



Call for Applications for the 'In Between?' free summer school

Deadline for the applications: 6 May, 2025

21–31 August 2025, German-Polish borderland

The borderlands of contemporary Europe share a unique culture of memory, shaped by the turbulent history of the 20th century: its wars, geopolitical changes, and mass migrations. It is in these regions that the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS) organises the 'In Between?' summer school. We invite university students and young professionals from across the European Union to join the project. This summer, we're heading to Görlitz–Zgorzelec - the so-called "European City" on the German–Polish border. Here, participants will conduct interviews, explore historical landscapes, and create a new episode of the 'In Between?' podcast series.

'In Between?' is a summer school that brings together young people from across the EU to explore local histories in European borderlands. These places still carry the echoes of the 20th century's turbulent history - wars, shifting borders, and mass migrations. Through oral history research, landscape interpretation, and podcast storytelling, participants uncover how the past shapes regional identity today – and share their insights in a collaborative podcast episode, available on Spotify and Simplecast.

Why Görlitz and Zgorzelec?

The so-called "European City" of Görlitz–Zgorzelec serves as a symbol of European cooperation and reconciliation. Once a unified German city, the town was divided after World War II, with Görlitz becoming part of Germany and Zgorzelec of Poland. Despite decades of Cold War division, the fall of the Iron Curtain ushered in a new era of cross-border collaboration, transforming the region into a model for European integration. Through historical sites, cultural landscapes, and the Neisse River that both divides and unites, participants will examine the legacy of the borderland and explore how shared memory shapes regional identity.

About the Project

The programme begins with an online preparatory session in July 2025, introducing participants to the historical and cultural context of the German-Polish border region. During the 10-day summer school, they will receive training in oral history methodology, podcast production, and landscape interpretation. Equipped with these skills, participants will conduct interviews, document stories, and produce a collaborative podcast under the guidance of experts.

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Applications

Applications are now open until 6 May 2025. Selected candidates will be invited for online interviews from 12 to 23 May 2025, with results announced on 9 June 2025.

A good command of English is required, and knowledge of German or Polish will be considered an advantage. Participation in the workshops, accommodation, and meals are provided free of charge, with participants eligible to apply for partial travel reimbursement.

Be aware that participation includes longer walks, as well as cycling activities. Please consider whether you are physically able to attend the summer school or notify us if you think you might need any assistance.

Join us to explore, learn, and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on memory, identity, and European integration.

For more information and to apply, please visit our [website](#).

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