

Erasmus+ course, 28th of September – 3rd of October 2025 in
Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

**Cultural diversity and shared values in the EU
– seen through the minorities of a borderland**



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Erasmus+

The training course is supported by the Danish National Agency of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union

The frame

Course title: Cultural diversity and shared values in the EU – seen through the minorities of a borderland

Time and place: The course takes place from Sunday, 28th of September to Friday, 3rd of October 2025 at Academy Sankelmark, which is situated by the shore of lake Sankelmark in Schleswig-Holstein in the north of Germany, 30 km from the Danish border.

Type of event: A 6-day Erasmus+ training course, including travel days.

Language: The teachers and tour leaders will be Germans, but the course language will be English.

Summary of the Erasmus+ mobility plan

Context: The Erasmus+ training course is part of the Erasmus+ Mobility project, Aug 2024 – Dec 2025, entitled: “Insight into Europe's diverse cultural heritage and shared values”, which the [Danish Erasmus+ Office](#) has granted to the Danish [NGO-Network for international cooperation](#).

Aim and objectives: The overall aim for this training course is to learn about the complicated relationships between the diverse European cultural heritage and a possible common European identity.

The learning objectives are:

- to learn about the different minority communities of the Schleswig-Holstein borderland and especially their relationship to the national and European community they are part of, and
- to develop new contacts with civil society organizations and liberal adult education associations.

Number and profile of participants: The participants are employed and voluntary staff that are active in member association of the Danish NGO-Network for international cooperation.

Expected number of participants: 8

The host organisation and the sending organisation

The host association and course provider



The hosting association is:

Akademiezentrum Sankelmark

Akademieweg 6

24988 Oeversee, Germany

Contact person: Dr. Christian Pletzing, akademiedirektor

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On June 29, 1952, the educational institution Academy Sankelmark formerly known as “Border Academy” was set up at the shore of the appealing lake Sankelmark, possessing one seminar room and 24 guestrooms. As years went by, the Academy grew and today four educational institutions share the roof of the building: The European Academy Schleswig-Holstein, Academica Baltica and the Minority Competence Network (MKN) have been added and the Academy has four seminar rooms, supplementary group rooms, 57 guestrooms, a restaurant and a bar.

To fulfil its mission from the founding certificate to be “a bridge of fundamental, real communication of the people” the Academy offers educational services and is today acknowledged as an important forum reaching beyond the boundaries of Schleswig-Holstein. These educational services are multi-faceted and are settled in the topics of politics and history, society and culture, religion and ethics, as well as literature and fine arts.

From the start, the location in the German Danish border region has put forward an important emphasis in the academy’s offerings: Liberating exchange towards politics and culture beyond national borders.

The sending association



The sending association is:

NGO-Network for International project cooperation,

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Tour leader: Susan Fazakerley, general secretary of AKKS – the Joint Council of Voluntary Arts Associations in Denmark

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The NGO Network was founded in 2021. The purpose of the association is to develop a forum where active members of the Danish civil society can exchange experiences, disseminate knowledge and support each other in developing transnational activities that can strengthen a free and democratic associational life in the Nordic and European civil societies.

The activities may include knowledge sharing and exchange of experience, mentoring, courses and conferences, debate activities, publications and development work, both in the Danish Commonwealth (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), the other Nordic countries, the Baltic Sea region, the European Union and wider international contexts.

In August 2022 – July 2023, the network had two Erasmus+ courses with focus on “the relation between social and green sustainable activities”, respectively:

- October 2022 to Riga and Rite in Latvia with Rite Folk High School at host, and
- June 2023 to Helsinki with the Finnish Settlement Association as host.

In August 2023 – July 2024, the network had two Erasmus+ courses with focus on “sustainable NGO activities”, respectively:

- September 2023 to Rite Folk High School in Latvia, and
- March 2024 in Palamos, Spain to learn about “Social eco-literacy, think global & act local”.

In August 2024 – December 2025, the network will have four Erasmus+ courses with focus on “the relations between the diverse European cultural heritage and a possible common European identity”, respectively:

- October 2023 about diverse cultures in Andalusia, Spain (completed).
- April 2025 to Inari, Finland and Karasjok, Norway about Sami culture.
- May 2025 at Rite Folk High School about nation building in Latvia in the shadow of Russia.
- September 2025 at Academy Sankelmark in North Germany about minority cultures.

International transport, local transport, and accommodation

International transport:

A 6-days course from Sunday, 28th of September to Friday, 3rd of April 2025, including travel days.
The transport from Denmark to Germany is to be decided, but will take place either by car, bus or train.

Local transport:

The local transport during the course will take place by a minibus.

Accommodation:

We will stay in single rooms at Academy Sankelmark, Akademieweg 6, 24988 Oeversee, Germany

Meals:

Free breakfast and one meal a day are included in the course. For other main meals, the participants will be prepaid meal-money by MobilePay, so they freely can order and pay for their meals as they find best.



The day-to-day programme: 28th of September – 3rd of October 202

The first two days of the programme will outline the EU framework, including cultural diversity, legislation and treaties for minorities and thereby give an essential understanding of the different historical and present-day situations of the Danish and German minorities. Thus, forming the foundation for comparing their situation with other minorities in Schleswig-Holstein.

Sunday, September 28: Arrival at Academy Sankelmark

- 18:00 Dinner at the restaurant at the Academy
- 19:00 Get together in the Lakeview Bar

Monday, September 29: The history of the borderland

- 09:00 Welcome and introduction to the topics of the conference
By Dr. Kirsten Schulze and Susan Fazakerley
- 09:15 Schleswig or Sønderjylland? Where is the borderland located?
By Dr. Kirsten Schulze
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 Seven wars – The history of the borderland
By prof. Jørgen Kühl
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Departure for Flensburg
- 15.00 The current situation of the Danish minority and its importance for “cross-cultural understanding”
By Jens A. Christiansen, Sydslesvigs Forening, www.syfo.dk, Dansk Generalsekretariat, Norderstr. 76, 24939 Flensburg.
- 16.30 Stroll to Flensburg’s Danish landmarks
By Dr. Kirsten Schulze
- 18.30 Dinner at Restaurant Borgerforening, www.restaurant-borgerforeningen.dk, Holm 17, 24937 Flensburg
- 20.00 Return to Sankelmark Academy with subsequent night-talk in the Lakeview Bar

Tuesday, September 30: Full-day excursion to Apenrade

- 09.00: Departure for Apenrade
- 10.00: Today's cooperation between Germany and Denmark – a chance for the minorities
By Sally Flindt-Hansen, Bundt Deutscher Nordschleswiger, <https://bdn.dk>, Haus Nordschleswig, Vestergade 30, 6200 Aabenraa
- 11.30: Stroll to German minority landmarks in Aapenrade
By Dr. Kirsten Schulze
- 12.30: Individual lunch in Aapenrade
- 14.00: Departure for Sønderborg
- 15.00: The Museum of the German Minority
By Hauke Grella and team, www.deutsches-museum.dk, Rønhaveplads 12, 6400 Sønderborg
- 17.00: Return to Sankelmark Academy
- 18.00: Dinner at Sankelmark Academy
- 19.00: Reflections on the first two days
- 19.30: The Pub at the Wiedau – a crime movie set in the border region, featuring all five local languages with subtitles – followed by night-talk at the Lakeview bar

Wednesday, October 1: Full-day excursion to Kiel

- 08:30: Departure for Kiel
- 10:00: The Sinti and Roma in Schleswig-Holstein, Verband Deutscher Sinti und Roma Landesverband Schleswig-Holstein www.sinti-roma-sh.de, Dorfstr. 11, 24146 Kiel
By Matthäus Weiss and team
- 12:00: Stroll through Kiel with individual lunch
- 14:30: Meeting with the Turkish Minority in Kiel
By Dr. Cebel Küçükcaraca, www.tgsh.de, Elisabethstr. 59, 24142 Kiel
- 16:00: Departure to Sankelmark Academy
- 18:00: Dinner at the restaurant at the Academy
- 19:00: Reflection on the day followed by night-talks at the Lakeview bar

Thursday, October 2: Full-day excursion to North Frisia

- 08.30: Departure to Bredstedt
- 09.30: The Friseans – Exhibition in the Nordfriisk Instituut
By Dr. Claas Riecken, Süderstr. 30, 25821 Bräist/Bredstedt, www.nordfriiskinstituut.eu
- 11.00: Departure to Risum
- 11.30: The Frisian-Danish School in Risum
By Berit Nommesen and team, www.risumskole.de, Dorfstr. 91, 25902 Risum-Lindholm
- 12.30: Lunch break with pre-packed lunch
- 13.30: Departure for Seebüll
- 14.30: Visit to the Frisian painter, Emil Nolde Museum
By an employee at the museum, Stiftung Seebüll Ada und Emil Nolde, 25927 Seebüll/Neukirchen, www.nolde-stiftung.de
- 16.30: Departure for Sankelmark Academy
- 18.00: Dinner at the restaurant at the Academy
- 19.00: Reflection on the day and last get together at the Lakeview Bar

Friday, October 3: The future and travel home

- 09:00: The minorities in the future
By Dr. Kirsten Schulze and Gösta Toft, FUEN, <https://fuen.org/en>
- 10:30: Coffee break
- 11:00: Escape Room Minority
By Lenon Bossen, MKN
- 12:00: Evaluation and farewell
By Dr. Kirsten Schulze
- 12:30: Lunch and departure

Practical information

Apply for participation

We only enrol members of our NGO-network, either individual members or representatives from our organisational members, who are active in a civil society association as paid or voluntary staff (board member, manager, consultant, teacher, etc.)

The application template can be downloaded at the [NGO-Network's website](#):

The board and the tour leader will select the 8 participants, based on the following three criteria in order of priority:

- Motivation, including what learning outcomes you expect to achieve and how you can subsequently use the learning in your association work?
- Low level of previous travel participation, as the board would like to see as many of the association's members as possible benefit from the offers to participate in study trips.
- Consideration for diversity in the selection, i.e. preferably a balanced distribution in relation to age, gender, ethnicity, etc.

Conditions and price

Participation is free. The Erasmus+ Mobility grant can cover travel expenses, hotel rooms, main meals, entrance fees, local transport, course fees for the hosts, and administration. Participants only need to bring pocket money to cover any café visits during their free time, extra drinks for the communal meals, expenses for souvenirs, gifts, etc.

Insurance:

Since this is a short-term study trip, where participants participate without pay and without an employment relationship with the study trip organizer, it is the participants' own responsibility to have or take out travel, accident and liability insurance for the trip.

Tour leader and contact person:

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