

Seminar for history educators

“Reshaping the Image of Democratic Revolutions 1989”

Thessaloniki, Greece

22nd – 26th September, 2021



**Reshaping the Image of
Democratic Revolutions 1989:**
European contemporary Perspectives
and forgotten Lessons from the Past



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The project

The project *“Reshaping the Image of Democratic Revolutions 1989: European contemporary Perspectives and forgotten Lessons from the Past”* seeks to remind European citizens about the democratic revolutions 1989-1990 as a period of arduous struggles for pluralistic democracy and peaceful coexistence in Europe with the aim to strengthen the contemporary commitment of the European citizens to the preservation of democratic pluralism and democratic institutions.

While fostering the transnational dialogue of European citizens about 1989 and its consequences, the project increases knowledge and awareness among the citizens about the similarities of European countries and thereby contributes to the strengthening of European identity.

The project is co-financed by the European Union through the program “Europe for Citizens”.

You can find more about the project here:

<https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/projects/reshaping-the-image-of-1989/>

You can also follow us on Instagram: @reshaping1989



The partners

The project brings together 8 partner organizations - 4 NGOs, 2 universities, 1 research institute and 1 guild - from 8 European countries (Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Denmark, Austria)

The project is coordinated by Documenta – Centre for Dealing with the Past (Croatia) and brings together the following European organizations and institutions:

- BLOCKFREI – Verein für Kultur und Kommunikation (Austria)
- Aarhus Universitet (Denmark)
- Tartu Ülikool (Estonia)
- United Societies of Balkans (Greece)
- Hipmont – Udruženje profesora istorije Crne Gore (Montenegro)
- European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (Poland)
- Centrul Roman pentru Inovatie in Dezvoltare Locala (Romania)



The Seminar

The Seminar “*Reshaping the Image of Democratic Revolutions 1989*” will take place from 22nd till 26th of September 2021 in lovely Thessaloniki, Greece.

It will bring together partners, associated history teachers/educators and youth workers from different European countries to present them an educational film dedicated to the democratic changes in Europe in 1989 and the transition to democracy and free market economy in the 1990s.

The film is a product of the discussions held at the International Spring Forum (16th-18th June, 2021) which focused on 5 key topics:

- Living in divided Europe before 1989
- Democratic Revolutions 1989
- Living in Transition
- Legacy of the Democratic Revolutions 1989
- The Future of Europe

History teachers and youth workers in Thessaloniki will be warmly invited to use the film in their work. All participants in the Seminar will receive a manual with didactic materials to be used when teaching about the democratic transitions that took place in Europe. The manual presents key terms, events and political figures of the time. Also, it suggests didactic instructions on how to implement the educational film as a tool in the frames of formal or non-formal education.

During the Seminar there will also be a public screening of the film and a presentation of the manual that will be followed by a discussion open to the interested public in Thessaloniki.

Apart from that, we will be working together on the following questions:

- Is there a generation of transition in Europe?

- What is young people's knowledge of 1989 and the changes that took place after that?
- Which are the go-to resources about the democratic changes in each country?

The Program

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 / WEDNESDAY / *Arrival day*

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 / THURSDAY / *The project so far*

Session 1 - 10 am – 11.30 am

Coffee break - 15 min

Session 2 - 11.45 am – 13. 15 pm

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 / FRIDAY / *Public presentation of the project results*

Session 1 - 10 am – 11.30 am

Coffee break - 15 min

Session 2 - 11.45 am – 13. 15 pm

Public screening of the film and discussion – 18.00 pm

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 / SATURDAY / *What is next?*

Session 1 - 10 am – 11.30 am

Coffee break - 15 min

Session 2 - 11.45 am – 13. 15 pm

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 / SUNDAY / *Departure day*

How to register?

You can register for participation in the Seminar via the link:

<https://forms.gle/KSkWkZnDSfKgssFP8>

COVID-19 requirements

All participants will need to answer to “RVT requirements” (recovered, vaccinated or tested), meaning you will have to present documentation that proves either one of the following:

- you have recovered from Covid-19;
- you have been vaccinated against Covid-19;
- you have tested negative to Covid-19 in the 48 hours before entering Greece.

Because of the possible new regulations for entering Greece that could be issued in the following month, the organizers reserve the rights to change the previously listed requirements for participation.

Costs

Traveling to Thessaloniki and back, accommodation, 3 meals a day and all program activities during the Seminar are fully covered by the organizers.

Travel costs

The organizers will reimburse the travel costs based on the cheapest and closest to the venue possibilities (second class railway tickets, bus tickets, low-cost flights), accompanied by the receipt of complete and original tickets, invoices, bills, receipts, or boarding tickets.

Before buying the tickets, please consult with the local project's team and check the traveling route with them.

As stated in the Partnership Agreements, the maximum amount that we can reimburse for travel costs for one person depends on the distance between where you are travelling from and Thessaloniki:

- Between 10 and 99 km: up to 20 euro per participant
- Between 100 and 499 km: up to 180 euro per participant
- Between 500 and 1999 km: up to 275 euro per participant
- Between 2000 and 2999 km: up to 360 euro per participant

To calculate the distance, please use the Distance Calculator:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en

Documenta will reimburse the tickets to the participants after the Seminar. If you are facing financial difficulties and can't buy the tickets in advance, please contact us.

Check list for travel reimbursement

1. Regular air tickets must be accompanied
 - by the original invoice (signed and stamped)/receipt/pay order/proof of payment
 - the boarding pass (the small ticket stub you receive before boarding the plane)
 - the prices stated in the invoices, receipts etc. must coincide with the price on the ticket
2. Electronic air tickets must be
 - printed out and include your name, the exact fare you paid, details of your flight on the same page
 - provided along with the credit card receipt for the payment or a copy of your bank statement (clearly showing the payment has been made)

- given in with the boarding pass (the small ticket stub you receive before boarding the plane)

NOTE: Some airlines print “passenger receipt” at the top of the cardboard ticket. It is not accepted as a receipt of proof of payment. Therefore, if you book your tickets online, please, make sure to print out the e-mail you receive from the airline company upon the payment, stating how much and how you paid.

3. Train/Bus tickets It is important that that arrival and departure time as well as the price are visible (+ invoices if available)

Other important details:

- Missing or lost tickets are not reimbursed
- Booking paper alone is not enough
- Return tickets must be bought in advance before the journey
- The travel must be released by the participants on the direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of long pauses or indirect routes (holiday travel), there is no reimbursement of travel costs.

Accommodation and working space

- Each participant will be accommodated in a single room
- All seminar sessions will take place in the working space provided to us by the hotel
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided by the hotel
- Details about the accommodation (address, instructions how to get there from the airport or bus station etc.) will be provided when you register for participation in the Seminar.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask at:

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Looking forward to seeing you in Thessaloniki! 😊