

## Erasmus+ Education – Cooperation Partnership

### Iron Curtain Crossings – Exploring Transformations on the Trail

Over the past decades, the Iron Curtain has become a Green Belt along which a diverse landscape of historically, culturally and ecologically orientated learning sites has developed.

The aim of the educational project "Iron Curtain Crossings - Exploring Transformations on the Trail" is to show pupils the transformation of the border region using the experiences of primarily ecologically oriented learning sites, regional initiatives and transnational organisations as examples.

To this end, the project brings together teachers, education teams from participating learning centres and other relevant stakeholders from Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic and other countries along the Green Belt in a workshop process. Based on the different transformation experiences, possible potentials for mediation work are jointly reflected upon, the concept for an educational format is designed and discussed by the local education teams with teachers from their regional catchment area. On this basis, the project partners, led by the Bund für Bildung e.V., are developing a learning unit that uses specific case studies to visualise transformations based on the history of the Iron Curtain. The aim is to help young people to reflect on the overcoming of borders in a democratic and peace-orientated European Union by linking history and the present and at the same time to discuss its ecological dimension.

#### Project partners:

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