

EUROPEAN YOUTH EDUCATION „THINK EUROPE“
TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Human & Machine: Utopian Visions for the Digital Future

Seminar No. 337

April 25th till May 2nd 2026, Europahaus Marienberg

Expected participants :

x young people from Germany and x accompanying adults

8 young people from Hungary and 1 accompanying adults

10 young people from Greece and 2 accompanying adults

10 young people from Slovakia and 2 accompanying adults

8 young people from Lithuania and 1 or 2 accompanying adults

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Content & educational aims of the youth project

What would a world look like where technology truly serves everyone? What if artificial intelligence helped us solve the great challenges of our time? How would a democracy look that is empowered by digital possibilities rather than threatened by them? In a time when discussions about digitalization are often dominated by fears and problems, this week-long seminar invites young people from around the world to shift their perspective. We move away from dystopian nightmare scenarios toward inspiring utopias of a digital future that we can shape ourselves.

Together we will develop utopian visions for a digital-human future and design concrete ideas for Democracy 4.0. We will explore new forms of coexistence between humans and machines while exchanging international perspectives on digital transformation. Most importantly, we will move from vision to implementation by developing action strategies for practice.

"The future is not something that happens to us, but something we create." In times of acceleration and uncertainty, we have lost the ability to dream of better worlds. Yet utopias are not naive wishful thinking – they are powerful tools for social change. They show us what is possible beyond current limitations and inspire us to work toward these visions.

This seminar is built on the conviction that young people are not just affected by digital transformation, but are its architects. We believe that positive visions are more powerful motivators than problem analyses, that international collaboration is essential for global digital challenges, that technology should serve humanity rather than the other way around, and that democracy must evolve to remain relevant in the digital age.

Feedback

There will be daily evaluations to find out about individual feelings, the group atmosphere and the status of the agreed aims of the project. There will also be time and place for criticism and new ideas.

Social Media

Seminar results, experiences and impressions will be disseminated already during the gathering via social media to present it to a broader public. Networking, transparent education and multiplication are crucial aims. Photos and movies will facilitate only overall impressions. Portrayal of individuals will only be published if approved beforehand.

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/thinkeurope>

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Methods

Non formal learning methods and digital learning tools. All methods are designed to activate the participants. The methodical repertoire is orientated on the target group and shall support the engagement with the topic.

The aim is that participants will do many things by themselves and that they try things out. It is important to have a high variation of methods to keep the programme interesting and exciting and to cover the different needs of all participants:

Ice-Breaking, presentations, Outdoor adventures incl. team building and self-development, Magame, Gamification - Mini-Live-Action-Roleplay, The chocolate Game, World Café, debriefing and feed-back, work in small int. groups, Social Media, my inner me, Kapla stones and creativity, games and energizer, dissemination of results, meeting and discussion with political organizers and more.

Equipment for the seminar

Please bring your own devices with you – tablets and laptops.

Make sure that you have received the general information sheet from the Europahaus Marienberg summarizing all important information.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Make sure you have read and prepared everything connected to the International Evening / Country Market!

Conditions of participation

Participants pay a seminar fee of 100,00 € for accommodation, full board and seminar programme. Accompanying adults get free places for taking over responsibility for their delegation.

Travel cost will be reimbursed according to the rules of the ERASMUS+ programme (distance band) and the total budget available for the project. The final reimbursement can only be defined when all travel costs are combined and set into correlation with the overall project budget.

Important: Please bring all original receipts for travelling with you (tickets, invoices etc.). There will be no reimbursement without original receipts.

Please bring your own towels, bed linen will be provided by the Europahaus Marienberg.

Note

This seminar is financially supported by the EU education programme ERASMUS+ .

Day 1

till 05.00 pm	Arrival and Check-in
06.00 pm	Dinner
07.00 – 09.00 pm	Warm welcome, playful kick-off

Day 2 Exploring digital Lifeworlds

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
09.00 am – 12.00 pm	Techno biography Sharing personal tech stories
12.30 pm	Lunch
02.30 – 04.30 pm	AI as black box Playful exploration without technical depth What bothers you about our digital present?
6.00 pm	Dinner
7.00 pm	International Evening

Day 3 Between Human and Machine

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.00 am	AI as a roommate An AI moves into your shared apartment. What rules do you need?
10.00 – 12.00 pm	Values reflection What matters to you for the future?
12.30 pm	Lunch
02.30 – 04.30 pm	Digital Democracy: Who's in Control Discussing the 2030 EU AI Act
06.00 pm	Dinner
07.00 pm	Pixels from the past Oldskool Video Game Session

Day 4 Utopia Lab

- 08.00 – 09.00 am Breakfast
- 09.00 – 10.30 am **Kick-off: Utopia Lab (Chapter 1 & 2)**
A simulation to rediscover the capacity for utopian thought and creative political power Break
- 10.30 – 11.00 am **Utopia Lab (Chapter 3 & 4)**
Life in Uncharted Territories
- 11.00 – 12.00 pm
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 2.00 – 3.15 pm **Utopia Lab (Chapter 5 & 6)**
3.15 – 3.45 pm Sharing is Caring!
- 3.45 – 4.30 pm Break
- Utopia Lab (Chapter 7)**
6.00 pm Debriefing: Journaling, Outrospection und Introspection
Dinner

Day 5 Out & About

- 08.00–09.00am Breakfast
- ***FIELD TRIP TBD *****
- 6.00 pm Dinner

Day 6 From Wild Dreams to Shared Visions

- 08.00 – 09.00 am Breakfast
- 09.00 – 10.00 am **Dream. Build. Repeat.**
World Café on underlying desires in Utopias
- 10.00 – 12.00 pm **Meet Me in the Middle**
Despite different countries and cultures - what universal desires do we share?
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 2.00 – 4.30 pm **Mapping what matters**
What should your ideal society look like?
- 6.00 pm Dinner

Day 7 Our Message

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.30 am	Echoes of Our Days So, what did this week teach us — and what hit home?
10.30 – 11.00 am	Break
11.00 – 12.00 pm	Getting to the Heart of it Extract the most important messages from our vision of society. What is our central message to the world?
12.30 pm	Lunch
02.00 – 04.30 pm	Drop Your Manifesto Say it loud, say it real. Turn your core message into something that hits: Insta post, collage, video, spoken word, performance — your story, your style.
06.00 pm	Dinner
08.00 – 10.00 pm	Farewell Evening

Day 8

07.00 – 08.00 am	Breakfast (packed lunch for home trip)
	Final flashlight
09.00 am	Bye, bye – Return trips to the homes of the different delegations

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