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The Association Verein Politische Memoriale M-V e.V. and the BUND Landesverband MV e.V. invite you to participate:

## THE GREEN BELT SINGING

### for Earth, Peace and Democracy

#### Content and Motivation:

From Norway to Turkey, we are connected by the European Green Belt. It is a place of eventful history and is a reminder of the division but also of the peaceful revolutions of 1989. The transformation of the Iron Curtain into today's Green Belt. Boundaries separate. Nature connects!

Together, we want to make it more visible. We want to set a positive example for sustainability – peace – democracy. With encounters, music and conversations. In Europe. In a time of crisis, uncertainty and wars.

The prelude to this action was an event on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall at Grenzhüs Schlagsdorf, on the former inner-German border in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, during the Green Belt Days in September 2024.

This year we will sing together at the Grenzhüs on June 28, 2025, and hope that there will also be singing at other places along the Green Belt.

During the next years, the focus will be on national and international network building, coordination and public relations, as well as cooperation with the European coordinators of the Green Belt. Gradually, the Green Belt will develop into a Singing Green Belt: choirs of children and adults from churches or villages, singer-songwriters, classical musicians, rock bands, – from 24 countries all together on the former Iron Curtain.

We have already set up a YouTube channel where videos of The green Belt Singing events can be collected.

The first video of the initiative can be seen here:

<https://yThe Green Belt Singing Sep24 Grenzhüs Germany>

The idea is to stage the joint singing in summer. Singing can be combined with other activities, such as workshops, storytelling cafés, thematic cycling and hiking tours along the Green Belt on the following topics:

- Nature and environment – preservation of the biotope network on the Green Belt
- History, Present and Future: From the Cold War to Today and the Future – How Do We Want to Live?

### Our goals:

- Raising awareness of the European Green Belt
- Enable participation and participation for as many people as possible in the countries
- Setting an example for the preservation of nature, peace and democracy
- Strengthen national and international networks committed to the Green Belt

### What we need:

- It is essential to have a structure that supports the project – a kind of backbone to which it can be "docked" – this is formed by all those who are already active in the Green Belt
- We need the participation of NGOs working on the Green Belt and the European Belt Association.
- Each country, each region on the Green Belt organizes its own events and integrates community singing. The NGOs enable/support the events on site.
- The associations cooperate with the communities, musicians, historians, artists, other volunteers who want to get involved and expand their networks,
- and at the same time, they use their potential to strengthen the work on the Green Belt.

**Please let us know if you are willing to implement this idea with us. Whether it's singing along, supporting the organization of events, public relations and networking, coordination in the European regions or countries: What can you contribute?**

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