

# MIGR-ACTION

## MOVING PEOPLE IN THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE GERMAN-FRENCH-ITALIAN-TUNISIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

25.06.-03.07.24 in Vlotho, Germany

24.08.-01.09.24 in Altamura, Italy

April 2025 in Hammam Sousse, Tunisia

July 2025 in Ligoure, le Vigen, France

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Migration is not a phenomenon that only exists in the present. Migration has always shaped our societies. It has always taken place and is normality. Nevertheless, migration often only becomes visible when problems arise or is discussed in the face of conflicts. The exchange project MIGR-ACTION will raise awareness of the topic of migratory movements in the past, present and future and contribute to a more positive approach to migration. The relations between the countries involved in the exchange have always been multifaceted. Often these connections were economically motivated. For example, France agreed on a first recruitment agreement with Italy as early as 1919. After the Second World War, France and Germany concluded further agreements to recruit workers also from Tunisia. We would like to expand the economic perspective and explore the different motivations of politics and people to welcome others or rather to leave home. People who have an international history will have their say. Furthermore, we would like to explain and discuss the



migration policies and immigration laws as well as the integration strategies of the four countries involved under the aspect of human rights with participants and experts. Especially at a time when fear of foreign immigration and racism are on the rise in many parts of society, it is more important than ever to encourage people to focus on what humans have in common, to oppose discrimination, and to become more aware of the value of freedom, solidarity, and respect for human rights.

32 young people from Germany, France, Italy, and Tunisia will come together in four activities. The age of the participants is between 18 and 26 years. We would like to encourage especially young people from immigrant families or people with an international history to participate. All participants should be willing to take part in all activities if possible and should be able to speak English well enough to follow the seminar content. They should have an openness to situations of

intercultural confrontation and be willing to examine their own cultural influences and present their discoveries to others. To do this, they collaborate in creative workshops (e.g., theater, podcast, exhibition) and engage in open rounds of conversation. They research their family history on the topic of migration, talk to experts and go on excursions into the surrounding area.

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**Participation Fee:** The participation fee for each visit is for participants from  
\*Germany: 50 EUR  
\*France: 40 EUR  
\*Italy: 40 EUR  
\*Tunisia: 20 EUR  
(included are accommodation, meals, program)

**Travel Costs:** Travel to an activity will be subsidized depending upon the distance to the location of the exchange.  
\*Distance band 100-499km: up to 180€ (non-green travel) or 210€ (green travel)  
\*Distance band 500-1999km: up to 275€ (non-green travel) or 320€ (green travel)

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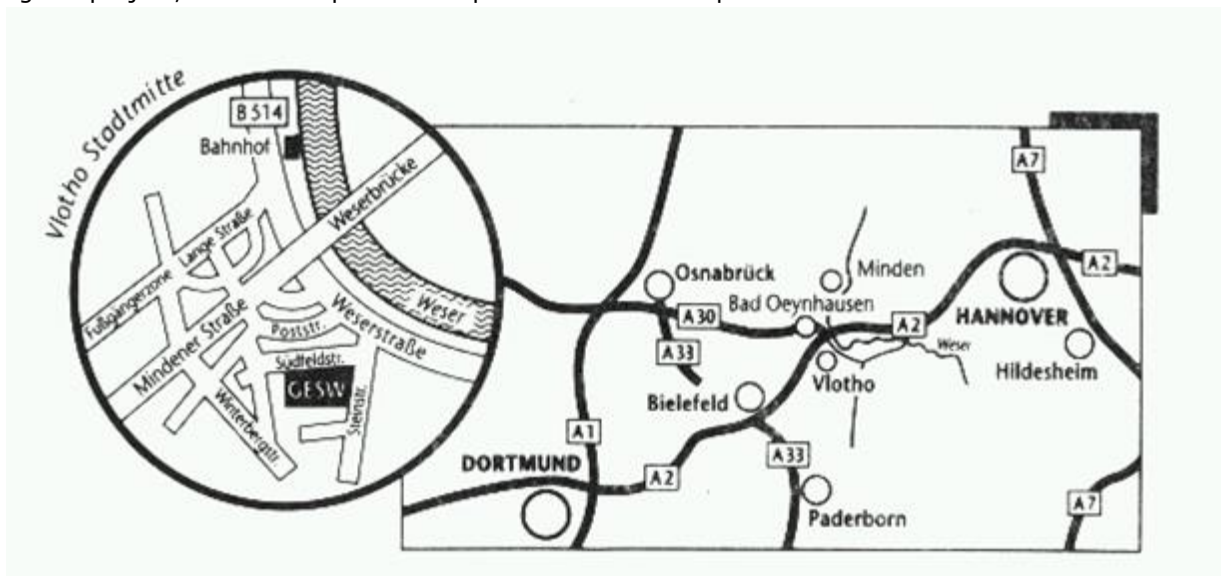


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## TRANSPORTATION

We would like to ask you to choose the most environment friendly means of transportation and if possible, not to fly. Domestic flights should generally be avoided. If you use your own car, please organize car shares. We can help you to find a good train connection to Vlotho. The walk from the station is 10 minutes. First information about the trains can be found at [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de).

Please plan your journey so that you arrive in Vlotho on 25 June until 19h00. The easiest way from the station to the GESW is along Weserstraße (see graphic). This street is very busy and sometimes has no pavement - so please be careful! The registration desk is in house Warszawa (new building). During the project, we will use public transportation whenever possible.



## ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING

You will stay in multi-bedrooms (some with bath/WC in the corridor) in the GESW guesthouse. Bed linen and towels will be provided.

The GESW offers full board. Our cook will gladly accommodate to any dietary needs that you may have. However, we inform you that while we will refrain from serving pork to groups with Muslim or Jewish participants, we cannot guarantee the serving of halal meat or kosher meals. We would like to encourage all participants to reduce their meat consumption. A vegetarian meal option will be offered. Please inform your leaders about your allergies or special diets by 15 June. The hosts pay attention to saving water and energy and to reducing waste. Please support them and bring your own refillable bottle. Tap water is drinkable everywhere in Germany.

## EVENING ACTIVITIES

The organization of the evenings is mainly in your hands. The GESW is quietly situated, Vlotho is a small town. Maybe you can think of something nice for the free hours? In Vlotho, for example, you can take nice long walks in the nature or sit together in the beautiful garden of GESW.

## A FEW DETAILS ABOUT THE LOCATIONS

**Vlotho** is a small town with almost 20,000 inhabitants in the north-east of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia on the River Weser. The first historical records of Vlotho go back to the year 1185.

During your stay you visit the **Jewish cemetery** in Vlotho. Already around the year 1690 three Jewish families were living in Vlotho. The first cemetery was outside the town on the steep slope of the Amtshausberg. In 1854 - after the Jewish community had grown to



about 140 people - a new Jewish cemetery was built opposite the Lutheran cemetery. The last burial took place on 24 August 1941. The synagogue was already destroyed on 10 November 1938 (November Pogroms). The Jewish citizens living in Vlotho were deported and murdered until 1942, if they did not succeed in emigrating. The cemetery of the synagogue community of Vlotho, which was intended to be dismantled and converted, survives the time of National Socialism, and today commemorates the Jewish citizens of Vlotho. *When visiting the cemetery, the men should cover their heads.*



**Bremerhaven** (approx. 120,000 inhabitants) Seafaring has been an integral part of Bremerhaven since the early 19th century. Today, the city preserves a great deal of Germany's maritime heritage as a shipbuilding center, international port and home to important research institutes and cultural organizations. Originally designed as a seaport for the Hanseatic city of Bremen, which is situated 60 kilometers upriver, Bremerhaven soon grew to become a city with a major port for fishing and international shipping. Millions of emigrants hoping to find better lives in the USA and South America once boarded huge vessels here. During your journey through the German Emigration Center, migration history comes to life. You discover the everyday life of emigrants to America and immigrants in Germany. <https://dah-bremerhaven.de/en>

The city of **Paderborn** has over 150,000 inhabitants and is a major city in the eastern part of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Paderborn was founded as a bishopric by Charlemagne in 795. In the Night of Pogroms from 9 to 10 November 1938, during which Jewish shops and synagogues were vandalized and set on fire nationwide, there were also riots against Jews in Paderborn. Many deportations took place. Jewish life in Germany has changed considerably in recent decades and the Jewish communities have an interesting history behind them, which we would like to talk about. [Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Paderborn \(jg-paderborn.de\)](http://judische-kultusgemeinde-paderborn.de)

### **PROGRAMME IN VLOTHO AND SURROUNDING AREA** (subject to change)

#### **June 25 Travel day**

Afternoon **Arrival of all participants groups**

Dinner

Evening **Welcome**

#### **June 26 Vlotho**

Morning Breakfast

**Teambuilding activities/ introduction to the project/ daily program project charter and YouthPass**

Lunch

Afternoon **Exploring the city: What is home?**

A search for cross-cultural traces in Vlotho

Dinner

Evening **Reflection Round**

#### **June 27 Bremerhaven**

Morning Breakfast (and packed lunch)

**Deutsches Auswandererhaus Bremerhaven / German Emigration Center**

Historical time travel to reconstructed locations

Afternoon **Bremerhaven**

**Time for self-reflection**

Evening Dinner

#### **June 28 Vlotho**

Morning Breakfast

**Family Tree**

Workshop

Lunch

Afternoon **Timeline migration**

Workshop

**Life in a divided Germany**

Introduction to the German division after World War II

Dinner

Evening **Reflection Round**

**June 29 Vlotho**

Morning Breakfast  
**Midterm evaluation**  
**Preparing the exhibition panel**  
Definition of the design and the components  
Lunch

Afternoon **Creation of the panel**  
Technical work - artistic work - creating the posters  
Dinner

Evening **Open Space**

**June 30 Vlotho**

Morning Breakfast  
**Finalizing the installation**  
Technical work - artistic work - creating the posters  
Lunch

Afternoon **Thinking the future**  
Developing scenarios for the future in 2050  
Dinner

Evening **Reflection Round**

**July 1 Paderborn**

Morning Breakfast (and packed lunch)  
**The Jewish community of Paderborn**  
Study visit

Afternoon **Paderborn**  
**Time for self-reflection**

Evening Dinner

**July 2 Vlotho**

Morning Breakfast  
**Meeting with YES Africa (NGO) and local young people**  
Open event at Wesergymnasium  
**Exhibition opening at the Wesergymnasium**  
Lunch

Afternoon **Seminar evaluation / YouthPass reflection**  
Dinner

Evening **Farewell night**

**July 2 Travel day**

Morning Breakfast and departure