

AGENDA 06-10.05.2019

“Study Trip to Sites of Memory in Western Balkans” For the winners of “Ask Your Grandparents 3” competition

- Date:** 06-10 May 2019
Language: Albanian, English
Venue: Tirana, Albania; Nikšić, Montenegro; Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina; Belgrade, Serbia; Pristina, Kosovo
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Information on the Study Visit to Sites of Memory in the Western Balkans

On 6 - 10 May 2019, the [Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture \(IDMC\)](http://www.idmc.al) in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Albanian National Association of History Teachers, ALPHA Centre Nikšić, Memory Lab, Bravo Association in Sarajevo, Forum Civil Peace Service (ZFD) in Pristina & Belgrade organized five-day study visit to sites of memory in the Western Balkans with the winners of the third edition of “[Ask Your Grandparents](#)” competition. The winners visited different sites of memory and met local actors working in the field of memory in Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo. Sites of memory should be brought more often to the attention of young people to commemorate the victims of totalitarian regimes and to deal with the past and its consequences. The familiarity of Albania’s young people with the past in the Western Balkans help them to meditate not only on the nature of the totalitarian regimes, but it also raise their awareness about the threats of totalitarian tendencies in present times. Only by knowing these tendencies better, democratic societies are able to prevent history from repeating.

About “Ask Your Grandparents” competition

The aim of “Ask Your Grandparents” competition is raising awareness of young people and Albanian society about the importance of dealing with the past, because without knowing the past there will be no safe future. In its third edition, with the motto #Tell1Story, the competition invited young people aged 15-19 to reflect individually or as a team on Albania’s past (1944- 1997), through a creative work in one of the three categories: multimedia, essay, visual arts. From 1 September to 15 October 2018, 430 high school students with 312 works, from 43 schools all over Albania submitted their works on the communist past. On 31st October 2018, in frame of MEMORY DAYS 2018, 9 winners were announced in a special ceremony. This is the fourth national competition organized by IDMC, following “Born in the 90s” (2015) “Ask Your Grandparents 1” (2016) and “Ask Your Grandparents 2 ” (2017), which together awarded 25 prizes in total.

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Day 1 – Monday, 06 May 2019

Until 12:00	Arrival of the winners from Berat, Elbasan, Labinot, Dures & Shijak
12:30 – 13:30	Meeting point at IDMC office – Registration of the participants (Address: Bardhok Biba Street, behind Tirana International Hotel)
13:30	Departure from Tirana, by mini bus – Travelling to Nikšić
19:30 – 20:00	Check in & Accommodation
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
21:00 – 22:00	Nikšić City Tour by Aleksandar Dedovic, Director of ALPHA Centre

Day 2 – Tuesday, 07 May 2019

Until 09:00	breakfast and check out
09:00 – 10:30	Guided Study Visit to sites of memory in Nikšić: Monument to the killed partisans under the Trebjesa hill and at Monument to the national hero Ljubo Cupic by Aleksandar Dedović , ALPHA Centre & Marina Došen , Youth Voluntary Club

PRESENTATION OF "ASK YOUR GRANDPARENTS" COMPETITION

10:30 – 11:00	Registration & Welcoming Addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction on ALPHA Centre Work / Importance of Regional Youth Cooperation</i> Aleksandar Dedović, ALPHA Centre Director • <i>Presentation of Youth Voluntary Club of ALPHA Centre</i> Marina Došen, President of Youth Voluntary Club • <i>Introduction on IDMC Work / Presentation of "Ask Your Grandparents" Competition</i> Matilda Karčanaj, IDMC Programme Coordinator • <i>Contribution of ALBNA in engagement of young people in "Ask Your Grandparents" Competition</i> Vojsava Kumbulla, Head of ALBNA
11:00 – 11:15	Multimedia Lab: "Ask Your Grandparents" short videos
11:15 – 11:45	Discussion (Questions & Answers)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch

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- 13:00 Departure from Nikšić - Travelling to Sarajevo
- 19:30 Check in and Accommodation

Day 3 – Wednesday, 08 May 2019

- Until 08:45 check out
- 09:00 – 10:00 Guided City Tour at **City Hall, Old town (Bascarsija), Franz Ferdinand Assassination, Morica Han, Gazi Husrev bey's Mosque, Sarajevo Meeting of Cultures, Cathedral, Jewish Temple** etc by **Rijad Špiljak**, licensed tour guide
- 10:00 – 11:30 Guided Study Visit at "**Besieged Sarajevo**"-exhibition in the **History Museum of BiH**, and of memory sites around the Museum by **Nicolas Moll**, Memory Lab
- 12:00 -13:00 Lunch
- 13:30 – 20:30 Departure from Sarajevo - Travelling to Belgrade, Serbia
- 20:30 Check in and accommodation

Day 4 – Thursday, 09 May 2019

- Until 08:45 check out
- 09:00 – 11:00 Guided – Walking City Tour: **Knez Mihailova Street, Albanian Palace, Kalamegdan Park, the Castle, Belgrade's Military Museum, Pobednik and Skadarlija Street** by **Filip Vukadinović**, TRN Translations
- 11:00 Bus Pick up - Travelling to Sajmiste camp
- 11:30 – 13:00 Guided Study Visit at **Sajmište concentration camp** in Belgrade by **Milovan Pissari**, historian
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 Departure from Belgrade – Travelling to Pristina
- 20:30 Check in and Accommodation

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Day 5 – Friday, 10 May 2019

- Until 09:00 Breakfast and check out
- 09:00 – 11:00 Guided Pristina Memory Walk by **Nehari Sharri, Korab Krasniqi**
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- PRESENTATION OF "ASK YOUR GRANDPARENTS" COMPETITION**
(Address: Ardian Krasniqi, 2nd floor, No.5, 10000 Prishtina, Kosovo)
- 11:30 – 12:00 Meeting Youth Initiative for Human Rights
 - *Introduction on YIHR Work*
Marigona Shabiu, YIHR Director & **Trina Binaku** YIHR Coordinator
Introduction on IDMC Work / Presentation of "Ask Your Grandparents" Competition
Dr. Jonila Godole, IDMC Director
- 12:00 – 12:30 Multimedia Lab: "Ask Your Grandparents" short videos
- 12:30 – 13:00 Discussion (Questions & Answers)**
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 15:00 Departure to Tirana
- 20:00 Arrival in Tirana

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER:

IDMC –Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture is a non-profit organization that uses an interdisciplinary approach to study and promote the development of democratic values, culture, and media in Albania. The Institute aims to promote dignity and human rights as key elements of Europe and the European Union's (EU) democratic values, and to raise awareness amongst young people about the history of the EU and the crimes committed by totalitarian regimes, including the dictatorship in Albania, through: educational training, school curriculum, and creative projects in multimedia, film, and awareness-raising events; the publications and translation of books and materials that enable scientific and cultural exchange, both European and international; and scientific surveys of public opinion about media and peace. For more information please check: www.idmc.al/en

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