

Contact seminar (Transnational cooperation activity, TCA)

“Teaching of European values as a key against radicalization in school”
Hannover, Lower Saxony, 19th–22nd October 2017

The **Ministry of Education of Lower Saxony** in cooperation with the German **Educational Exchange Service** of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (**PAD**, Pädagogischer Austauschdienst des Sekretariats der Kultusministerkonferenz) is very pleased to invite you to the contact seminar “Teaching of European values as a key against radicalization in school” which will take place in Hannover from 19th to 22nd October 2017.

Target group

The contact seminar is addressed to school leaders and teachers of pupils aged between 6 and 16 years. NA-representatives in charge of strategic partnerships (school-to-school partnerships) in Erasmus+ are also invited to participate in the contact seminar and to offer their expertise and advice to participants and potential applicants.

The contact seminar offers an opportunity for school leaders and teachers to work together on topics of mutual interest. Participants will receive information about the Erasmus+ programme in general and Key Action 2 – Strategic Partnerships in particular. They will also receive information about good practices and the way how to find partners. Participants will develop project ideas and start preparing their project application during the contact seminar.

Theme

Teaching of values in school is not tied to specific subjects like religion or ethics – it is a part of school life and happens in all subjects, during class, during lunch break, all day long. Learning together in a group is hardly possible without accepting certain values like a respectful and tolerant interaction, equal rights for every pupil, non-discrimination and solidarity. One crucial aim of the Erasmus+ Programme is to “contribute to the achievement of the promotion of European values in accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union” (programme guide) such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. This becomes even more important with regard to the alarming recent developments in Europe. Increasing xenophobia, tendencies of political radicalization and nationalism come along with the huge migrant movements Europe has to cope with. The “Declaration on promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education” (Paris Declaration 2015) already pointed out the important role of schools in this scenario. Schools face enormous challenges in dealing with highly heterogeneous classes and the need to foster integration, enhance intercultural understanding and to prevent violent radicalization.

In this seminar, participants will have the opportunity to report on their own experience and to exchange and develop project ideas of rediscovering and reasserting European values in school as a key against radicalization, violence and extremism in school.

Working language

The working language of the seminar will be English.

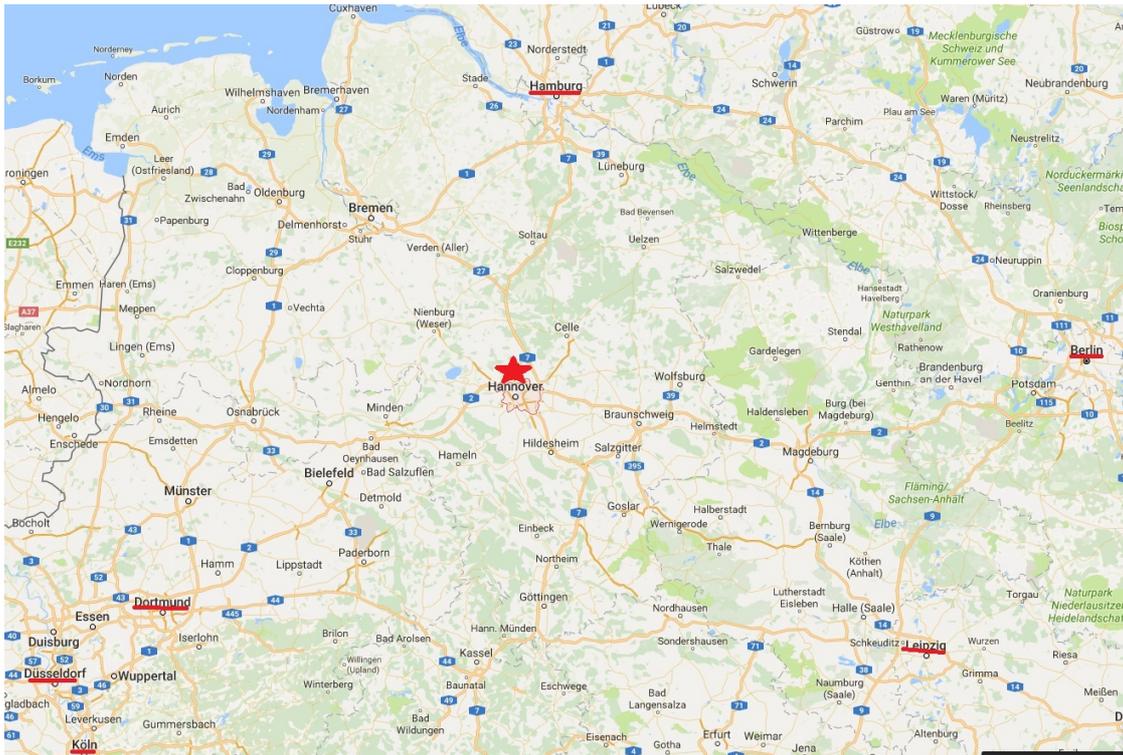
Conference fee

PAD as hosting NA will cover hosting costs (accommodation, food, conference arrangements). The sending NA will pay the travel expenses of the participants to the venue.

Conference venue

Fora Hotel Hannover
Großer Kolonnenweg 19
30163 Hannover
Telefon: +49 (0)511 6706-0
<http://www.fora.de/>

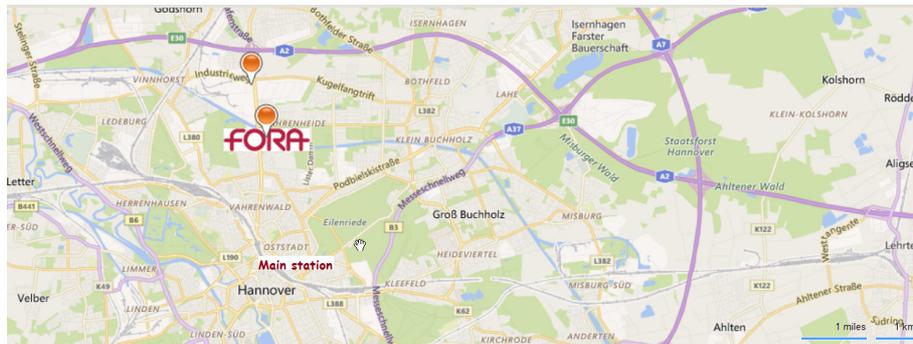
Travel information



Whether by train, by car or by plane Hannover is perfectly accessible.

Here you find some helpful links:

<http://www.hannover.de/en/Arrival-Departure/How-to-get-around-in-Hannover/Public-Transport>
http://www.gvh.de/home/?no_cache=1&L=1/#/dateBlock



You can reach the hotel

- by car: direct connection to highway A2 and A7
- by train: Hannover's main railway station is right in the centre of the city. Take tram line 2 direction "Alte Heide" and step off at "Großer Kolonnenweg". The journey takes approx. 10 min. Timetable information is available from the DB Travel Service by calling 0800 150 7090 or by visiting the [Deutsche Bahn AG homepage](http://www.deutschebahn.com).
- from Hannover-airport: Take suburban train "S-Bahn" S5 (Hannover Airport Line) direction "Hauptbahnhof/Main-Station". The S-Bahn runs every 30 minutes and the journey takes around 18 minutes. The S-Bahn station is situated in Terminal C.