

Call: Become a Member of the Young Network TransEurope

We are looking for ambitious early- to mid-career scholars and artists who combine excellence in their work with a demonstrated passion for creating impact, and who strive to contribute to a closer European rapprochement.

The Young Network TransEurope

In the wake of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) has been establishing the [Young Network TransEurope](#) (YNT), together with partners such as Die Junge Akademie. The impetus for setting up the network stems from the realisation that expertise on the countries colloquially usually termed "Eastern Europe" has been neglected and marginalised in Germany and its western neighbours for a long time.

This lack of knowledge has had dire consequences. The manifesto [Reclaiming Europe](#), published by BBAW and its partners, addresses these issues and forms the basis for YNT's work. YNT's goal is to contribute to the remediation of current deficits by generating deeper understanding of the multiple European perspectives. It does so through the work of its members, outstanding multipliers from different academic fields and diverse European regions. Their work aims at transcending borders, be they geographical, cultural, scientific or disciplinary.

YNT's first cohort of [members](#) was officially admitted during the conference "Reclaiming Europe" in Gdańsk in October 2024 and has since started collaborating on several projects.

Applicants will have the unique opportunity to shape YNT's further development and to co-organise a conference in Varna in July 2026.

Expectations / Selection Criteria

Apart from fulfilling the criteria for excellence in research (i. e. demonstrated achievements), members are expected to have an outstanding track record of engagement, leadership and enthusiasm for innovation and social impact. They need to provide evidence for their vision and commitment to the YNT and apply with ideas for projects operating at the research-society-policy interface. These must aim at intervening into public debates, questioning "common sense" assumptions about the so-called "East" and/or at producing concrete impact "on the ground". The projects should transcend national boundaries, while addressing topics related to and/or mitigating the consequences of the current war.

Applicants should be in the early to middle years of their independent research careers, i. e. approximately 3 to 7 years from completing their doctoral degree and aged 30–40. Applicants falling outside these ranges are still invited to send their applications with a justification for

why they should be considered (e. g. career breaks due to illness, care responsibilities, scholars at risk etc.). Applicants must have the capacity to actively contribute to the YNT during their five-year membership. All disciplines, including STEM, are welcome to apply. Artists are encouraged to apply as well.

Application Process

If you are interested in actively contributing your ideas to the YNT by initiating interdisciplinary and transnational projects and actively shaping the research-society-policy interface, please apply **until 26th of September 2025** with:

1. A letter of motivation in English (no more than 7,500 characters, including spaces). This has to include first details on your ideas for YNT (e. g. topics, institutions, possibilities for cooperation etc.), but no definitive outline is necessary. To streamline the selection process, please formulate a short abstract covering your unique contribution to the network for the cover letter (no more than 500 characters, including spaces). Please feel encouraged to include a brief description of how your ideas, personality and individual background will contribute to the diversity of YNT.
2. Your curriculum vitae (please include the date of your PhD/doctoral thesis defence).
3. A list of publications/works; please include copies of the three most important examples, two of them must be in English. Please provide short (1–2 sentences) comments on their significance for your overall work.
4. Your doctoral degree certificate or proof of doctoral certificate or proof of qualification (no doctoral degree needed for artists).
5. Two references (names, not letters of recommendation).

Applications for membership will be reviewed by YNT's current members. An appropriate distribution of gender, disciplinary affiliation and countries of origin among the network members is envisioned.

Candidates selected for interviews will be contacted in October.

Please submit your application only electronically as one PDF file to:

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