

We're living at a time when Europe is at a crossroads. We're facing great challenges as we see more and more signs of dissolution in Europe. Will Europe disintegrate or can we turn around and find a way towards a common future?

Due to the economic crisis, which has led to a high unemployment rate in several countries, people are feeling more and more hopeless and are losing the idea of a common Europe. Because of the difficult circumstances in their countries and the refugee crisis, people are more and more open to populist, national-radical ideas and this in turn has led to increasing xenophobia, prejudices and racism. In addition, there is a feeling of helplessness and the opinion that people cannot influence and improve their own situation.

What Europe needs right now is empathy and a feeling of solidarity. Empathy, we believe, is the key for discovering new aspects of other cultures' identities, as well as of our own and to change attitudes from envy, hate and anger to friendliness and mutual understanding. Getting to know each other and trying to overcome our problems together will enable us to become more empathetic and to feel more solidarity with each other.

Starting from our common historical background and local history issues, we therefore aim at examining trends and behaviours which have led and which still lead to conflicts.

Our purpose is to examine how this kinds of behaviour develop and how they can be prevented in the future. Moreover we want to let our students refocus on principles and values on which our European Union is based. Our European union and its values are in big danger and with our project we want to show our students how we can overcome our conflicts and develop solidarity and empathy and to let them realize what opportunities a common Europe can offer and to create a vision of a Europe without any boundaries.