

35 bridges

German-Polish cycle tour: Participants wanted!

Are you in the mood for a tour that combines history, politics and action? On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the German-Polish Treaty on Good Neighbourliness, we are looking for you for a binational cycle tour along the Oder and the Lusatian Neisse.

What to expect!

We cycle from **Zittau to Forst (Lusatia)** and explore places that have made history. In doing so, we make the border region our space for discoveries:

- **Overcoming borders:** We cross numerous bridges and experience the change from "separation" to "encounter" at first hand.
- **Understanding the background:** We shed light on the development of the region – from the period after 1945 to flight and expulsion to Schengen accession.
- **Real insights:** We visit exciting stations such as the Hirschfelde power plant, the Turów opencast mine, the St. Marienthal monastery and the Faltenbogen in Bad Muskau.
- **Community:** You will meet 15 other young people (8 from Germany, 8 from Poland) and get into conversation with people for whom the border is now part of everyday life.

Hard-Facts

- **When?** 08 to 12 September 2026
- **Start:** Zittau (approx. 12:00 p.m.) | **End:** Forst (Lausitz) (approx. 1:00 pm)
- **Fitness:** We ride a relaxed **25-35 km per day** – the focus is on the shared experience, not on peak performance.
- **Language:** German & Polish. You don't speak Polish? No problem, a language mediation accompanies us all the time.
- **Participation fee:** Only **60 – 80 euros** – this includes accommodation, food and insurance (depending on the amount of funding)

Are you in?

We are looking for young adults who:

- are between **18 and 26 years** old,
- are resident in **Germany or Poland**,
- have their own roadworthy bicycle and the appropriate equipment,
- Have an interest in history, politics and international encounters.



Application deadline:
July 20, 2026

Cooperation partners

Kultur Aktiv e.V. (Dresden/DE), **German Cultural Forum Eastern Europe e.V.** (Potsdam/DE), **Willy Brandt Centre for German and European Studies of the University Wrocław** (WBZ) (Wrocław/PL)

Project management

Oliwia Drozdowicz

Funded by

The project is funded by the **SANDDORF FOUNDATION**, the **German-Polish Youth Office** and the **Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation**.