



Alumni Summer Academy

Call for Applications

14–19 September 2026 Otzenhausen, Germany

Application deadline: 30 June 2026

About

Since 2022, EU*Connect brings together new generations of (future) Europeans through its interactive Digital Campus for students and young professionals from Ukraine, Moldova, France and Germany.

After four successful cohorts and more than 350 committed participants, we are pleased to invite EU*Connect Alumni to the first face-to-face meeting in Germany!

Thanks to its partners – the [Institute for Public Administration and Civil Service \(IPACS\)](#) of [Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv](#), the Young European Federalists of [JEF Berlin-Brandenburg](#), and the funding by the [Franco-German Youth Office](#), EU*Connect developed year-by-year its two-fold objective: To provide EU expertise for young Ukrainians and Moldovans, and to make French and German participants aware of the particular challenges of Ukraine in the context of war, its quest for EU accession and reconstruction.

Apply until 30 June 2026 to be part of the adventure from 14 to 19 September 2026 in the European Academy Otzenhausen and finally live-connect with your fellow online students and experts of the Digital Campus.

This first EU*Connect Alumni Summer Academy has been made possible thanks to the [European Academy Otzenhausen](#), the Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO) and the Foundation Asko Europa Stiftung.

Programme overview

The EU*Connect Alumni Summer Academy combines interactive sessions to connect with other participants, discussions with experts, a simulation game and excursions related to EU's current topics. Highlights:

- Joint discussion on recent developments in EU-Ukraine relations
- Simulation game on EU accession negotiation
- Visit of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg
- Visit of the remembrance path "Höckerlinie"
- Fishbowl discussion: How can young people shape the future of Europe?

The full programme will be handed to selected participants.

Participants

The EU*Connect Alumni Summer Academy addresses students and young professionals aged 18 to 35 from Ukraine, Moldova, France and Germany who already took part in the EU*Connect Digital Campus. About 26 participants will be selected from EU*Connect Alumni. Priority will be given to participants who completed the 20 ECTS certification track of the digital programme. Attention will be paid to a balanced composition of the group regarding the countries from which the participants come, as well as different professional backgrounds and experiences.

Application & Fee

Registration is possible via the application form until **30 June 2026**: [Application form](#)

A participation fee of 50€ per person will be charged. Payment is expected at the venue.

The tuition fee includes:

- Lodging in fully equipped double rooms and full board (3 meals a day)
- Excursions including all transfers, entrance fees and meals during the excursions
- Costs related to the educational support, lecturers, guest speakers

Travel cost:

- Cost of travel to and from the venue will be partially funded on the basis of the travel allowance from the Franco-German Youth Office (0,16€/km for one simple way)
- To calculate your transport costs, you can use the Franco-German Youth Office's cost calculator: [OFAJ/DFJW](#). Please bring your original tickets with you to Otzenhausen to receive the subsidies

Venue

Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (EAO)
Europahausstraße 35, 66620 Nonnweiler, Germany

Arrival: 14 September 2026 (Programme start: 16:30 CET)

Departure: 19 September 2026 (Programme end: 09:00 CET)

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