Peace knows no borders

EYE Village, Engage ("University" tent)

June 13, 11.00 - 12.30 | June 14, 14.30 - 16.00

Summary

What does it mean to live under conflict? How can we create spaces for peaceful living in Europe? This workshop offers you a space to discuss the importance of peacebuilding and cross-border cooperation with decision-makers, as well as activists coming from border regions or conflict zones. Be part of the discussion and propose policy solutions that help ensure peaceful coexistence and get ready to discuss ways to improve livelihoods in cross-border regions!

Speakers

Activists

Anna Bilous

President
JEF Ukraine

Ani Bigvava

Member
JEF Georgia

Decision makers

Véronique Bertholle

Deputy Mayor
Municipality of Strasbourg

*Xavier Bernard-Sans**

Secretary General
Euroregió Pirineus-Mediterrània

**Will only join for the June 13 session.*

Structure of the workshop

Length (minutes)	***Section***
5'	Introduction to the workshop and presentation of the speakers by JEF Europe
35'	Panel discussion

	The speakers will, through a series of questions and depending on their background, speak about their experiences of life under conflict (activists) or on working in cross-border cooperation structures (decision makers) and how those experiences have shaped their views on borders and their role in European integration.
10'	Questions by participants *Through a Slido or sticky paper notes, participants will get to pose questions to the speakers.*
30'	Work in groups *In 6 smaller groups around tables, participants will exchange and develop ideas for peaceful living in cross-border communities and on how cross-border mobility can be improved in Europe.*
10'	Group presentation of outcomes and end of workshop

Questions

Question	***To whom***
How does/has conflict affect/ed your life? If you can choose the top 2-3 most significant aspects. Perhaps the most unexpected?	Activists
How does the existence of a border affect your work?	Decision makers
Why cross-border cooperation? What positive elements does it bring to the communities you work with?	Decision makers
In what ways does the Eurometropole Strasbourg and the Euroregion Pirineus-Mediterrània build cooperation across the border?	Decision makers
How important is Schengen and freedom of movement to your cross-border cooperation work?	Decision makers
What is the impact/role of borders in the conflict you've lived through?	Activists
Which role do you think borders (or the absence of them) can have in building peace and reconciliation?	Activists