



Call for participants

Europe Lab 2024, Jáchymov, Czechia

28 July – 1 August 2024

[Application deadline: 31 May 2024](#)

The **Civil Society Forum** hereby invites students and early career professionals, i.e., people in their 20s and 30s, who represent civil society or academia from the EU, EEA, Eastern Partnership Countries, Russia and the Balkans to the **9th Europe Lab** in Jáchymov, Czechia. Europe Lab is a **social laboratory and networking programme** with a broad alumni network that is organised in different European countries each year.

This year's Europe Lab is titled "**Changing tides in Europe.**" The workshops, which deal with understanding and building upon the nuanced, wide-reaching and constantly evolving dilemmas that face European civil society, are the following:

1. Historical traumas in European communities
2. Climate change, activism and civic engagement
3. Displacement and migratory justice in Europe

Participants of Europe Lab will have the possibility to attend **one of the above workshops.**

Each workshop will be developed and led by experienced facilitators in the relevant field. Participants will attend one of the three workshops, with each workshop having 12 participants in attendance. During an in-depth training in each workshop, facilitators, experts and NGO representatives will share their knowledge and offer participants a chance to discuss and exchange ideas. The objective of these workshops is to build bridges, establish new connections and create an inclusive, open and stimulating environment, in which fresh ideas and partnerships may blossom. All participants will become a part of Europe Lab alumni community thus new connections will be established for working together with other alumni in Wider Europe. After their participation in Europe Lab, participants may submit a proposal for a mini grant for their projects.

Project location – Jáchymov, Czechia

Each year, Europe Lab takes place at a site of significance to the local culture of remembrance, which this year will be Jáchymov, Czechia. Between 1938 and 1962, the existence of strategic radioactive elements in Jáchymov drew both occupant Nazi and Soviet mining operations to the town. Upon annexation in 1938, the Nazis expelled non-Germans from Jáchymov and established prison camps to extract minerals. After the war ended, the Soviets expelled the German population and operated their own mines with forced labour from 1949 until 1962. These dual and overlapping historical traumas have left a legacy lasting until the present day.

Beyond Jáchymov's significance for the first workshop on historical traumas, Czechia is also ideally representative for the other two workshops. It ranks as a low-performing country in reducing emissions according to the *Climate Change Performance Index*, so there is an enormous challenge ahead for the country to meet its targets for carbon neutrality. And migration policy in Czechia stands to meet a higher standard for immigration justice, as does migration policy throughout Europe: it is largely incohesive for effective integration and settlement, which only becomes more complex in the face of climate change and heightening geopolitical strife.

Participants' profile

We are looking for students and young professionals with experience in activism and/or professional experience in relevant fields who possess critical thinking skills and a strong will to shape the world around them. They should already be active in their communities and be willing to implement local projects and activities after the Europe Lab meeting.

Project duration

Europe Lab 2024 will start on Sunday 28 July in the evening and last until Thursday 1 August in the afternoon. Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 28 July in the afternoon.

Participation costs

Participation is **free of charge** for accepted participants. Accommodation (twin rooms), event, and food costs from 28 July till 1 August will be covered by the Civil Society Forum. Travel costs can be reimbursed to a maximum amount of 200 EUR.

Applications

Please apply by filling out the [APPLICATION FORM](#) by **31 May 2024**. Our working language is English.

Should you have any questions please contact info@europe-lab.net.