Blended Intensive Programmes

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Thinking About Peace Today, Shaping It Tomorrow!

Interdisciplinary Peace Education for the Gen Z in Europe

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Key information

- **Participants**: 50 ~ students from the involved universities (First / Second /Third cycle)
- **Dates of the online activities**: 01.10.2026 – 08.10.2026 (15.00-18.00 CEST)
- **Dates of the on-site activities**: 12.10.2026 – 16.10.2026 (9.00 – 18.00 ~)
- **Location**: a touring School across multiple cities in Umbria
- **Structure**: each day will include a lecture/workshop in the morning and a cultural activity in the afternoon

- **Number of ECTS**: 3
- **Keywords**: peace, inner, relational, social and political conflicts, Gen Z, cultural diversity, interdisciplinarity, empathy

Concept

The Blended Intensive Programme “Thinking About Peace Today, Shaping It Tomorrow! Interdisciplinary Peace Education for the Gen Z in Europe” aims to provide an interdisciplinary and intercultural learning experience that brings together students from seven different European Universities. Set across the rich cultural landscape of Umbria, the program combines academic engagement with immersive local experiences, fostering both intellectual and personal growth.

The BIP- Peace is aimed to explore the values and experiences related to peace among the Generation Z, promote a critical and multidimensional understanding of the concept of peace in the contemporary world, support the development of personal and collective awareness of the role of new generations in building peace, and enhance individual and social well-being by fostering reflection on inner, relational, and social conflicts. Through a multidisciplinary approach, participants will engage with perspectives from philosophy, political science, psychology, educatoin, sociology, theology, and cultural studies, encouraging critical reflection on global and local challenges.

Each day is structured to balance theoretical and experiential learning: morning lectures and workshops will introduce key concepts and case studies, while afternoon cultural activities across the Umbria region will provide opportunities to contextualize these themes in real-world settings.

A central objective of the BIP-Peace is to promote mutual understanding and dialogue among participants from different cultural and academic backgrounds. By encouraging collaborative learning and exchange, the program seeks to develop the skills needed to navigate diversity, address conflicts constructively, and contribute to more inclusive and equitable forms of development.

Ultimately, the BIP aspires to create a dynamic space where knowledge, culture, and dialogue intersect, empowering students to become thoughtful and engaged global citizens.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Università di Perugia
Italy

JJS University of Osijek
Croatia

University North
Croatia

University of Malta
Malta

Univ. Católica Portuguesa
Portugal

Universidade Lusófona
Portugal

Universidad de Sevilla
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Agenda

Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education FISSUF · University of Perugia · 2026

Virtual Component

Online sessions via Microsoft Teams · 1 October – 8 October 2026

1 Oct Thursday — Link: BIP - Thinking About Peace Today, Shaping It Tomorrow! — Online, *Microsoft Teams*

Workshop coordinated by Universidade Católica Portuguesa in collaboration with University of Perugia

15:00–18:00 CEST

BIP INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the BIP — Thinking About Peace Today, Shaping It Tomorrow!

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LECTURE / WORKSHOP

Beyond the Figure of the Enemy: Overcoming the Alienation of Humanity in the Other

Literary and Theological-Juridical Paths to Peace between Forgiveness and Recognition (philosophical-literary sphere)

8 Oct Thursday — Link: BIP - Thinking About Peace Today, Shaping It Tomorrow! — Online, *Microsoft Teams*

Workshop coordinated by Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

LECTURE / WORKSHOP

15:00–18:00 CEST

Post-War Memory and Youth Perspectives. The Case of the Former Yugoslavia

On-site Programme

12 – 16 October 2026 · Perugia · Assisi · Castiglione del Lago

12 Oct Monday — Day I, *Perugia*

Workshop coordinated by University of Perugia

10:00

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony with the Rector of Perugia

Aula Dessau – Rectorate, Perugia

11:00–13:00 — LECTURE / WORKSHOP

The Constellation of Peace

15.00 — CULTURAL ACTIVITY

Erasmus welcome day @Unipg

Aula Magna – Rectorate, Perugia

13 Oct
Tuesday

Day II
Assisi

Workshop coordinated by Universidade Lusófona & Universidade de Sevilla

9:00 — TRANSFER

Shuttle bus to Assisi

10:00–13:30 — LECTURE / WORKSHOP

Peace as a Competence for Responsible Leadership

From Conflict Awareness to Collective Action

Palazzo Bernabei, Assisi

Afternoon — CULTURAL ACTIVITY

Assisi Guided Tour

14 Oct
Wednesday

Day III
Perugia

Workshop coordinated by University of Malta

10:00–13:00 — LECTURE / WORKSHOP

Asset-driven Community Education for Peace: A Participatory Approach

Gipsoteca – Department of Literature, Perugia

15.30 — CULTURAL ACTIVITY

Perugia Walking Tour & Chocolate Museum

Optional

15 Oct
Thursday

Day IV
Castiglione del Lago

Workshop coordinated by Universidade Católica Portuguesa

9:00 — TRANSFER

Shuttle bus to Trasimeno Lake

10:00–12:00 — LECTURE / WORKSHOP

Beyond the Figure of the Enemy: Overcoming the Alienation of Humanity in the Other

Palazzo della Corgna, Castiglione del Lago

Afternoon — CULTURAL ACTIVITY

Tour of Castiglione del Lago & Campo del Sole

16 Oct
Friday

Day V
Perugia

Workshop coordinated by University of North & JJS University of Osijek

10:00–13:00 — LECTURE / WORKSHOP

Peace as the Target of Semiotic, Epistemic and Political Appropriation in Orwell's 1984

Media, Communication and the Shaping of Peace and Conflict in Digital Culture

Aula Tesi – FiSSUF, Perugia

13.00 — Goodbye Perugia lunch

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