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Dear Peace Enthusiast,

Thank you for giving your time to read the final report of the Peace at Home, Peace in the World project and take a closer look at our project. Peace at Home, Peace in the World is an Erasmus+ co-funded project by the European Union in partnership with the European Integration Group from Türkiye, Generation for Peace from Jordan, Active Youth Institution from Lithuania, and Development for People and Nature Association from Lebanon.

The main objective of the project is to transform young people in conflict affected areas into ambassadors of peace and to contribute to peace at home and in the world, as we mentioned in the project title. The selection of the project partners was carried out in connection with the subject of the project, and it was aimed to achieve the project's goal thanks to the knowledge and experience of the organizations in the countries in the conflict-affected areas. In this context, we will be sharing with you in detail the activities carried out within the scope of our project between January 2023 and March 2024 in this report.

We hope that our project outputs will light your way by creating a spark of peace within you.



Peace at Home Peace in the World Project Team





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- **KICK-OFF MEETING IN ISTANBUL**

The first step of our project started with a Kick-off meeting organized by our partners in order to plan the administrative processes and share the tasks. This meeting was held between 21-23 February 2023 in Istanbul with the participation of 2 people from each partner organization. In this meeting, the partners had the opportunity to get to know each other better face to face and carried out activities that will give the project an identity such as determining project dissemination strategies, establishing communication channels, and determining the project logo.





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• RESEARCH & BOOKLET

To analyze the major trends and differences in partner countries against refugees, research was one of the most crucial steps. With this understanding, all partners engaged in the research process.

With the guidance of our AY Institute and the contributions of all partners, we created a roadmap for the research. The research on the topic "How do national policies in Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Lithuania impact the living standard of refugees" has been successfully conducted through collaborative efforts of the partners. The primary purpose of this research was to explore the effects of national policies on the living conditions of refugees in these four countries and shed light on the challenges displaced populations face.

At the project's outset, project partners defined specific objectives, focusing on understanding the relationship between national refugee policies and refugee living standards. It was aimed to provide valuable insights into the impact of these policies on conflict-affected societies and the inequalities that refugees might encounter. In this line and extensive research was conducted to review existing studies and reports on the impact of national policies on refugee living standards. This literature review helped the partners establish a solid foundation for their research and identify gaps that needed further investigation.

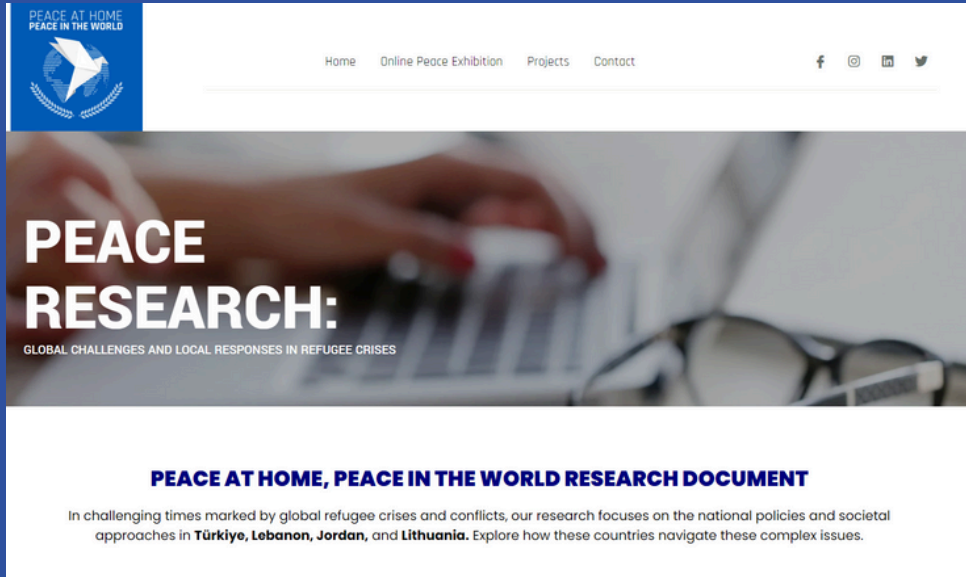
In addition to research, it was necessary to conduct a survey to analyze communities' perspectives in this topic. For this reason, surveys were conducted in the selected communities within each country. Project partners engaged with the local communities (host & refugee communities), administered the study and collected valuable data regarding the living conditions and challenges refugees face.

We are happy to report that as a result of the survey, we have collected 521 responses, 311 of them from the host community and 210 of them from the refugee community. With this division, we aimed to analyze different perspectives of the society.





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After data collection, project partners analyzed the survey responses and other relevant data using advanced statistical and qualitative analysis methods. As a result of the analysis conducted by partners, noteworthy correlations between national policies and refugee living standards, offering valuable insights into the impact of policies on displaced populations were discovered.

In this line, at the end of the research, the research findings were compiled into a comprehensive booklet. In the first part of the booklet, the current situation of refugees in Türkiye, Lebanon, Lithuania and Jordan was examined and the opportunity to learn about policies in these countries was provided. In the second part of the booklet, the opportunity to examine the analysis of the responses obtained as a result of the survey conducted on 521 people from the host community and the refugee community was provided and thus gives opportunity to experience the importance of peace more closely.

Overall, the successful implementation of this research has contributed to a deeper understanding of the impact of national policies on refugee living standards, providing valuable information for policymakers and NGOs' efforts to improve the lives of displaced individuals.

[You may click here to research & booklet](#)





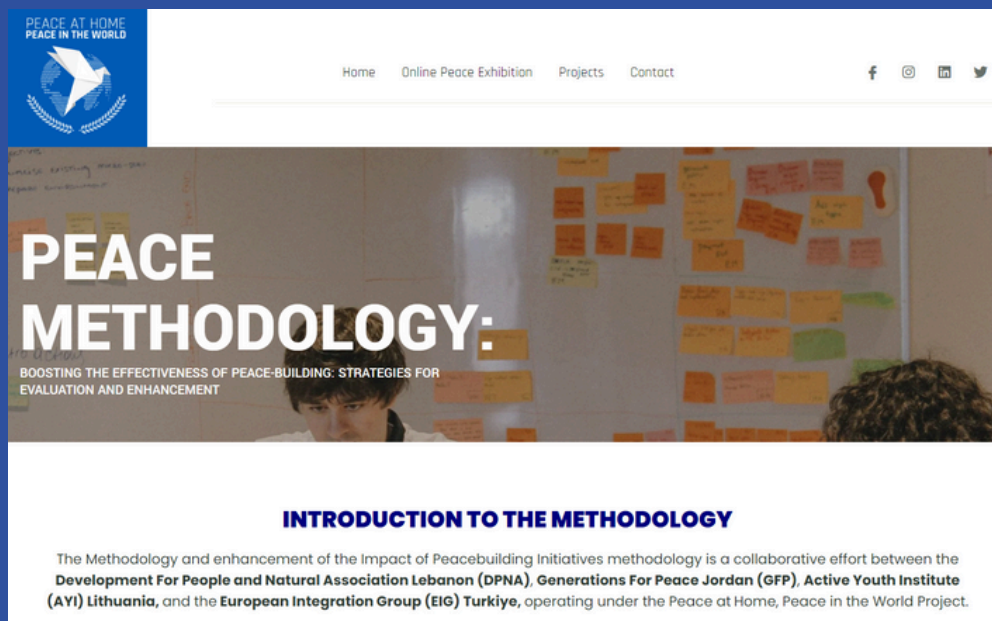
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• METHODOLOGIES

This task was achieved after the research and booklet and aimed to create specialized methodologies following the training courses in Lebanon and Jordan, making them publicly available to support further peace initiatives and ensure the project's continuity. In this line, a 24-page methodology was prepared by the project partners and published on the project website for public accessibility.

The methodology examined the effectiveness of various peacebuilding activities, including training sessions conducted in Lebanon, local workshops organized in Jordan, Türkiye, Lithuania, and Lebanon, and survey results. By analyzing the outcomes of these initiatives, the methodology aimed to provide clear instructions for youth and youth workers on how they can actively engage as peacebuilders in their communities.

The detailed guidance encompasses strategies and best practices, ensuring that the knowledge and skills gained through the project are effectively transferred and applied in real-world scenarios. Overall, the development and dissemination of this methodology represent a critical step in empowering young people and youth workers to contribute to peacebuilding efforts, fostering more resilient and cohesive communities.



[You may click here to reach the methodology](#)





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- **WEBSITE**

The project website was designed by EIG and enriched by the contribution of project partners. To make the Peace at Home, Peace in the World project sustainable even the project ended, the website was one of the most important steps. The main idea of the website is to disseminate the project, and create a space for the project outputs and the data acquired during the project.

On the website, brief information about the project has been given and outputs of the training in Lebanon, research & booklet, methodology and International Peace Conference have been uploaded. Besides, this website was the channel for the online exhibition that was created by the contribution of all partners and photographer & youth worker Antanas Ceponis. Via the communication boxes you may reach the project team for further information & questions.

Besides, via the newsletter button, you may subscribe to our newsletters to get more information about the project activities. By the end of the 15th March 2024, the website had 591 visitors and we hope to increase this number in the following days.



You may click here to step into the journey of peace by visiting our website





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- **ONLINE EXHIBITION**

To express the feeling of the project, as partners we aimed to use art. Because we believe that art is one of the best ways to show the destruction of conflicts and also the stories of peace at the same time. In this regard, we created an online exhibition on our project website to show the importance of peace with the contribution of Antanas Ceponis and project partners.

Some of these artworks are based on real life and some of them were created by partners with the help of artificial intelligence. These artworks show very well that symbols of peace are similar even the people change. Birds, peace symbols and colors. It shows the uniqueness of the peace but also the common desire to be in a peaceful environment. Thus, with the healing power of the art, we wanted to heal the conflict-affected souls.

The online exhibition is on the project website and open to public access. As partners we are planning to enrich it in the following days even the project ended. For this reason, if you want to share your artwork to contribute Peace at Home Peace in the World online exhibition, you may reach us via the communication button on the website.

HATAY EXHIBITION

The photo exhibition in Hatay, Turkey, highlights the journeys and struggles of Syrian migrants, offering a poignant glimpse into their lives, resilience, and the challenges they face as they seek safety and a better future. Through compelling images, it sheds light on the human stories behind the migration crisis.



Strength in Struggle
Be inspired by the resilience and artistic talent of Hatay's refugee community as they turn.

Art and Hope
Explore the transformative power of art as Hatay's refugees share their hope and dreams.

Diversity Through Lens
Experience the rich tapestry of cultural diversity through the lens of Hatay's refugees.

[You may click here to reach the online exhibition](#)





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• LOCAL WORKSHOPS

Local activities were carried out to support conflict-affected people to overcome conflict-induced trauma and support their mental health through art, theatre, youth work, breathing and meditation techniques. In this regard, each partner implemented 8 local events in different topics such as building bridges, learning to listen, accepting differences, understanding the power of the arts for mental well-being and peace advocacy, non-violent communication, let me in – the life of a refugee and more.

In these local events, project partners had opportunity to share and apply the learnings of the trainings & study visit on the conflict affected people and supported them for their well-being. These events created a two-way win-win situation, both in terms of disseminating the project locally and informing youth about the Erasmus+ world, as well as helping youth workers to gain new perspectives.

In these events, thanks to our partners' effort and our participants' willing to participate the local events, we reached a large audience (413 people in total).



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• INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE

The International Peace Conference was held on 9th November 2023 in Müze Gazhane in Istanbul, Türkiye. There was a meaningful reason for the choice of location. The choice of Müze Gazhane, which also houses a climate museum, was intended to offer participants the opportunity to visit the climate museum, as well as to draw attention to the climate crisis, which is one of the causes of conflict.

The conference provided a platform to review the progress and the outputs of the "Peace at Home, Peace in the World" project with a large audience. It was organised by EIG with collaboration of GFP, DPNA, and AY. The conference was well attended and successfully organized with the participation of 105 people from 14 different nationalities. We are happy to report that as partners we reached almost double of the estimated participant number.

It had 13 guest speakers including project partners, journalist Diego Cupolo, journalist Karolis Sankauskas, peace ambassador Stanislav Karmysov and photographer Antanas Ceponis, and addressed current global issues, including the conflict in Ukraine & Palestine, and geopolitical tensions. Various activities were conducted during the conference and digital tools like "Mentimeter" were used to maintain the participants' interest and support active participation.



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Project partners shared challenges, stories, research results and memorable moments from their "Peace at Home, Peace in the World" journeys and the spirit of Erasmus+ was reflected in the conference with energizers.

With the contribution of Mr. Antanas Ceponis and Mr. Eduardas Pontežis's, the event space was decorated with photographs from the conflict affected areas of Hatay (city of Türkiye) and Ukraine, and the participants were deeply touched by this exhibition that emphasized the importance of peace. Besides, the online exhibition that is created by the project partners was projected for the interest of the participants.

For the dissemination activities of the conference, before the conference day, announcement posts and stories were shared via partners' social media accounts and after the conference, an after movie and dissemination posts were shared to reach wider audience.

The International Peace Conference was an event that we enjoyed preparing and participating in. Once again, we would like to extend our love and respect to all our participants, in the hope that among those who read our report, there are some who attended our conference. Thank you for not leaving us alone on our Peace at Home Peace in the World journey.



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• ONLINE WEBINARS

As a collaborative effort of EIG, AY, DPNA, and GFP organised online webinars as a key activity of the project. These webinars were held online and involved presentations, discussions, and interactive elements, providing a platform for knowledge-sharing and collaboration among participants. Online webinars addressed two primary topics.



The first webinar's topic was "Empowering Youth Through Conflict Resolution: Building Bridges to Lasting Peace" and with the participation of 70 people, it was held on 30th January 2024 online. In this webinar, the role of youth in conflict resolution and transformation was highlighted. It outlined the steps that youth can take to contribute to peaceful resolutions, providing a platform for participants to engage in open discussions about their concerns and share best practices.

The second webinar's topic was "The Middle East Tensions: The Potential Catalyst for World War III" and with the participation of 41 people, it was held on 26th March 2024 online. In this webinar, partners from the conflict-affected areas discussed the region's problems and the tension in the Middle East. In this webinar, our partner from Lebanon made a presentation that enabled the participants to learn the subject more easily and with fun. In the presentation, he summarized the situation in Lebanon through how to cook Tabbouleh, the traditional dish of Lebanon, and made a memorable narration.

Thanks to our participants and guest speakers, the webinars allowed us to develop different perspectives and facilitated peaceful discussions.





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• DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Dissemination activities are a crucial component of any project, especially those funded by public or international organizations such as the European Union's Erasmus+ program. These activities ensure that the project's results and benefits are shared with a wider audience, thereby maximizing the project's impact and fostering sustainability. For this reason, as Peace at Home Peace in the World partners, we created social media campaigns and put effort into disseminating the project.

In this regard, EIG carried out a branding campaign and selected the appropriate colours at the beginning of the project. Thanks to these designs, it was aimed to make it easier for the target audience to distinguish that this content belongs to the Peace at Home Peace in the World project when they see content related to the project. Besides, visual materials were prepared by EIG and the support of partners to use in the dissemination contents. This ensured integrity in the dissemination of the project and gave the project an identity.

To reach the dissemination activities of the project you may check Annex I at the end of the report.





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- **“PEACE AT HOME PEACE IN THE WORLD” IN THE PRESS**

To announce the start and the focus topic of the project, our project partners explained their feelings in the Kick-off meeting in İstanbul, and this took place on the online news platform Mynet.com.

PROJENİN AMAÇI VE KONUSU



Gençlerin "Kendilerini savaşın nesnelere ve öznelere olmaktan çıkarıp, barışın araçları haline getirmelerine" yardımcı olmayı hedefleyen proje, mülteci krizi ve bu krizden etkilenen ülkelerle ilgili derin endişelerini dile getirerek, diyalog, şeffaflık ve farklı çatışma koşullarında insani yardıma odaklanma ihtiyacını ele almak istiyor. Ayrıca bu konuyu ele alırken, genç liderlere yeni yaklaşımlar, sağlam çalışma stratejileri ve kapsayıcı yöntemler getirmeyi amaçlıyor.

PROJE İSTANBUL'DA BAŞLADI

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