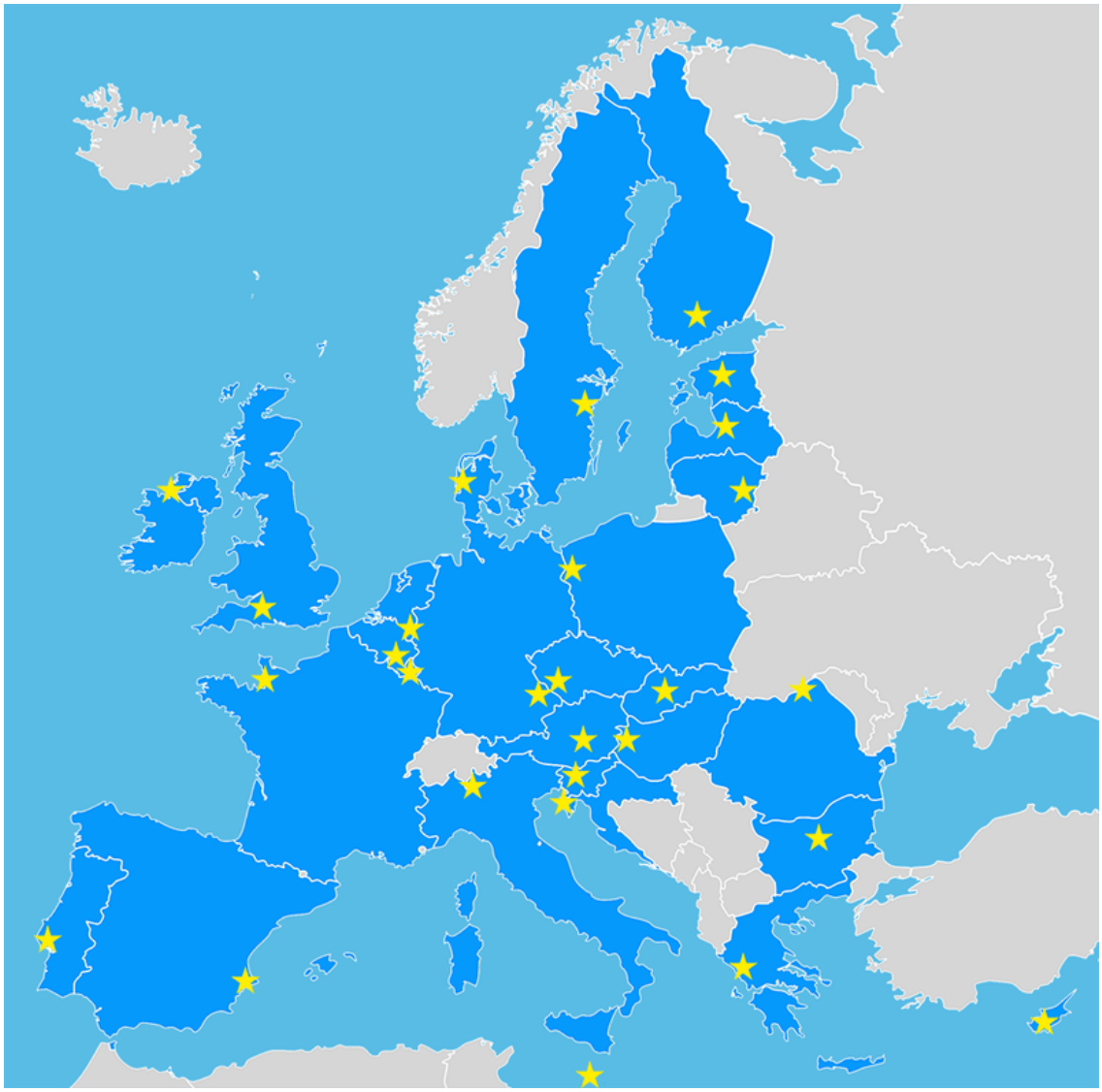
DOUZELAGE

HOUFFALIZE 2018

Project of youth immersion for 12 twin cities of the Douzelage

Memory work, democratic engagement and civic participation for the future of Europe



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TRIP FROM SUNDAY 22nd TO SATURDAY 28th JULY 2018

Where? Houffalize, Belgium, Vayamundo Holiday Center.

When? From Sunday 22nd July 2018 to Saturday 28th July 2018.

How? Preparative research projects, workshops, conferences, visits, writing of a closing paper signing of a declaration, as well as playful activities…

Participants?

Young people …

5 young people between 16 and 22 years old as well as 1 (or 2) accompanying adult(s), member of the Douzelage committee or a teacher per twin town.
Participants must have an advanced level of English.

Guest lecturers, witnesses and specialists …

Mrs. **Marie Arena**, European Parliament.
Mrs. **Yuriko Backes**, Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg.
Mr. **Rachid Belkacem**, University of Lorraine.
M. **Marc Caprasse**, Municipality of Houffalize.
Mrs. **Florence Cassart**, Youth Service – Federation Wallonia-Brussels.
Mr. **Franz Clément**, Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research.
Mr. **Martin Cugnon**, Bastogne Memorial asbl.
Mrs. **Elena Danescu**, Université of Luxembourg / Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and digital History.
Mr. **Jean-Paul Dondelinger**, Municipality of Aubange.
Mr. **Alphonse Henrard**, Douzelage Committee.
Mr. **Jimmy Jamar**, Representation of the European Commission in Belgium.
Mrs. **Aline Muller**, Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research.
Mr. **Luc Nollomont**, Douzelage Committee.
Mr. **Robert Pepels**, Vayamundo Holiday Center.
Mrs. **Isabelle Pigeron-Piroth**, University of Luxembourg.
Mr. **Domenico Rossetti di Valdalbero**, European Commission .
Mrs. **Esther Zana-Nau**, Luxemburg Institute of Socio Economic Research.
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THEMES OF THE EXCHANGE

Memory work, democratic engagement and civic participation for the future of Europe

In the framework of memory in Europe, the year 2018 will mark the commemoration of the beginning of the Second World War, which started in 1938-1939, as well as of the Hague Congress of 1948. Those two events, barely 10 years apart from each other, mark the total destruction of Europe followed by its complete reconstruction.

In the framework of democratic engagement and civic participation, widespread Euroscepticism and the future of Europe will be considered through workshops leading to proposals to be submitted and discussed with specialists.

The common theme of this meeting will be considering the creation of the European Union, born from the war, as a mean to preserve peace, which is by the way always good to remind to a generation that did not know war. Peace keeping is a high goal that must be kept in mind in those times of obvious Euroscepticism.

Overall, the project proposed by the town of Houffalize will lead to a wide reflection in relation to the following related themes:

DESTRUCTION
(RE)CONSTRUCTION

WAR
PEACE

Of course, moments of leisure will also have a place in the schedule, among others allowing the young participants to make use of the infrastructure of the hotel Vayamundo in Houffalize.

ORGANISATION

Sunday 22 July 2018

Arrival of the participants: shuttle services will pick up participants at the airports of Brussels National (Zaventem), Charleroi Brussels-South and Luxembourg.

20.00 Reception, welcome drink and evening meal (Room “Le Buffet”).
Mr. **Robert Pepels** (Vayamundo Holyday Center).

Sight of the Vayamundo Holiday Center on the Ourthe river.

Monday 23 July 2018

A week of thinking and leisure is about to start…

From 07.00 Breakfast (Room “Le Buffet”).

11.00 Opening speech: Mr. **Marc Caprasse**, Mayor of Houffalize (Room “Wibrin”).
Presentation of the programme, the visits and themes of the week:
Mr. **Alphonse Henrard** (local Douzelage committee), Mr. **Franz Clément** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research) and Mr. **Martin Cugnon** (Bastogne Memorial asbl).

12.00 Lunch (Room “Le Buffet”).

13.30 Conference “60 years of Europe – lessons of the past, perspectives for the future”.
Mrs **Elena Danescu** (University of Luxembourg / Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and digital History) will show how Europe became a factor which brought peace and why it should keep that role by fighting Euroscepticism.

Questions and answers with the participants, led by Mr. **Franz Clément** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research).

16.00 Free time.

Various sports available: tennis, table tennis, pétanque, swimming…
Guided tour of Houffalize with Mr. **Marc Caprasse**, **Alphonse Henrard and Luc Nollomont**.

19.30 Dinner (Room “Le Buffet”).

Sight of Houffalize, little Ardennes town, along the Ourthe river.

Tuesday 24 July 2018

Europe: a continent marked by war and peace

From 7.30 Breakfast (Room “Le Buffet”).

08.45 Departure for Bastogne.

09.15 Visit of the Bastogne War Museum: Mr. **Martin Cugnon** (Bastogne Memorial asbl) will offer a special visit of one of the best European museums on the Second World War, situated next to the Mardasson Memorial, symbol of the commemoration of the Battle of the Ardennes, which took place there in 1944-1945.

Exchange on the theme of Europe and peace.
Film on the Second World War.

13.00 Lunch.

13.45 Workshop: Europe, 75 years of peace? A role play, reconstituting a court judging war crimes, followed by a workshop, will allow to exchange on the different experiences of war and the end of war of the intervening countries.

16.30 Departure for Houffalize.

19.30 Dinner followed by various activities (Room “Le Buffet”).

The Bastogne War Museum is a reference to understand the Battle of the Bulge in 1944-1945.

Wednesday 25 July 2018

Discovery of regional European construction projects: examples of a Europe in reconstruction

From 07.00 Breakfast (Room “Le Buffet”).

08.00 Departure for Esch-sur-Alzette.

10.00 Esch-sur-Alzette – Campus of Belval in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg.

Study of European building projects at regional level.
The managers of the « Belval Fund » will guide the participants in a tour of what has become an example of transnational industrial reconversion through a cross-border collaboration between France and Luxembourg.

12.00 Lunch and welcome speech by Mrs. **Aline Muller** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research).

14.00 Conference on the « Greater Region Saar-Lor-Lux» by Mr. **Rachid Belkacem** (University of Lorraine), Mr. **Franz Clément** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research) and Mrs. **Isabelle Pigeron-Piroth** (University of Luxemburg). They will explain the birth, the institutions, the history and the achievements of the “Greater Region Saar-Lor-Lux”, an example of European construction on a regional scale, in the building of the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research.

Exchange, questions and answers.

16.30 Visit of the European Pole of Development situated on the territories of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, France and Belgium led by Mr. **Jean-Paul Dondelinger** (Municipality of Aubange).
A visit will be organized on that territory gathering three countries unified in one European example of economical reconversion following the steel industry crisis of the 1970’s.

18.00 Return to Houffalize.

20.00 Dinner (Room “Le Buffet”).

Belval site, Suburb of Esch-sur-Alzette in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg.

Thursday 26 July 2018

Euroscepticism versus the future of Europe: Development of contrasting ideas

Form 07.30 Breakfast (Room “Le Buffet”).

09.00 Vayamundo Holyday Center in Houffalize (Room “Wibrin”).

Presentation of the policies in favour of the youth in the European Union by the use of “Youth Wiki” presented by Mrs. **Florence Cassart** (Federation Wallonia-Brussels).

10.00 Presentation of the European Solidarity Corps: Mr. **Jimmy Jamar** (Representation of the European Commission in Belgium).

11.00 Analysis of the questionnaires previously filled in by participants, led by Mr. **Franz Clément** and Mrs. **Esther Zana-Nau** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research).

The young participants will have received a questionnaire before their arrival in Houffalize about Euroscepticism and the means to improve on that situation. The team of the w Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research will analyze the answers, provide a report and feedback.

Debate.

Proposals made by the youth to regain confidence in Europe.

Animators: M. **Franz Clément** and Mrs. **Esther Zana-Nau** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research).
They will lead the exchange and will provide the summary.
They will attempt to advise the participants on the degree of feasibility of the proposals of development of the European Union.

12.00 Lunch (Room “Le Buffet”).

14.00 Presentation of the debates of the morning by young representatives to European Parliament Members present for the occasion. The following will be invited:
Mrs **Marie Arena** (European Parliament);
Mrs. **Yuriko Backes** (Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg);
Mrs. **Elena Danescu** (University of Luxembourg / Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and digital History);
Mr. **Domenico Rossetti di Valdalbero** (European Commission).
A debate will follow among young participants and hosts.

19.00 Dinner (Room “Le Buffet”).

20.00 Playful activities.

Friday 27 July 2018

Ideas, recommendations, projects and relaxation in the open air

From 07.30	Breakfast (Room “Le Buffet”).
09.30	Vayamundo Holyday Center of Houffalize (Room “Wibrin”). Summary and debriefing of the week by Mr. **Franz Clément** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research) and Mr. **Martin Cugnon** (Bastogne Memorial asbl). Debate.
11.00	Commitment to follow up the work and contacts of the Douzelage by the organizers. Discussions will lead to a text with resolutions and suggestions to transmit to the EU Commission, Council and Parliament. Signing of the Charter of the Douzelage Youth Meeting held in Houffalize.
12.00	Lunch (Room “Le Buffet”).
13.30	Departure for Libramont. Visit of the agricultural and foresting fair of Libramont. This international event is the biggest of its kind organized in open air in Europe.
18.30	Return to Houffalize.
20.00	Closing evening (Room “Aux berges de l’Ourthe”). Activities organized by the participants. Barbecue.

Sight of the Libramont fair.

Saturday 28 July 2018

From 07.30 Breakfast (Room “Le Buffet”).

COMPOSITION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Marc Caprasse, Mayor of Houffalize.

Franz Clément, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research.

Fancis Collin, journalist (retired).

Martin Cugnon, Bastogne Memorial asbl.

Fiona De Haan, member – youth.

Manuela Di Pinto, member and secretary.

Xavier Dessé, member – sport.

Alphonse Henrard, President of the local Douzelage Committee.

Isabelle Langnickel, Communication and information manager at the European Commission.

Luc Nollomont, member.

Robert Pepels, Director of Vayamundo holiday center.

Daniel Rob, member.

Christophe Toussaint, member – sport.

Douzelage Houffalize

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du 22 au 28 Juillet 2018

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- Rovinj / Croatie
- Susice / République tchèque
- Sigulda / Lettonie
- Sherborne / Royaume-Uni
- Bundoran / Irlande
- Bad Kötzting / Allemagne
- Altea / Espagne
- Meerssen / Pays-Bas
- Skofia Loka / Slovénie
- Chojna / Pologne
- Granville / France
- Houffalize / Belgique

Hotel Vayamundo
Houffalize - Belgique

Soirée de clôture le 27 Juillet
Invitation à TOUS !

Hotel Vayamundo à 19h

€ Repas (BBQ) + Boissons* : Adulte 29,50€
Enfant de moins de 11 ans : 15€
*(*boissons comprises durant 2h à partir du début du repas)*

? Réservation : +32 (0)61/28.88.01
(Avant le 24 Juillet)