

**PROJECT: Neighbours Becoming Friends – Youth in Central Europe after 1989**



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Title:

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Aims of the Project:

Transborder initiatives between Austria and the countries of the regional partnership are to be presented and recognized in a touring exhibition, covering exchange and encounters in schools, outside of schools (youth organizations) and in universities and higher education institutions between 1989 and 2009. The target group of this exhibition are young people between 15 and 25 years old. Personalization of history by talking to contemporary witnesses is therefore the key method to get young people interested in the developments that lead to Europe today. Interviews are to be conducted with students, teachers, professors and organizers of exchange from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia and Poland. By raising awareness for this topic in the broad public, it will be shown how many positive developments took place in the last 20 years due to exchange and encounters of the young generation in these three sectors. The sustainability of these efforts will also be shown and appreciated.

Partners/ Sponsors:

- Intercultural Centre . Project management and research in the school-sector and youth organizations-sector - <http://www.iz.or.at>
- Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs . this project runs within the initiative '1989 . 2009: Setting Out into a New Europe' [www.1989-2009.at](http://www.1989-2009.at).
- Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture
- Federal Ministry of Science and Research

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