

“Words connecting generations”

Abstract bi-national couples:

The idea is to take a look at multiculturalism, to make it visible and understandable with the help of individual stories. The number of bi-national couples in the European Union is continuously growing; therefore it would be worthwhile to listen to their personal stories of overcoming national and societal barriers. It would be necessary to find bi-national couples that are willing to tell their individual “love stories”: how and under which conditions did they meet, what barriers did they have to overcome and how did they feel in their “new home country”?

The aim is not only to analyze country-specific differences, but also variation over time: how does the European Union with its open borders influence the experiences of younger couples, is there a changing perception of “overcoming the barriers of two societies”?

Couples should be representative for all participating countries, resulting in 3 interviews for every project partner (for Germany: Germany x Poland, Germany x Czech Rep., Germany x Austria). It would seem reasonable to interview couples at a similar age, for example 60+, to compare contextual factors. Additionally, there should be at least one younger bi-national couple incorporating the current situation in the European Union.