



Dear Rotarians, dear Rotaractors,

“Peace has a unique status in Rotary. We approach peace not as an abstract concept, but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. As a humanitarian service organization, we hold it as both a cornerstone of our mission and an area of focus — one of the main ways in which our members strengthen communities.” (ROTARY’S AREAS OF FOCUS, brochure RI)

We are happy to turn this approach into reality: the Balkan Forum\* together with EYFON, the European Youth Forum Neumarkt, Austria, and the Rotary Club Radolfzell-Hegau, Germany will conduct a Peace Seminar in Austria.

Peace, or better the absence of peace, unfortunately became a hot topic in the world:

- Russian aggression in Ukraine
- Riots are no longer a US phenomenon only
- Strong disagreement with political decisions (pandemic, freedom of press, opposition)

In our seminar, we will learn and practice methods to inner peace and empathy, including methods to resolve conflicts and promote peace. And these learnings can be applied a personal, societal, regional or even global contact. Our key subjects are

- Achieving inner peace and understanding the change of time
- Avoiding and Resolving conflicts
- Creating a sustainable peaceful future

Interested in learning more on peace? We invite you to join us. Or please hand this invitation to the appropriate people in the age-range 18 – 25 years. You find more information in the following supplement and the attached presentation.

We will be happy to help you, just contact us if you have an open issue: [heiner@grönewald.com](mailto:heiner@grönewald.com).

Sponsor of the project are the Rotary Clubs of Radolfzell-Hegau, Germany, and SISLI, Türkiye Istanbul.

Looking forward to meeting you in Austria or meeting someone you enthused to join us!

Best regards

Heiner Grönewald	Wolfgang Uebel	Thomas König
Chair Balkan Forum	RC Radolfzell-Hegau	Chair ICC Turkey – Germany
		Chair ICC Bulgaria - Germany

\* The Balkan Forum unites the Intercountry Committees related to the Balkan countries in the German Rotary world.

## Peace – how we can promote and sustain it

Young people from the Balkans exchange thoughts and discuss their vision about how to promote and sustain peace

### **When**

October 5 – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Where**

European Youth Forum Neumarkt  
Schloßleiten 6  
8820 Neumarkt in der Steiermark

### **Targeted Persons**

36 peoples from Austria, Bulgaria, Ghana, Germany, Greece, Kosovo, Serbia, and Turkey

Rotaractors, but not exclusively

Age-range 18 – 25 years

With academic background in History, Sociology, Medical Science, MINT, Economics

### **Language**

English

### **Organising Institution**

RC Radolfzell, Balkan Forum, EYFON

### **Patron**

Dr. Christof Leitl, President of Europäische Wirtschaftskammer (Eurochambres )( 2018 - 2021),  
Brussels

### **Steering Committee**

Wolfgang Uebel, Heiner Gröneward

### **Lead and Moderation**

Matthias Feil, SAP Switzerland AG, Self-employed consultant, experience Rotary lead

### **Key Note Speaker**

Prof. Dr. Dr. Maurice K. Kamga, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), Hamburg

### **Speaker**

Prof. Dr. Hasan Coskun, Hacettepe University, Ankara, and Çankırı Karatekin University, Ankara

Günter Thauer, Consultant, Berlin

### **Results**

The results of the Peace Seminar will be published in a Rotary magazine, and separately in its own brochure.

### **Costs**

We will cover the costs for the transportation from Vienna to the event, boarding and lodging, and the cultural and sportive side programme.

You will care for the individual transportation from your home to Vienna. We strongly advise you to contact your local Rotary Club for a support. We will decide on an extra funding by the organisers, in the second place.

### **Application Process**

Please send us an application email with your personal data (address, telephone, Rotaract Club, professional/academic background) and a motivation letter (why would you like to join the seminar) with 600 words max.

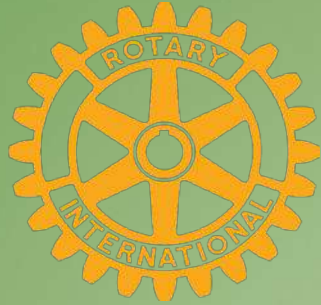
### **Contacts**

Heiner Grönewald, [heiner@groenewald.com](mailto:heiner@groenewald.com)

Wolfgang Uebel, [uebel@bubicon.com](mailto:uebel@bubicon.com)

Thomas Koenig, [koenig@kolle.de](mailto:koenig@kolle.de)

# Rotary



# DRAFT



## Peace – how we can promote and sustain it

Young people from the Balkans exchange thoughts and discuss their vision about how to promote and sustain peace

Version 7 July, 2022

### **International Seminar**

A- Neumarkt (Steiermark)

October 5-10, 2022

### **Initiated and organized by**

Rotary International

under the Patronage of Dr. Christof Leitl

President of Europäische Wirtschaftskammer

(Eurochambres)( 2018 - 2021)

# A Project of the Rotary Balkan Forum

2022 is the European Year of Youth\*. The aim is to give young people better opportunities.

The EU aims to focus more on young people this year by strengthening volunteer programs.

On the Occasion of this Year of the Youth Rotary International will organise a youth seminar in collaboration with EYFON (Europäisches Jugendforum Neumark) for participants from

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Ghana
- Germany
- Greece
- Kosovo
- Serbia
- Turkey

targeting 35-40 Young People between 18-25 years ideally with knowledge about History – Economy – Politics – MINT.

\* [https://europa.eu/youth/year-of-youth\\_de](https://europa.eu/youth/year-of-youth_de)

# Location

# Europaburg Forchtenstein

See more:

<https://eyfon.at/go-for-eyfon/die-europaburg/historisches/>

Transportation from Vienna to  
Neumarkt is provided



# Mission of Rotary Peace Seminar 2022 with a focus on Future – Youth – Education – Friendship

- ▶ **Achieve inner peace,**
- ▶ **promote and maintain peace,**
- ▶ **make friends, and**
- ▶ **recognise regional and cultural differences**



# Rotary Peace Seminar 2022

- ▶ **International seminar of the Balkan Forum, October 5-10, 2022 in Austria**
- ▶ **Targeting 36 young people from different European and African countries with different mind and skill sets (age-range 18 – 25)**
- ▶ **Learn about inner and outer peace and elaborate new ideas to fight for peace locally and globally**
- ▶ **Apply innovator's methodologies established to create innovative ideas in short time**
- ▶ **Cultural exchange with international students, who are curious and open-minded people**

# Why Peace now?

- ▶ **Our today's youth generation is affected by many conflicts such as**
  - ▶ Riots no longer a US phenomenon only
  - ▶ Disagreement with political decisions (pandemic, freedom of press, opposition)
  - ▶ Russian war in Ukraine
- ▶ **We will learn and practice methods to inner peace and empathy, including methods to resolve conflicts and promote peace.**
- ▶ **If furthermore possible, we will find ways to promote and maintain peace in personal, societal, regional or even a global context.**

# Seminar Agenda

DRAFT

## Day 1

### Achieving inner peace and understanding the change of time

#### Get together, Lectures & Teaming

- Warm up game & Problem space
- Lectures with reflexion
- Gaining inner distance with self-perception
- Mastering any situation with self-management
- *Be smart* – with empathy!
- A holistic view on human's evolution

## Day 2

### Avoiding and Resolving conflicts

#### Lectures & Forming

- Peace Games & Lectures
- Synthesis in teams
- Persona definition (as individual or group)
- Generate ideas

## Day 3

### Creating a sustainable peaceful future

#### Innovation, Validation & Presentation

- Prototyping of solutions
- Dry run
- Team presentations and validation

# We will create ideas in a short time applying innovative methodology

- ▶ **Running Design Thinking mode, we have to raise key questions to resolve (see example below).**
  - ▶ How might we promote and sustain peace in Europe? (e.g.)

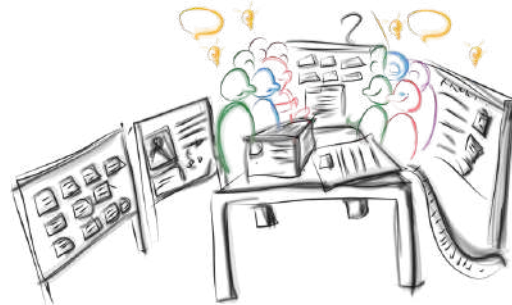


# We will create ideas in a short time applying innovative methodology

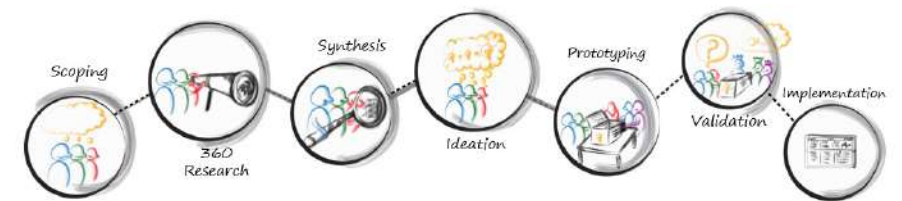
- ▶ **Design Thinking will help to unleash the power of human creativity, to understand people's needs and to design the right solutions for them.**
- ▶ **This methodology is bringing together a good approach, with the right people, in the right environment – with fun and cultural exchange!**
- ▶ **The core components are:**



3-4 Multi-disciplinary teams each consisting of 4-6 people with a culture of empathy



An environment with a culture of trust and the space/material for creative teamwork



Approach that is a highly iterative process consisting of activities

# Organisational Setup

- ▶ **Speakers:**
  - ▶ Specialist of Turkish university: Prof. Dr. Hasan Coşkun
- ▶ **Lead and Moderation**
  - ▶ Specialist & Rotarian member: Matthias Feil
- ▶ **Infrastructure and local Organization**
  - ▶ RC Radolfzell-Hegau
- ▶ **Costs**
  - ▶ Seminar, costs, accommodation covered by organisers
  - ▶ Transportation to venue by participant (ask your local Rotary Club...)

# Steering Committee and Organisation

- ▶ **Initiator**
  - ▶ BALKAN FORUM in collaboration with EYFON
- ▶ **Steering Committee**
  - ▶ Wolfgang Uebel, Heiner Grönewald
- ▶ **Organisation**
  - ▶ Conny Bambini-Adam, Wolfgang Uebel, Matthias Feil, Heiner Grönewald, Dietmar Ertmann, Thomas König, Hassan Coşkun, Günther Thauer
- ▶ **Place of seminar**
  - ▶ EUROPABURG CASTLE FORCHTENSTEIN, Neumarkt (Austria)
- ▶ **Organising club**
  - ▶ Rotary Club Radolfzell - Hegau