

Youth 4 Biodiversity

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3-part Youth Exchange

Part 2: 2nd to 10th May 2026
Sondershausen, Germany



Co-funded by
the European Union



About the Project

Co-funded by Erasmus+ and run in cooperation with 4 countries: Germany, Sweden, Portugal and Italy, the "Youth4Biodiversity" project is a 3-part youth exchange program designed to **empower young people to become active agents of biodiversity conservation** by providing them with the knowledge, skills, and tools to engage in environmental action at the local, national, and European levels.

Develop environmental literacy & ecological empathy:

Participants deepen their connection with nature through immersive experiences.

Build critical thinking & systems awareness:

The project promotes systems-thinking competences and how to identify the role of collective action in sustainability.

Equip youth with hands-on experience & practical skills:

Through experiential learning, participants engage in outdoor activities and turn knowledge into action.

Promote youth-led action & local impact:

Participants are supported in designing and piloting biodiversity initiatives in their communities.

Strengthen leadership, advocacy, and entrepreneurial skills:

Participants gain project management, public speaking, and civic engagement competences.

Facilitate cross-cultural learning & cooperation:

The project brings together diverse youth from across Europe to co-create solutions and share practices.



Support the transition from activism to sustainable entrepreneurship:

Participants explore pathways for green entrepreneurship & funding opportunities.



How is the project planned?

Part 1

Youth Exchange: Understanding Systems – Orrefors, Sweden – September 2025

Participants will explore the root causes of biodiversity loss and its links to economic, social, and political systems through biodiversity mapping, outdoor experiments, role-plays, and nature-based activities.

Local follow-up activities: Raising awareness and local dissemination activities

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HERE

Part 2

Youth Exchange: Taking Action – Sondershausen, Germany – May 2026

This phase focuses on applying nature-based solutions in community contexts. Participants will design and implement practical biodiversity initiatives, combining hands-on workshops, stakeholder engagement, and peer-led problem solving. You will also explore futures literacy, critically assess greenwashing, and participate in policy discussions.

Local follow-up activities: Local biodiversity pilot actions and initiatives

Part 3

Youth Exchange: Entrepreneurial Change – Pietrasanta, Italy – September 2026

The final phase centers on scaling youth-led biodiversity initiatives into sustainable projects. Participants will gain green entrepreneurship skills, explore funding opportunities, and learn how to ensure long-term impact.

Local follow-up activities: local pitching/stakeholder outreach activities

Participant Profile



18-30 years old

Group leaders can be +30 years old

Residing in Germany, Italy, Sweden, and Portugal

willingness to co-create and sustain biodiversity projects

interested and potentially available for all 3 youth exchanges and local activities.

interest and motivation to start engaging in biodiversity actions

active participation in local environmental or youth initiatives

able to communicate and understand in English

migrants and refugees welcomed

Part 2

Taking Action

When:

**2nd to 10th
May, 2026**

Where:

**Sondershausen,
Germany**

Adress:

**KiEZ Ferienpark Feuerkuppe e.V., Zur Feuerkuppe 2
99706 Sondershausen / Straußberg**



Accommodation

KIEZ FERIENPARK FEUERKUPPE

KIEZ Ferienpark Feuerkuppe is a large children's and youth recreation center located in the forests of northern Thuringia. It offers affordable group accommodation in bungalows and guest houses, and it is designed for school trips, youth exchanges, camps, trainings, and community events. The park provides a wide range of activities such as sports fields, a climbing tower, playgrounds, mini golf, and nearby excursion options. Surrounded by nature and equipped for big groups, it is an ideal place for learning, team-building, and spending time outdoors together.



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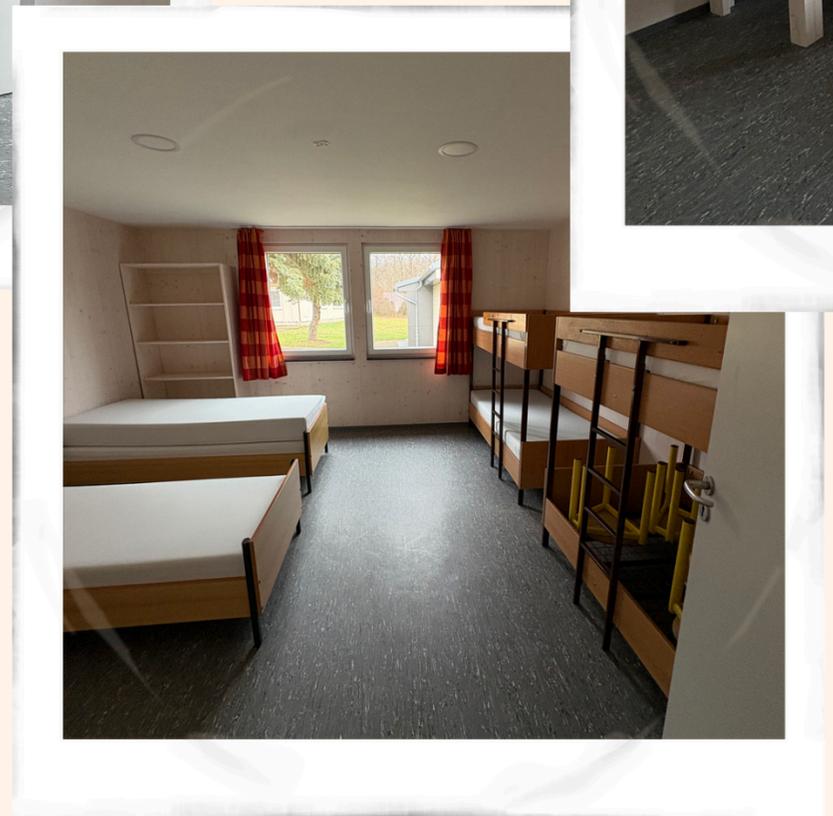
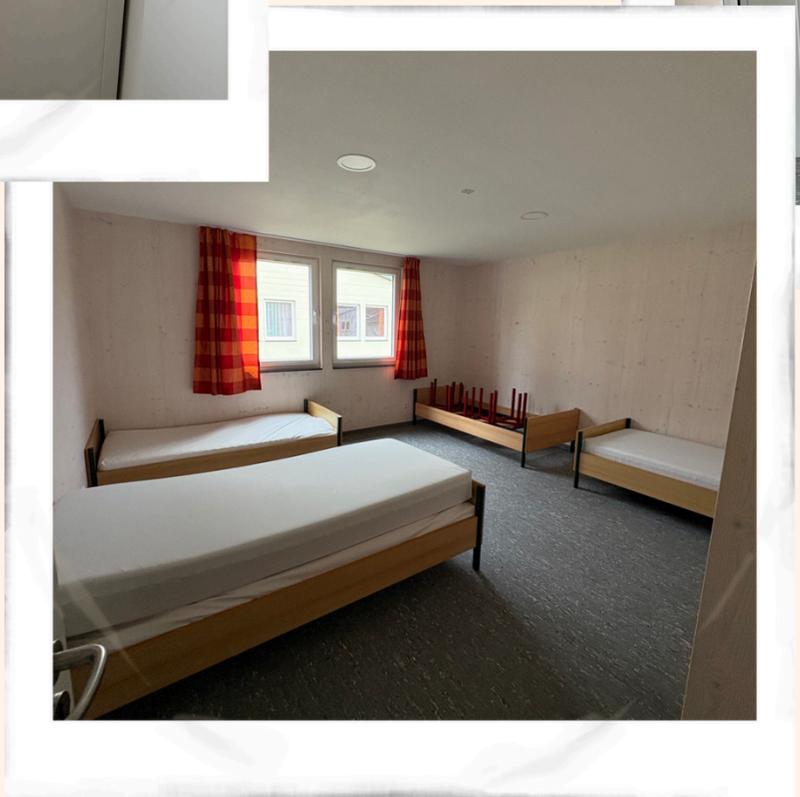
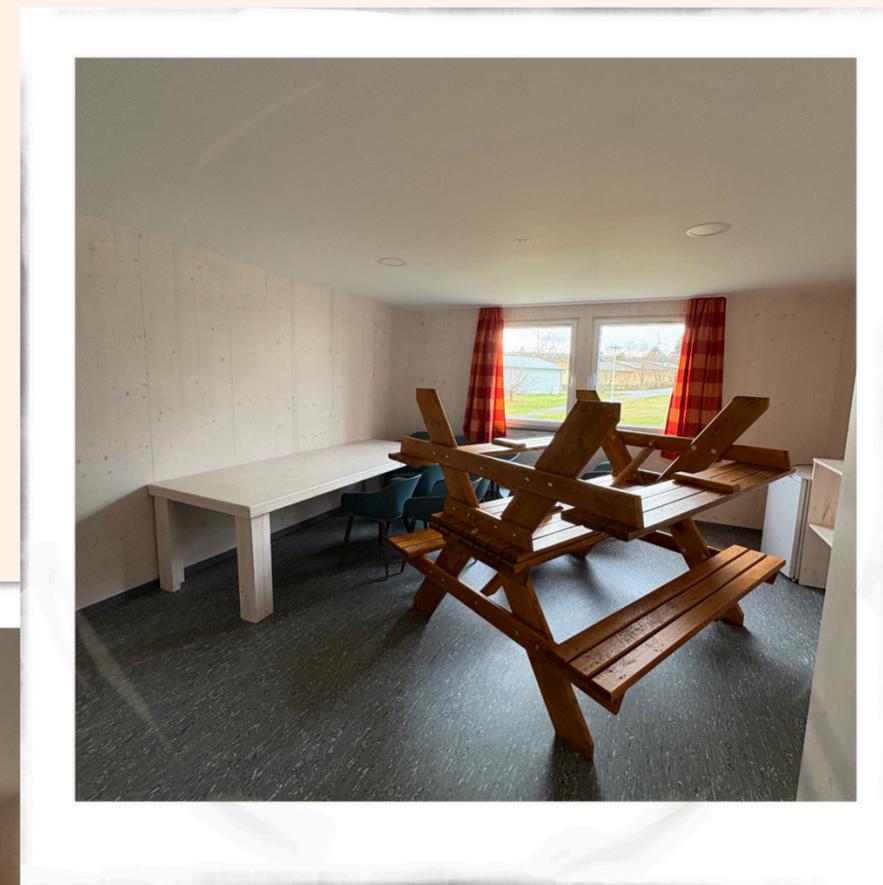
OUTSIDE



Participants will be accommodated in rooms of 3-4 people

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INSIDE



Seminar room



Fireplace



What do you need to bring?

1 computer per team

Camera; board game; cards

earplugs

Personal toiletries

Swimming suit

Comfortable outdoor shoes

Comfortable indoor shoes/slippers

clothes for sports activities

Warmer clothes for evenings and rainy days

medication if needed

Sheets and towels will be provided for everyone



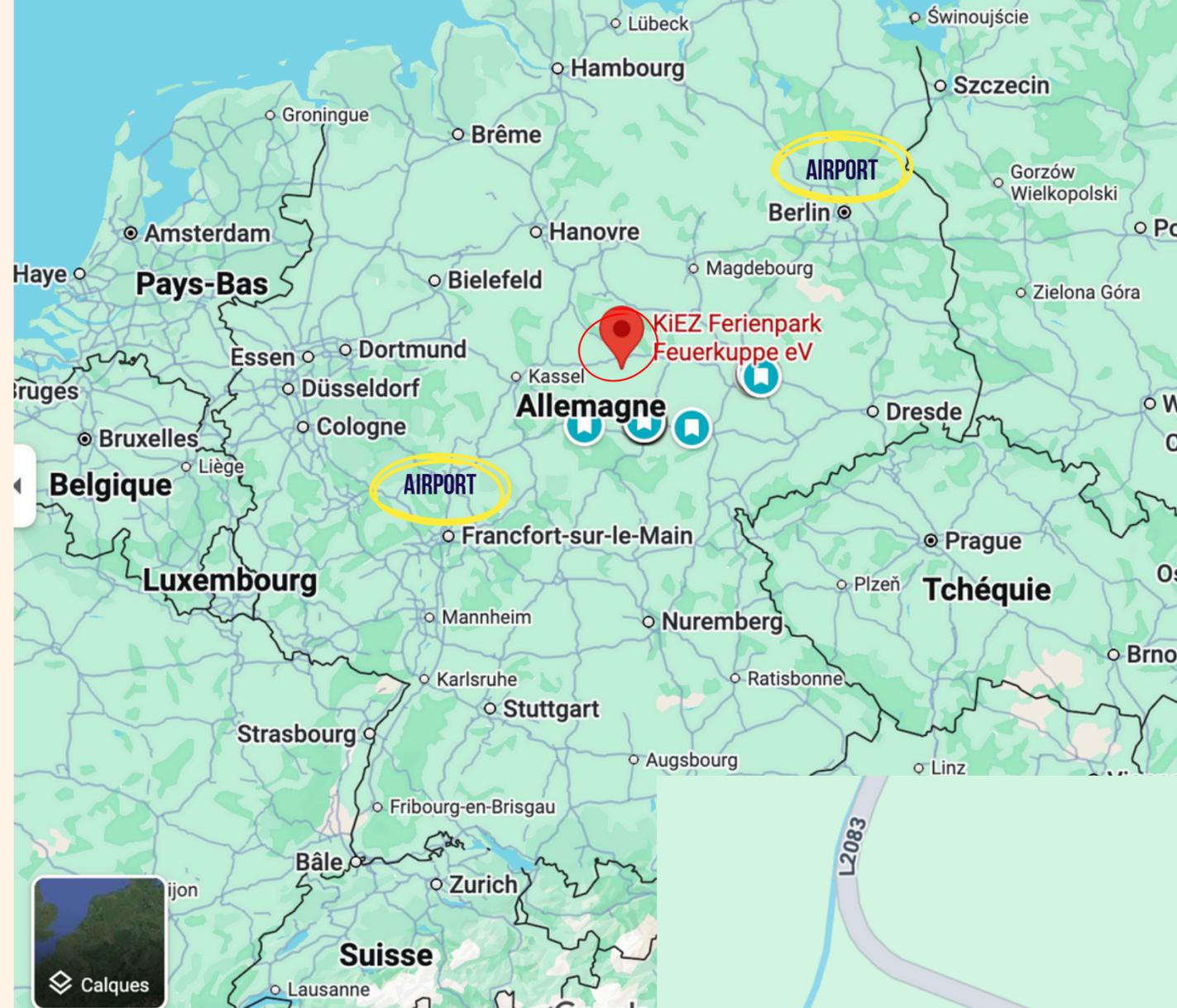
Green Travel

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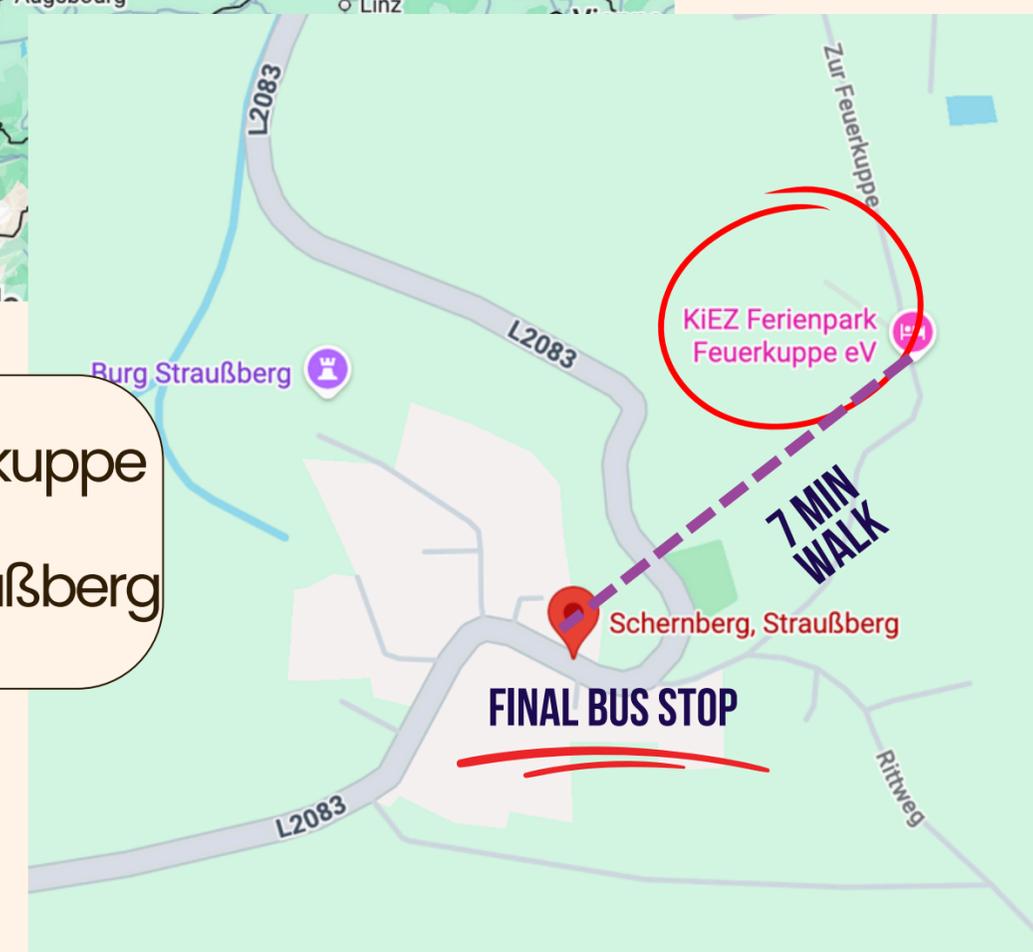
What is a sustainable choice? To create a **green travel plan**.
At least one-way

How? Choose a route that involves **trains, buses, ferries, or even shared carpooling**.

Plane pollution is a no-go. Let's try to **minimize our CO₂ footprints**.



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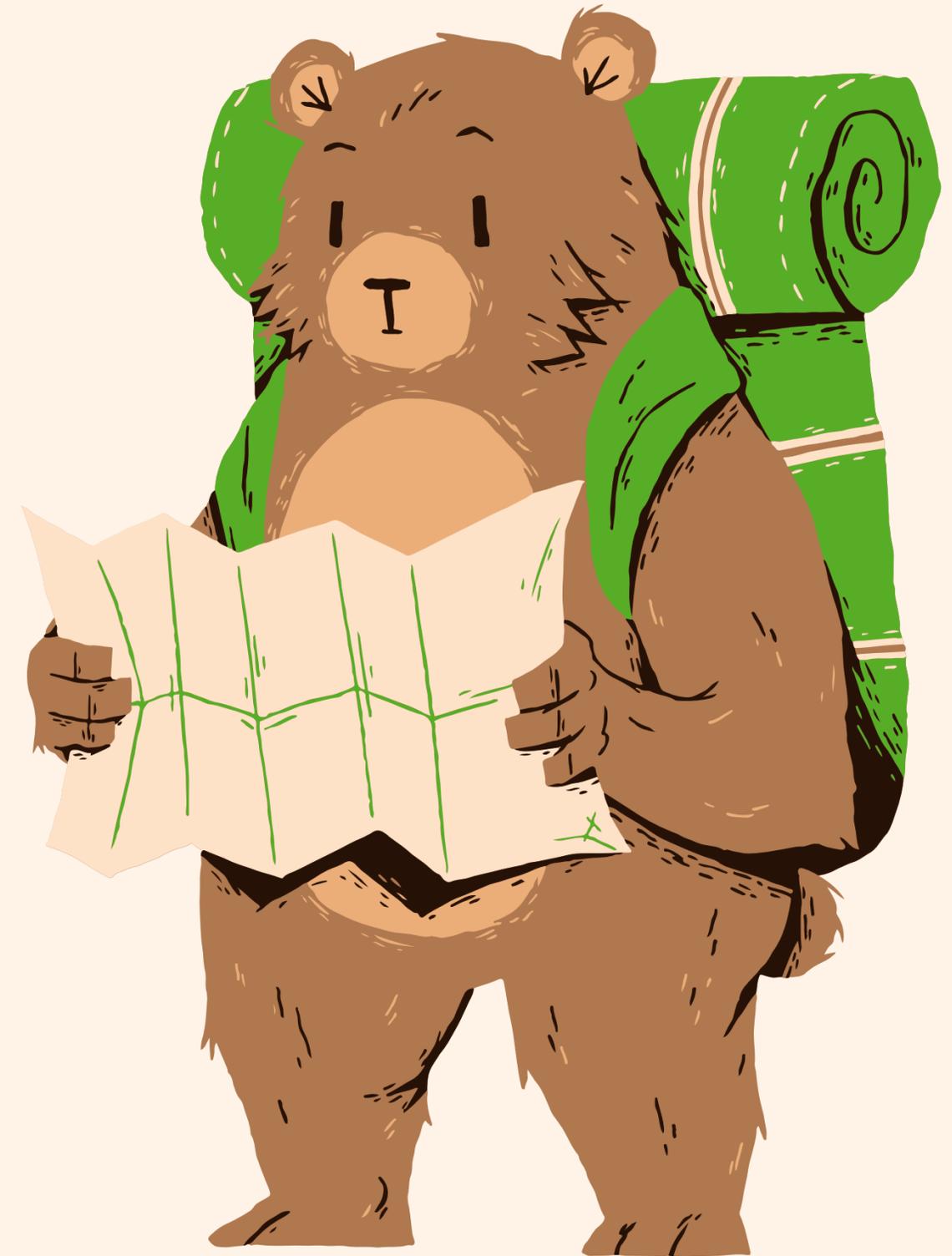
The best way is to **reach Frankfurt or Berlin city by** plane or train/bus :

Find train tickets:
[omio.com](https://www.omio.com), [bahn.de](https://www.bahn.de)

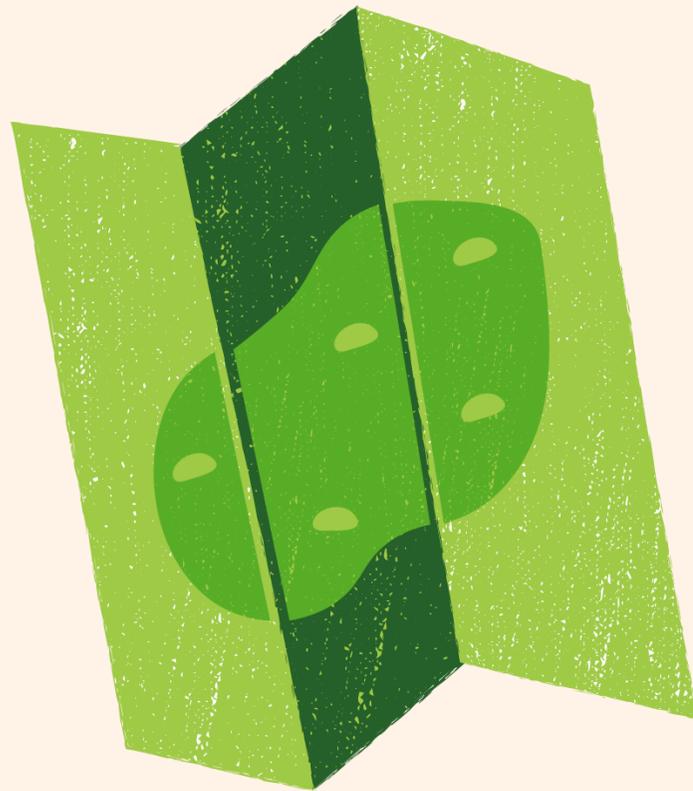
Find bus tickets from Germany: [flixbus.de](https://www.flixbus.de)

General travelling option:

Find your way to Frankfurt (Germany), or **Berlin** (Germany) and then travel from there directly by train to **Kleinfurra** (small town) near the destination. From this station, walk to the city center and take a bus to the final destination.



From Germany– Suggested Green Route (0.5 Days)



We suggest an overland route **from any major city to Erfurt**, and **from Erfurt to Kleinfurra** using trains, buses, and regional transport.

Recommended route:

1. Arrive in Erfurt

Join us at the train station of Erfurt HBF; travel via regional train to Kleinfurra (1h30); take the bus to the final destination (10 min).

This route is flexible and can be adapted depending on your starting city and preferences. Early train bookings can help reduce costs.

From Portugal – Suggested Green Route (1 – 2 Days)

We suggest an overland route from Portugal to **Kleinfurra** using trains, buses, and regional transport. The journey can take around 36–40 hours, depending on connections.

Recommended route:

1. Portugal → France

Travel by bus (e.g., FlixBus or ALSA, Blablacar Bus) from Lisbon to Saint-Jean Terres de Borde, France (~16 hours).

2. Bordeaux Saint-Jean → Paris, Gare Montparnasse

Continue by high-speed train (TGV) / (~ 2 hours).

3. Paris Gare de l'Est (France) → Frankfurt Main Station (Germany)

Travel by train (ICE) or overnight bus (~ 4 hours).

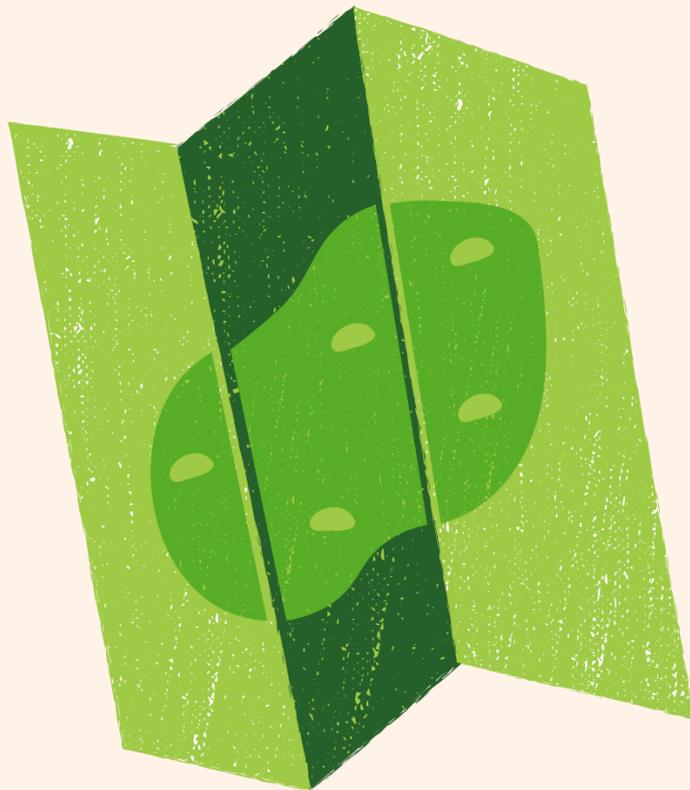
4. Frankfurt → Erfurt

Continue by train (~ 2 – 3 hours, depending on the city).

5. Erfurt – Kleinfurra

Take a regional train (~ 1 hours).

This route is flexible and can be adapted depending on your starting city and preferences. Overnight buses and early train bookings can help reduce costs.



From Sweden – Suggested Green Route (1–2 Days)

If you're traveling from Sweden, you have several green travel options using trains and buses. The trip can be completed in 1.5 to 2 days, depending on your departure city.

Recommended route:

Ferry from Gothenburg (Sweden) to Kiel (Germany) and from there it's 5 hours by train.

1. Sweden → Germany

Take a direct train (345): from Stockholm to Hamburg train station (~12 hours)

2. Hamburg → Göttingen (Germany)

Continue by regional train or ICE (~2 hours) => you can look on the [Deutsche Bahn](#).

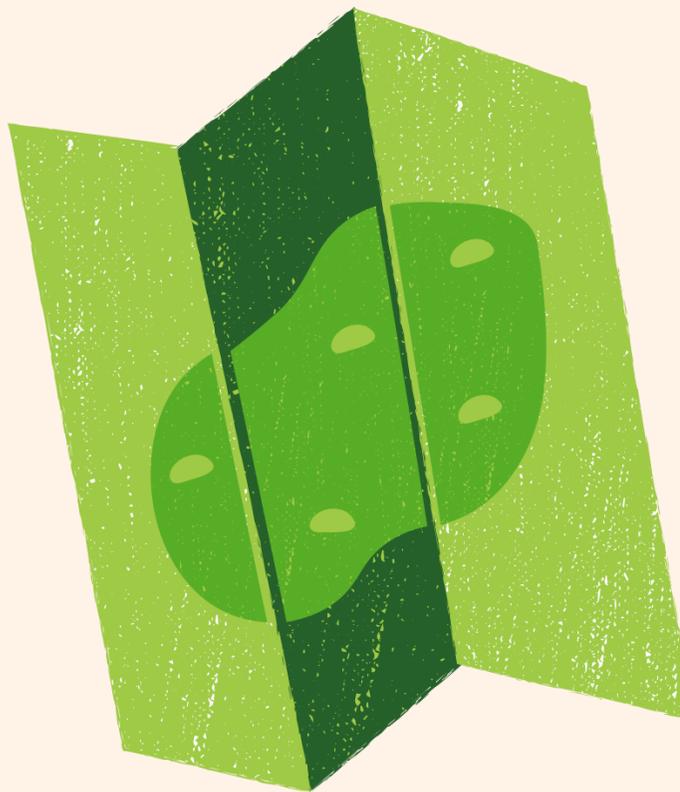
3. Göttingen → Nordhausen (Germany)

Continue by regional train (~1-2 hours)

4. Nordhausen → Kleinfurra (Germany)

Continue by regional train (~15 minutes)

This route offers a scenic and climate-friendly journey through Northern Europe. Booking trains in advance is recommended for better prices.



From Italy – Suggested Green Route (1–1.5 days)

If you're traveling from Italy, especially from areas like Pisa, Florence, or Bologna, you can reach Orrefors sustainably by combining trains and buses.

Recommended route:

1. **Pisa → Milan or Bologna**

Travel by regional or high-speed train (~2–3 hours depending on the city). Both Milan and Bologna have strong international connections.

2. **Italy → Germany (e.g., Munich, Frankfurt, Berlin)**

Take a direct international train or long-distance bus:

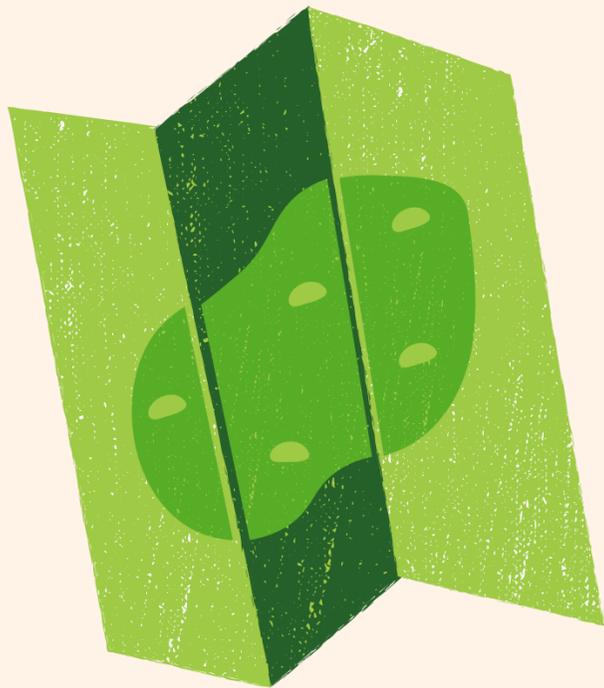
- Milan → Munich (~7h by EC train)
- Bologna → Munich (~6.30h by train or FlixBus)

Night trains or buses also available for longer routes

3. **Munich → Erfurt** (~2h30 by ICE train)

4. **Erfurt – Kleinfurra: take a regional train** (~1 hours).

This route is flexible and climate-friendly, offering great train connections across Europe. Booking trains and buses early is recommended, and overnight options can help save time.

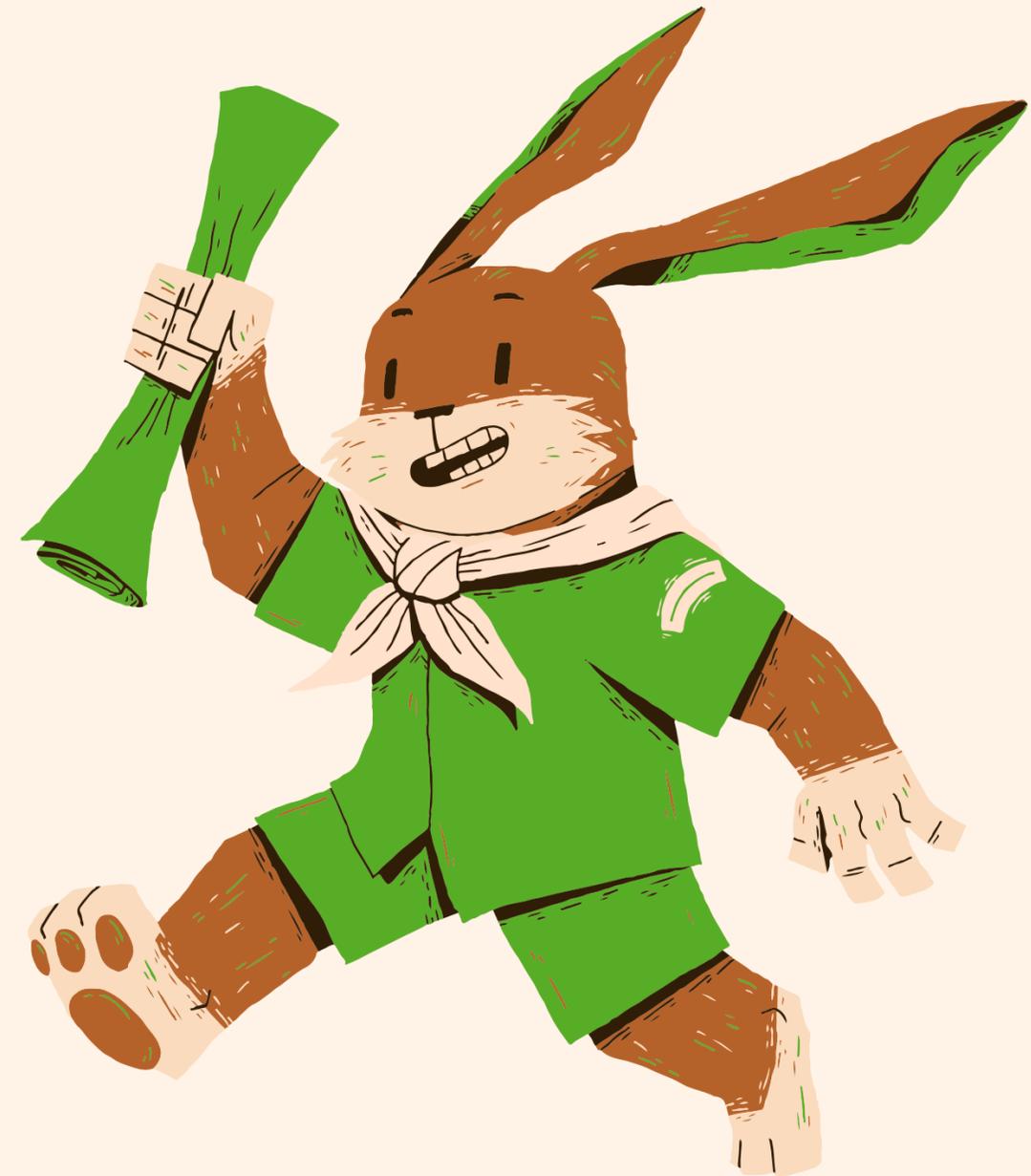


Travel Reimbursement

The **travel reimbursement** will be done by bank transfer to the participants who will take responsibility for their ticket purchasing. The reimbursement will be done only when the following steps are done by the person in charge of purchasing:

Collect and provide the tickets and invoices;
Make sure there is the price and name of the person on the tickets;
Collect and provide the boarding passes
Engage in follow-up actions

Do not buy any tickets without confirmation from your national team. Before purchasing the tickets, you should always send the travel plan to your sending organization for confirmation, before you proceed.



Travel Budget for Round Trips

Green Travel

Not Green Travel

Sweden

417,00 €

309,00 €

Germany

56,00 €

56,00 €

Portugal

417,00 €

309,00 €

Italy

417,00 €

309,00 €

Project Partners

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Ready to go with us?



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