



“2026 GO Heimat” Project

Intercultural Summer School in Mainz, Germany

***Heimat* - Belonging in Times of Climate Change**

Join us in Mainz for a unique intercultural and interdisciplinary experience! The upcoming GO (Global Outreach - Global Citizen) Project brings together students to explore the concept of *Heimat* - a German word often translated as home or homeland - and how it's being reshaped by global challenges such as climate change, migration, and displacement.

Dates: Sunday, 14 June 2026 - Sunday, 28 June 2026

Over the course of two weeks, you'll explore Rhineland-Palatinate and work with students from German, Irish, Latvian, and Scottish universities to explore questions like:

- What does Heimat mean in a globalised and warming world?
- How does climate change affect people's sense of home and belonging?
- How can we address the challenges of climate change and climate refugees?

What to Expect

Week 1 (in Mainz): A week of interdisciplinary lectures and workshops at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, focusing on Heimat, climate change, and migration.

Week 2 (in Ahrweiler): Collaborative project work with local school pupils, where you'll develop creative group projects based on your own ideas and on what you've learned in the previous week.

Finale (in Mainz): The project wraps up with the Scot-t Fest, a colourful cultural and academic festival celebrating the partnership between Rhineland-Palatinate and Scotland.

(+ 3 preparatory virtual meetings in April and May)

Optional Language Course

Before the main programme, you'll have the chance to join a free optional German language course, running two weeks before the project starts. It's a great way to get to know the language and culture, or to improve your German language skills.



Key Info at a Glance

- Language: English (no German required)
- Credits: 3 ECTS + Global Citizenship Award
- Participation Fee: Max. €350, covering:
 - All lectures and workshops
 - Cultural programme in Mainz and Ahrweiler
 - Accommodation (14-28 June)
 - Local travel during the two weeks
 - The optional language course

We're doing our best to keep costs low - the final amount depends on various factors e.g., the number of participants.

Funding Opportunities

We strongly recommend checking with your university's international office to see if funding is available to support your participation.

- EU students (e.g. Ireland, Latvia): May be eligible for Erasmus+ funding via the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP).
 - UK students: Might be able to apply through the Turing Scheme or other funding sources available at your home university.
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Interested? Stay in the Loop!

Scan here to sign up for our interest list - We'll keep you updated with all the important info, including how to apply and when.

The application period for the project will run from **19 January 2026 to 16 February 2026**.

Questions? Just email us at **scothub@uni-mainz.de** - we'll be happy to help!

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