

# MAKE PEACE NOT WAR -STAGE II-

### From 13th to 20th April 2024 In Soustons - France













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### FRANCE La Maison de l'Europe des Landes WIPSEE



### ARMENIA Youth Opportunities Club







### HOSTING ORGANIZATION MDE40 WIPSEE

La Maison de l'Europe des Landes (MDE40) WIPSEE is a social economy organization based in Pontonx-sur-l'Adour, in the heart of the Landes region of France.

We are also a center of resources, exchanges, advice and meetings for all local actors and individuals on European construction, active citizenship, solidarity and inclusion from the local to the international level.



Pontonx-sur-l'Adour

In specific terms, we run mobility, cooperation, volunteering and youth participation projects.

In this context, we are launching the "Make Peace not War" project, to give participants the means to get involved and strengthen their role in making Europe more fair, sustainable and united.





### ABOUT THE PROJECT "MAKE PEACE NOT WAR"

#### Starting point of the project

We have developed this project in response to the current context, which sees the emergence and multiplication of numerous armed conflicts, and to the expressed desire of young people around the world to work for peace and maintain our commitment to it.

#### What?

A youth exchange, funded by the Franco-German Youth Office, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### Where?

Centre sportif Isle verte in the city of Soustons - France

#### When?

From 13th to 20th April 2024 (travel included).

Who? 3 countries and 3 organizations : France, Armenia, Germany 7 participants + 1 leader in each team





## WHY THIS PROJECT



#### Objectives of the project :

- to deepen young people's knowledge of human rights in times of war and peace,
- fostering cooperation between the European Union and non-European partners in the framework of the EU's neighborhood policy,
- encourage diversity of opinion and dialogue through privileged moments of exchange with testimonies of people who have experienced conflicts,
- to encourage political and civic engagement that fosters the development of critical thinking.

This "Make Peace not War II" project is the second phase of the PECO "Make Peace Not War I" project carried out in Armenia in Tsakhkadzor in April 2023, and the final phase will take place in Germany in 2025.

#### Why?

This project aims to raise awareness and understanding of current political issues (borders, war, human rights violations, refugees) and to educate young people for peace through popular education methods.

#### How?

Through a popular education approach, a political science approach and a peace pedagogy, we will work together to :

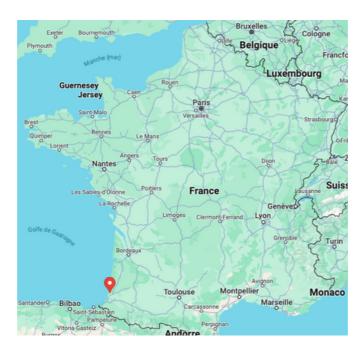
- share international practices and observations,
- set up innovative, high-quality working sessions,
- meet with local organizations and actors,
- learn how to act to guarantee and promote peace and prosperity.

#### Results

Creation of sidewalk videos and peace campaign videos.



France is a Western European country whose territory also includes overseas territories (Indian, Atlantic and Pacific oceans). France is a founding member of the United Nations, and belongs to over thirty-five international organizations, including the Council of Europe and the Security Council.



During our exchange, we'll be staying at the Isle Verte sports center in the town of Soustons, in south-west France.



For more information on France, its history and current events, go to :

- https://www.welcometofrance.com/fiche/decouvrir-la-france
- https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/France
- https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/venir-en-france/

# HOW TO JOIN THE CENTER

**13/04:** A bus will pick up all the German and Armenian participants from Bordeaux airport to the Isles verte sports center in Soustons.

Meeting point: Bordeaux airport

#### Bus departure time: 5 p.m.

Arrival at the Isles verte sports center in Soustons: 7:30 p.m.

**20/04:** A bus will pick up all the participants from the Isles verte sports center in Soustons to Bordeaux airport.

Meeting point: Isles verte sports center

#### Bus departure time: 6 a.m.

Arrival at Bordeaux airport: 8.30 a.m.

### PARTICIPANTS

- Aged between 18 and 30,
- Have an interest in peace, human rights and negotiations,
- Feel comfortable in a group and be communicative,
- Willingness to commit to democracy, freedom and peace,
- A desire to contribute to a just and enlightened society, and to become an actor in solidarity and peace.

### SKILLS DEVELOPED

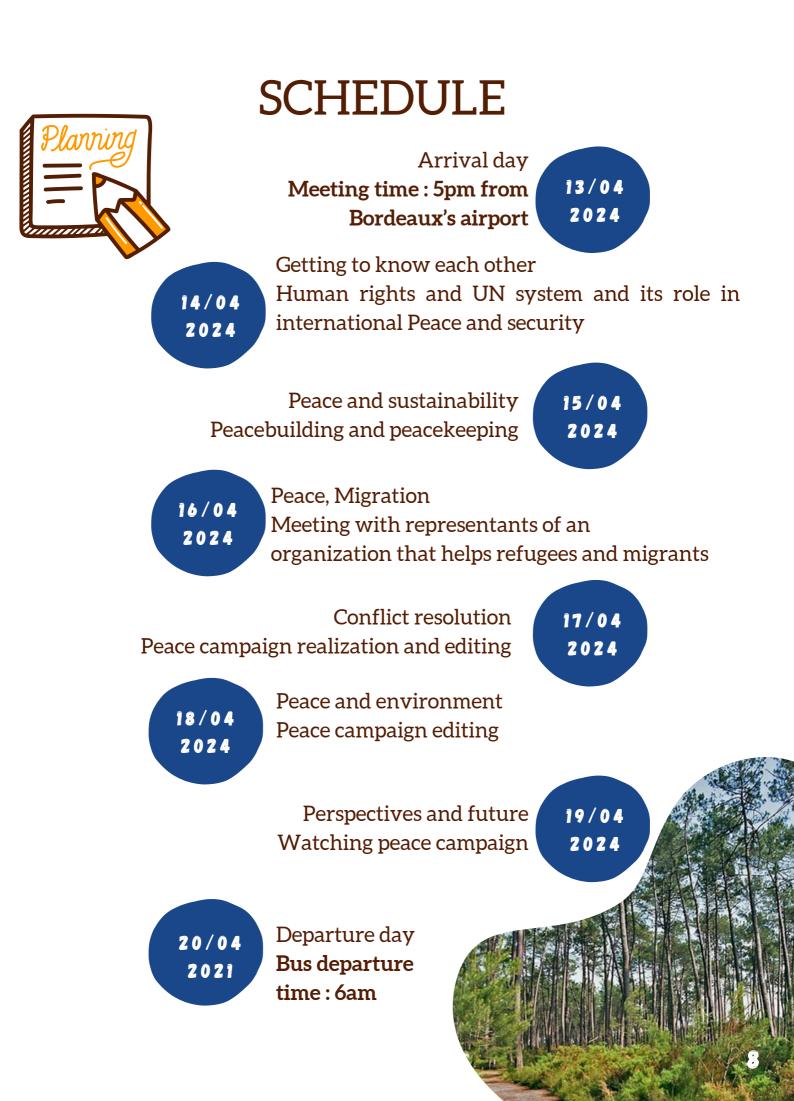
During this project, we will develop many skills and knowledge:

- global geopolitics,
- linguistic,
- intercultural,
- entrepreneurial,
- artistic knowledge,
- self-confidence and confidence in others,

... and much more!







### PRACTICAL DETAILS

#### To register you must :

- Valid identity card/passport,
- Civil liability insurance,
- European health insurance card,
- Be available from 13th to 20th April 2024
- Be willing to give of yourself for an innovative, impactful and mutually supportive project!
- Be ready to exchange ideas with other young internationals!



No level of English is required, but a basic knowledge is better...;)

# JOIN THIS GREAT PROJECT, AND ACT FOR PEACE!

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