

Verdun 2025

FARID BEN YAHIA, from 9 November to 11 November 2025 in VERDUN

At the invitation of the German delegation and District Administrator Peter Schellhaas, **Farid Ben Yahia** will attend this year's commemoration of the victims of the First World War on 9 November 2025 in Verdun. This annual trip, supported by the Darmstadt-Dieburg district, is also greatly appreciated by French groups in Verdun and is very well received.

The theme of **encounters and reconciliation** is particularly relevant in today's world. Farid Ben Yahia's pictures fit perfectly into this theme in all their diversity. With a **selection of ink drawings** that address the topic directly or more subtly, he will accompany the dialogue between the French and German delegations with a lively exchange. Bilingual and eloquent, he will use his visual language to encourage an intense discussion among all participants. Thinking beyond borders and appreciating others preserves peace. Getting to know each other is an absolute prerequisite for this. Initiatives such as reconciliation and commemorative days that remind us of the consequences of war, or twinning schemes and youth exchanges (language courses, etc.) should therefore be strongly supported.



The annual division and transport of the flame from Paris via Verdun to Darmstadt on 9 November 2025 is also part of this.