

## **Solidarity Academy 2025/2026**

### **Rules for Participation**

1. The program is aimed at journalists and activists aged 22-40 from Europe, living in the European Union as well as in Serbia, Georgia, and Ukraine.
2. The final group of participants will consist of no more than 15 people.
3. Participants will be selected by the project team from among all those who have completed the application form. Qualification will be based on the quality of the application form content. The selection will also consider the criterion of group diversity (in terms of skills, professional experience, academic activities, and place of residence).
4. The organizers will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, meals, and the organization of activities. In order to adhere to sustainable development principles, participants will use train transportation. In situations where this type of transport is not possible, air transport will be provided. The maximum reimbursable transportation cost will be 1000 PLN / 250 EUR per participant.
5. The program includes a total of 60 hours of classes across three two-day in-person meetings and two one-day online meetings.
6. The candidate for the program declares their willingness to participate in all meetings/sessions according to the given schedule. Absence during only one seminar is allowed. The consequence of missing more than one seminar will be removal from the participant list and offering the spot to the participant next in line on the waiting list.
7. Classes will be conducted according to the following schedule  
/ Project commencement, Session I: 27–29 November 2025 | Kraków  
/ Session II: February 2026, online session  
/ Session III: March 2026 | Warsaw  
/ Session IV: April 2026 | online session  
/ Session V: 3–4 June 2026 | Gdańsk
8. Each participant will receive a certificate confirming their participation in the Solidarity Academy. Receiving the certificate requires attendance at all sessions (absence from one session is allowed).
9. Each participant, upon completing and submitting the registration form, expresses unconditional and irrevocable consent for the recording of the participant's image during participation in the

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\* The Commission reserves the right to select a candidate regardless of age criteria (however, not less than 18 years) in justified cases. The Commission includes representatives of the organizers: ECS, New Eastern Europe, and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.