

Generation Crisis

One crisis, one problem, one Europe
– one solution?



Programme

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SUMMARY: The Generation Crisis Project

THE CONTEXT

More than half of all young people seeking employment cannot find decent work in many countries in the South of the Union, a trend that hasn't been turned around despite considerable political effort, and that is shifting to the East and North. Research only slowly begins to capture the enormous impact of the difficulties an entire generation experiences during their transition from education to employment. Opinion polls and election results clearly show how dangerous the development is: As youth unemployment turns from a skills gap issue into a problem for every young person, including those with university degrees, the support for the European Union wavers, the votes for Eurosceptics rise, and an entire generation's belief in the value and relevance of the European idea begins to crumble.

THE QUESTION

We want to pick up the debates that are happening across the continent, across the political spectrum, and across generations. What impact does the EU crisis have on the lives of young Europeans? Why is the media discourse so lopsided? Why is the news coverage so uncritical? Why is a Union as wealthy as ours not able to provide its young people with a prospect of employment?

THE AMBITION

We will investigate, question and report the crisis, its causes and effects, the responses and failures, the underlying reasons and growing resentments. We document its impact, capture different arguments and portray the key players in a captivating multimedia dossier. Therefore, small teams with young media-makers from Spain and Germany work under the guidance and with the support of media professionals to conceptualise, investigate and report the crisis in a variety of print, video and online formats.

THE PROJECT

Generation Crisis is a project series of the Berlin based think-tank Demokratie & Dialog in collaboration with the Association of Human Rights Educators AHEAD from Barcelona. The first part of Generation Crisis successfully took place in Berlin in November 2014. The second part in Brussels is generously hosted by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung EU Office Brussels and funded by the German Representation of the European Commission. The project is supported by the German association of young media makers Jugendpresse Deutschland, and Canon.

Sunday, April 17

<i>Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Arrival of the participants	
<i>15.00-19.30</i>	Check-in and registration	Hotel Belvue 1, rue Evariste Pierron, 1080 Brussels
<i>20.00</i>	Brief staff and programme introduction Welcome dinner	Restaurant Houtsiplou Place Rouppe 9 1000 Brussels

Monday, April 18

<i>Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<i>08.00</i>	Breakfast	Hotel Belvue
<i>09.00</i>	Opening of the seminar Welcoming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Karsten, Demokratie & Dialog • Stephan Thalhofer, Friedrich Ebert Foundation • Nikola John, European Commission 	
<i>09.20</i>	Youth Unemployment and Youth Guarantee <i>Overview and Q/A-session</i> Ulrike Storost , Policy Coordinator for Youth Employment at the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Rue du Taciturne 38 1000 Brussels
<i>10.20</i>	Coffee break	
<i>10.45</i>	Key note and discussion Clémentine Moyart , Policy Officer of the European Youth Forum, employment policies	
<i>11.30</i>	Introduction into the research topic Getting to know each other	
<i>12.45</i>	Lunch	
<i>13.45</i>	Overview of the next days	
<i>14.00</i>	Editorial conference <i>Finding topics, building research teams</i>	
<i>16.00</i>	Thematic guided walking tour	City Centre, St. Josse
<i>18.00</i>	Open evening & leisure time	

Tuesday, April 19

<i>Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Venue</i>
08.00	Breakfast	Hotel Belvue
09.00	Working in teams <i>Making research and production plans, preparation of expert talks</i>	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Rue du Taciturne 38 1000 Brussels
10.00	Media workshops <i>Please choose one</i> <u>Workshop 1:</u> Visual storytelling - Evgeny Makarov , Photojournalist <u>Workshop 2:</u> Storytelling with words - Laura Cwiertnia & Andrea Echeverria , Journalists	
12.00	Lunch	
13.00	Background discussions <i>How to combat youth unemployment in Europe?</i> Round 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry Reintke, Co-Chair of the Youth Intergroup and MEP (European Greens) ▪ Javier Lopéz, MEP (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats S&D) Round 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thiébaut Weber, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation ▪ Gerhard Huemer, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (UEAPME) 	
14.45	Coffee break	
15.00	Work in teams, research	
17.00	Expert talk <i>Europe and the Crises</i> Dr. Uwe Optenhögel , Head of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung EU office	
19.00	Dinner with Alejandro Vivancos and Maria Garcia Fernandez , Press Officers of the European Commission's DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion	Hotel Silken Berlaymont, Boulevard Charlemagne 11

Wednesday, April 20

Time	Programme	Venue
08.00	Breakfast	Hotel Belvue
09.00	Work in teams, research	
12.00	EU Commission's press conference (midday briefing)	European Commission Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
13.00	Lunch	
14.30	Overview of the work progress	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung EU Office
16.00	Work in teams, research	
17.30	Think & Drink <i>Exchange with correspondents and journalists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eric Bonse, <u>Blogger</u> (Blog: 'Lost in Europe') ▪ Matthias Krupa, EU correspondent for the German newspaper DIE ZEIT ▪ Pablo Garrigós, Freelance photographer ▪ N.N. 	
19.00	Leisure time	

Thursday, April 21

Time	Programme	Venue
08.00	Breakfast	Hotel Belvue
09.00	Work in teams, research, production	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung EU Office
13.00	Lunch	
14.30	Work in teams, research, production	
19.00	Leisure time	

Friday, April 22

Time	Programme	Venue
08.00	Breakfast	Hotel Belvue
09.00	Production	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung EU Office
12.30	Lunch	
13.45	Production	
16.00	Closing ceremony Presentation of the results Feedback and evaluation	
18.00	Break	
20.00	Farewell dinner	La Manufacture Rue Notre Dame du Sommeil 12

Saturday, April 23

<i>Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Venue</i>
08.00	Breakfast	Hotel Belvue
	Departure	

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