Building Green Bridges
Youth Forum on Climate, Biodiversity and Environmental Participation
15.–18. November 2026 in Potsdam, Germany

Sunday, 15th November 2026			
	Arrival of participants		
17:00 – 20:00	• **Welcome Remarks** **Jelena Hoffmann, Chair of the Board, West-Eastern Encounters Foundation** **Martina Klement, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy, Climate Protection and Europe of the State of Brandenburg (online)** • **Get-together & Networking activities with snacks and drinks**		

Monday, 16th November 2026			
10:00 – 10:35	• **Keynote by Sören Hellmonds, Junior Project Manager, Green New Deal Programme, Das Progressive Zentrum** • **Q&A and discussion with participants**		
10:35 – 11:10	• **Presentation of German-Armenian "Youth Voices for Climate Dialogue" & Tool Kit** • **Presentation of results of COP17 and declaration** Sirarpi Manyan, Co-Founder and President of "Yeghvard" Youth Ecological NGO		
11:10	Coffee Break		
11:30 – 13:00	**Panel discussion: Voices from the Field – Experiences, Challenges & Perspectives** • Zurab Kochladze, REC Caucasus, Georgia • Bermet Borubaeva, #BishkekSmog, Kyrgyzstan • Ayaulym Daulenkhan, Central Asian Regional Glaciological Centre, Kazakhstan • Diana Shevelova, GreenRoots Hub – Development of Local Initiatives, Ukraine Moderated by: Anna Veigel, Head of International Voluntary Service at kulturweit and Member of the Board of Trustees of the West-Eastern Encounters Foundation		
13:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 17:00	**Workshop on Climate Participation led by NABU e. V.** Room: Gundling	**Workshop on Biodiversity Participation led by Yeghvard NGO** Room: Vollmer-Süring	**Workshop on Environmental Participation led by West-Eastern Encounters Foundation** Room: LAB
19:00 – 20:30	• **Impulse by Dr Oliver Bens, GFZ Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences** • **Discussion with participants**		

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13:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 16:00	**Plenary Evaluation & Presentation Session** • Gallery of workshop results with brief presentation by working groups • Outlook on climate, biodiversity & environmental cooperation formats • Forum evaluation with Menti **Closing remarks:** **Dirk Udo Fricke, Member of the Board, West-Eastern Encounters Foundation**		

Wednesday, 18th November 2026	
	Individual departure of participants