

## **Turkey Europe Foundation**

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**Action Title:** Remembering and Forgetting

**Location (Country, City):** Turkey, Istanbul

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**End Date:** May 4, 2008

### **Objectives:**

This action aims at questioning the common past of Turkish-Greek relations, one of the oldest conflicts in the Mediterranean region with both religious and ethnic dimensions, by challenging the origins and the common basis of Turkish Greek societies, with an equal participation from youth of both sides of Aegean sea.

### **Target Groups:**

12 Turkish and 12 Greek university students and young people having an interest on Turkish-Greek relations and its Mediterranean and European perspective. Academicians and members of religious communities will be also invited.

### **Activities:**

This will be a one week event where workshops on many dimensions of Turkish Greek relations will be discussed. The workshops will be held in three subgroups; past, present, future.

In the first part the past of relations based on cultural and religious diversity will be discussed as of Ottoman culture and creation of national identities.

In the second part, present, commonalities and repercussions of cultural heritage to today's world will be mainly discussed.

In the third, last part, the possibility of creation of a common future under European Union umbrella and ways of mutual understanding between two different cultures will be discussed.

The academicians and members of religious and ethnic communities will deliver their point of view on subjects and give the background before debates.

As Istanbul is an important city at the meeting point of these discussions, study visits that will contribute to the debates will also be organised.

Visibility of the event will be ensured by the website of Turkey Europe Foundation available on [www.turkiyeavrupavakfi.org](http://www.turkiyeavrupavakfi.org)

### **Partnerships:**

Turkey Europe Foundation organizes this event with Turkish Greek Society Youth Initiative. Kadir Has University who is in the same district as Ecumenical Patriarchate of Istanbul will be the host of activities which we consider will be

very enriching in the sense of cultural exchange. Bogazici University, Yeditepe, Marmara University from Turkey, Panteion, Athens, Dimokritos Universities are also expected to be present with their respective alumni. Special effort on involving local communities from different cultural backgrounds will be demonstrated

**Budget:**

Human Resources (in euro): € 350

Equipment (in euro): € 150

Transport (in euro): € 560

Other Services (in euro): € 1400

Amount requested from ALF: € 2460

