



## FEES AND REGISTRATION

Participation Fee DZ/VP 100 €

All fees refer to program, full board - of course also vegetarian - and accommodation in a double room with shower / WC. About our terms and conditions, please inform yourself on our website: [www.gsi-bevensen.de](http://www.gsi-bevensen.de). Registration please in writing, by fax, e-mail or via our website with name (s), address, tel./ fax / e-mail as well as date and title of the seminar.

## COOPERATION WITH:

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## FUNDED BY:

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## HERE'S HOW TO FIND US

Bad Bevensen is to be found on the B4 between Lüneburg and Uelzen and is a train stop on the line between Hamburg and Hannover. Our conference house is to be found in the district of Medingen directly in front of the convent on the banks of the River Ilmenau. It is 20 minutes' walk away from the train station. One can go via taxi by ringing +49 (0) 5821 3012 or +49 (0) 5821 3012 1010.

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## WHOM CAN WE TRUST?

Capacity building and democratic challenges  
in European and Arab societies.  
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#### BACKGROUND

Whom can we trust when we work for strengthening democracy? Which impact of the past do we detect? Who is with us and who is against us? How do we counter political and religious extremism? How can we strengthen civil society? And what are the adequate measures for each country involved in this project? Young activists of civil society (from Germany, Poland and Lithuania, from Egypt, Tunisia and Jordan) will share their experiences and find answers to those questions. We will do so in four steps:

#### AIMS AND GUIDING TOPICS

##### 1. Democratic changes:

Which paths to democracy did we take in each country? Which choices did we make and where are we at now? Participants will give accounts and updates on political development and personal involvement.

##### 2. Call for changes:

Where are the challenges and threats that call for change? How can we counter religious and political extremism? We will use simulation games and first-hand reports to identify the issues and find solutions. Activists will share their concepts and practical methods.

##### 3. Diversity and dialogue:

How do we handle diversity in our societies? What do we need to establish true and serious dialogue? We will visit NGOs, share best practice and use approaches on diversity as an indicator on democracy.

##### 4. Coherence and cooperation:

How can we establish structures that keep society together? How can we strengthen democracy in follow-up activities back home? This is what the project aims at: It will inspire participants to make use of their skills, to build up capacities, take over responsibility and to continue their engagement in civil society.



#### PART I: PROGRAM IN BAD BEVENSEN

- The different concepts of reality: how to make democracy work
- The stony paths to democracy: chances and choices in European and Arab societies
- Diversity and district development: strengthening civil society (with visits to projects in Hamburg)
- The challenge of choice and freedom: Diversity and dialogue in democracy education
- The challenge of extremism and the call for change Whom can we trust? Overcoming fears and trust-building measures

#### PART II: PROGRAM IN BERLIN

- Advocacy work and civic empowerment
- Coherence and cooperation in democratic societies: pep talk and inspiration pool with conclusions from experiences
- What keeps society together? Project ideas on coherence and cooperation in democratic development

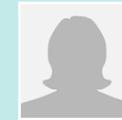
#### TECHNICAL DETAILS:

- **Target group:** Student and youth workers from Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia
- **Arrival and departure:** You arrive to Bad Bevensen and depart from Berlin
- **Seminar language:** English
- **Accommodation:** double rooms in Bad Bevensen, triple rooms in Berlin
- **Participation certificates:** will be provided in English with details on program and sponsors

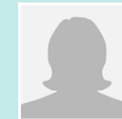
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- The EU Program "Erasmus+"
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