



# THE BUILDING OF EUROPE

PEACE, PAST AND FUTURE

 **Verdun/Metz, France.**

 **19/07/26 - 28/07/26**



From memory to action: shaping Europe's peaceful future.



# Project Overview

“Peace, Past and Future & the Building of Europe” (PCE) is a youth exchange project dedicated to young people aged 18–30.

By connecting Europe’s past with today’s global challenge to the project encourages young people to become active and responsible citizens shaping a more united and sustainable Europe.

- **Language of the project:** French
- **Duration:** 10 days (2 days for travel)
- **1 week** in Verdun
- **Last days** in Metz
- **Engaged and motivated participants**



# OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGY



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- Strengthen European citizenship and democratic values
- Promote a culture of peace and reconciliation
- Raise awareness about environmental and young challenges
- Empower people to become agents of change
- Foster intercultural dialogue and cooperation



## METHODOLOGY

The project is based on non-formal education and participatory learning.

Activities include:

- Interactive workshops
- Group discussions and debates
- Field visits and historical exploration
- Creative and audiovisual production
- Intercultural exchange moments

Our learning process follows a dynamic approach:

**Learn → Reflect → Create → Act**  
Participants will not only gain knowledge but also develop practical tools for social impact.



## PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES

### Main Activities

- Icebreakers and team-building sessions
- Thematic workshops on peace, ecology, and European integration
- Conferences with European speakers and experts
- Cultural discovery and memorial visits in Verdun - Metz
- Audiovisual and media production
- Intercultural evenings and cultural exchange activities

## Why Verdun?

Verdun is one of the most powerful symbols of European memory and reconciliation. As a historic site of the First World War, it represents both the tragedy of conflict and the importance of peace.

hosting the project in Verdun provides a unique space to reflect on:

- The foundations of European peace
- Reconciliation between nations
- The responsibility of young generations in shaping the future

Verdun is not only a place of memory — it is a place to rethink Europe.

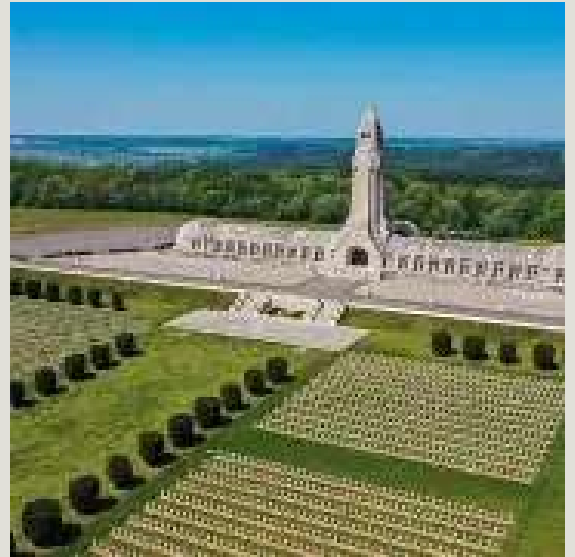




# EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL VISITS

## Mémorial de Verdun

A major museum dedicated to the First World War, offering an immersive understanding of the Battle of Verdun and its impact on European history.



## Citadelle Souterraine de Verdun

An underground military fortress that allows participants to experience the historical context of the war and reflect on the importance of reconciliation.



## Battlefields of Verdun

Participants will explore preserved World War I trenches surrounding Verdun, gaining a concrete understanding of trench warfare and the daily reality of soldiers during the Battle of Verdun.





# EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL VISITS

## Metz

A historic and culturally rich city in northeastern France, Metz offers a unique blend of European heritage, architecture, and political history, highlighting its important role in the development of European cooperation and identity.



## Maison de Robert Schuman

The Maison de Robert Schuman is the former residence of Robert Schuman, one of the founding fathers of the European Union. This visit highlights the origins of European integration and the importance of reconciliation and cooperation in building a peaceful Europe.



## Fort de Queuleu

The Fort de Queuleu is a historic military fort in Metz that was used as a detention and internment camp during the Second World War. Today, it serves as a memorial site, offering an important space for reflection on human rights, repression, and the value of peace and European solidarity.





## WHERE IS VERDUN?



Verdun is located in northeastern France, close to the borders of Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. Its central position in Europe makes it easily accessible from several neighbouring countries.



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION & WHAT IS INCLUDED

## Accommodation

Participants will stay in shared rooms in a located centrally accommodation in Verdun.

The accommodation provides:

- Beds and basic furniture
- Shared bathrooms
- Common areas for group activities
- Easy access to the city centre and activity venues



## Meals

The project covers: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Coffee breaks during activities

Meals will be organised collectively and will take into account dietary needs (vegetarian, allergies, etc.) if communicated in advance.



## Travel & Reimbursement

Participants are responsible for organising their travel to the project location.

The project will begin in **Verdun**, where participants are expected to arrive.

For the return journey, participants may depart from **Metz**, where the final days of the programme will take place.

**Verdun and Metz** are located approximately one hour apart by train.

Travel costs will be reimbursed according to the rules of the Erasmus+ and the official distance calculator.

Reimbursement conditions:

- Full participation in the programme (100% attendance required)
- Submission of original travel documents and boarding passes
- Respect of the maximum travel budget allocated per country

Detailed travel guidelines and reimbursement procedures will be sent to selected participants before the project.

# PAST EXPERIENCE & IMPACT



## WHAT WE HAVE DONE BEFORE

Previous editions and related projects have included:

- International youth exchanges
- Civic meetings and expert discussions
- Educational workshops on peace and sustainability
- Memorial tours and guided visits
- Participatory and artistic initiatives
- Audiovisual awareness campaigns
- Through past collaborations, participants developed innovative video content addressing peace, war consequences, environmental responsibility, and intergenerational solidarity.



# LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!





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