLMENT KEY: 2020TSREMEMBRANCE

- The programme of the seminar is based on and derives from the methodological approaches and principles
  of human rights education. The activity will create space to explore a wider view and look at many other
  areas connected to the theme of remembrance such as democracy, citizenship, discrimination, dignity and
  equality.
- The programme will focus on building a trusting, open, safe and reflective atmosphere in order to develop
  critical thinking and to foster a deep relationship between the participants and the theme. It gives
  participants space and time to reflect on how remembrance can be integrated and practised in their work
  and how the quality of such endeavours can be improved. Specific focus will be given to building capacities to
  organise quality youth activities on the theme of remembrance.
- The programme will be built on participants' experiences, complemented with inputs from experts and survivors of the Second World War.

#### About the co-organisers:

- Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation: www.minobrnauki.gov.ru
- Federal agency on youth affairs: www.fadm.gov.ru
- · National Youth Council of Russia: www.youthrussia.ru
- Council of Europe information about the structure, principles and direction of work: www.coe.int
- Youth Department of the Council of Europe: www.coe.int/youth

#### **Human rights and Remembrance:**

- European Convention on Human Rights: http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention\_RUS.pdf
- Youth Program for Human Rights Education of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe: www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-education-youth/home
- Educational Department of the Council of Europe website on activities to implement the Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education:

www.coe.int/en/web/edc/charter-on-education-for-democratic-citizenship-and-human-rights-education