

## Press Release

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### **“European culture has no borders” – the winners of the tri-national contest Young Europeans Award 2016 have been chosen.**

Until March young people from Germany, France and Poland could collaborate on a joint project on the topic **“How far does Europe reach?”** for the competition Young Europeans Award 2016.

The winning project is **“The colourful face of Europe”**.

14- to 16-year-old pupils from the **German** Gabriele-von-Bülow-Gymnasium, Berlin, the **French** Collège Pierre Falanc, Belèves, the **Polish** Szkoła Podstawowa Zespołu Szkół im. Królowej Jadwigi, Jerzykowo and the **Ukrainian** Melitopolska spetsializovana shkola-internat III stupenya "Tvorchist" ZOR, Melitopol', Zaporiz'ka Oblast, participated in the **Young Europeans Award**. By developing a common creative project on the topic **“How far does Europe reach?”**, they competed for a trip to the European institutions!

According to the **President of the Jury, Volker Schlöndorff**, this project “gives the best answer to the main question of the contest” by stating that “European culture has no borders”. In their project the contest winners set the focus on the situation of migrants in the past and the present. They researched migration experiences in their own families and reflected from this point of view on the notion of “home”; they explored migration as a part of European identity and of their own biographies. The jury pointed out that this project achieved to link a wider historic past with the personal lives of the young people.

Other members of the **jury** were Nora Hamadi (journalist, presenter, editor in chief and film director, FR), Antoine Godbert (former Director of the National French Erasmus+ Agency, FR), Anna Radwan-Röhrenscheff (Polish Robert Schumann Foundation, PL).

The Young Europeans Award aims to encourage dialogue between young people from the three cultural landscapes of the “Weimar Triangle” that share a common history and lie at the core of European integration today. Inhabitants of the vast Weimar Triangle are also connected by their shared duty to shape a dynamic Europe. Each edition of the contest has a focus on a fourth guest country outside of the European Union to foster the intercultural dialogue through a larger perspective. During the contest period 2015-2016, Ukraine was invited to participate as a guest country.

The contest is organized by the following institutions: Allianz Cultural Foundation, Hippocrène Foundation, Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation (SDPZ/FWPN), German-Polish Youth Office (DPJW/PNWM) and French-German Youth Office (DFJW/OFAJ).

More information about the competition: [www.young-europeans-award.org](http://www.young-europeans-award.org)

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