



## Group Education and Civil society

### Politicians

*In which way can politicians assist?*

Knowledge

Connections

Political reasons – Aid and assistance

They should educate society

### Topics and areas of work group

*What is education and civil society connected with?*

*What can you talk about?*

Minorities

Discrimination

Aggression

History

National defense of countries

European army – Eurocorps

Pacifism

Energetic & Energy security of Europe

World War II

### Key debate conclusions

It is important to use multimedia and interactive tools as they are interesting and modern.

While WWII topics and project we have to remember about First World War

Also Verdun and „Operation Lodz“ called „Small Verdun“ where both important First World War battles

Aggression and discrimination starts when there is „No trust“ in groups and society

Veterans are still with us to tell about difficult and direct experiences they had.

Brochures are mostly too small to write about one history for more countries, for wider view.

One history book about WWII is very needed.

Discussions of the 1<sup>st</sup> work group between youngsters and politicians have been about pacifism, safety of Europe in modern world, necessity of Eurocorps, history, role of the veterans, role to educate adults and youth and World War II

“Paint ball with veterans project” = it is impossible but this idea represents need of attractiveness of the project.

It is important not to skip ANY generations when it comes to learning from history, past experiences, World War II.

Politicians represent society, politicians play important role and should also educate about the past.

It is important “to remember about”, not to forget.

Also to speak about the process, not about guilt!

Germans lost democracy in 30s and gave their country to madman. We have to remember and look at past not to make the same mistake, we should research it.

Politicians rule our country, they especially have to remember!!

Veterans and survivors are witnesses, they can tell about that reality. They are at 80s and in 10 years it will be to late and there will be only books. *(also all the interactive project have to be done now!)*

Discussion about transition from past to present during **2<sup>nd</sup> work group**

### Questions from the politicians:

Why do You want to discuss?  
Why is it important, it is not your generation?  
What is your idea, what are your projects?

We can not understand, but we are curious, we want to know.

We all should know what went wrong way and why!

We want not to make the mistakes.

Project ideas, Project/drafts, Pilot projects

“**Memory train**” from Auschwitz to Strasbourg with interactive exhibition. Symbolic setting of new order is important, it is also international and very inter culture.

**Open debates or workshops between veterans and politicians** – politicians have to remember, have to educate just like we should.

**More time** is needed on history discussions on local level as there is not enough.

It is possible to combine this two ideas, adding open debates between politicians on planed stops of the train.

The project needs time and will be developed in the future.

Laurance Mauler and Herve Zipfel will stay in touch and send project ideas to both Roland Kelm and Mateusz Stasiak. Mateusz Stasiak – 11 Muses - may assist in organizing and doing the major part on Polish side and help on international level. Stadtjugendring may be a helping hand but not playing major part.

\*Also a small pilot project concerning Visit of Auschwitz of Youth Councilors is being considered and possible before „Memory train“ project.