

„We in Europe – together for ...“

Description of the trinational school project within the Cooperation of Rotarians for Europe (CORE) from January to May 2024

The CORE has set itself the objective of promoting the European idea and has brought together Rotarian clubs from the three European partner regions of Baden-Württemberg, Rhône-Alpes and Lombardy for this purpose. The result was the project "We in Europe - together for ...", which brings students aged around 15 from the three regions into contact so that they can get to know each other, communicate with each other and work together on a Rotary-supported project or topic, the result of which they present at the end.

The following schools will participate in this project in the school year 2023/24:

Germany: Justinus-Kerner-Gymnasium, D – 74189 Weinsberg (<https://www.jkg-weinsberg.de/>),

France: Lycée Saint-Pierre, F-01000 Bourg-en-Bresse (<http://www.lycee-saintpierre.eu>)

Italy: Istituto Superiore "Lorenzo Lotto", I - 23 24069 Trescore Balneario (BG) (<https://islotto.edu.it/>).

The schools each select five to six interested students to participate in the project in the frame of classes or in study groups. When selecting the students, the criteria of language and speaking skills as well as reliability are to be considered in particular. A teacher is in charge of the project on site. The usual rules of conduct for school events apply.

Why this age group? The students are in a decisive developmental phase of growing up, in which first political education happens and in which first political ideas and attitudes are formed. In addition, they have already acquired their first foreign language skills, which they can now apply in a real-life situation. They thereby experience the meaningfulness of learning a foreign language and gain self-efficacy.

The 15 to 18 students meet together with their teachers for a kick-off event in one of the participating countries and jointly determine the concrete topic within the frame of the specification "We in Europe - together for ...". In the school year 2023/24, this event will take place in Bourg-en-Bresse from 15 to 19 January 2024 and will be arranged, organised and supervised by the Rotary Club Bourg-en-Bresse..

The common work of the students then takes place online, guided by the teachers. Participation is obligatory for the registered students. The time frame and the scope are bindingly determined by the teachers during the kick-off event depending on the topic and possible subtopics, but at least two virtual meetings of one and a half hours.

The project ends with a common presence event in another of the three participating countries. Here, the students present their results together and receive a certificate from Rotary for their successful participation in this project. In addition, the participating schools can receive a certificate as Rotary partner schools. In the Rotary year 2023/24, the Rotary Club Heilbronn will host and supervise this event. It will take place from 13 to 17 May 2023 in Heilbronn.

The contractual partners of the Rotary clubs are the schools. For the students as well as for the teachers, the trips abroad and the work on site at the schools are therefore school events. This means that the respective schools and their teachers are responsible for the care and supervision of the students as well as their insurance.

The financing of the project lies with the participating Rotary Clubs.

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