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## Press release

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### WEEK FOR GERMAN IN BELGIUM FROM 6 TO 12 OCTOBER 2025

On 6 October 2025, the fourth *Woche für Deutsch / Week for German / Week van het Duits / Semaine de l'allemand* will kick off across Belgium.

Until 12 October 2025, the German Embassy in Brussels, the Goethe-Institut, the Belgian Association of Germanists and German language teachers (BGDV), the German-speaking Community of Belgium, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Deutschcafé Antwerpen, dasKULTURforum Antwerpen, Belgischer Rundfunk (BRF), the embassies of Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Austria and Switzerland, as well as numerous schools, university colleges and universities, will organise a colourful kaleidoscope of activities, events and programmes related to the German language.

From Arlon to Zeebrugge, there are activities and events for all ages and language levels related to Belgium's third national language.

The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Belgium, Martin Kotthaus: "More than 130 million people worldwide speak German, and in Belgium it is the third national language. The latest trend analysis by the German Foreign Office on German as a foreign language shows that German is in high demand worldwide, especially as a language for work and careers! So, learning German is definitely worthwhile! But above all, we want to show that learning German is also fun and opens up new horizons. A week full of new experiences and adventures awaits people in Belgium."

### For the fourth time across Belgium: humorous, magical and playful

The *Week for German* 2025 will be marked by humour, fairy tales and playfulness. The *Week for German* will be opened with the current programme of the award-winning German piano cabaret artist Anne Folger. Look forward to eloquent humour and musical capers (German Embassy, 6 October 2025, 6.30 p.m.). Representatives from both German-speaking countries and the *Week for German* partner network will be present and will provide insights into the overall programme for the *Week for German*.

### Many highlights and activities for all ages

For one week, there will be events and activities for young and old, film screenings, readings, poetry slams, city tours, lectures, discussion forums, and much more. Something special this year: an exclusive speed dating event with ambassadors from German-speaking countries (German Embassy, 8 October 2025, 4:30 p.m.)!

### A whole Week for German... in schools, university colleges and universities!

A wide range of activities and events – online or in person – will give pupils and students in Belgium the opportunity to discover the German language in all its diversity in a relaxed way for a whole week. It doesn't matter whether you've just started learning German, have some previous knowledge, are a professional or speak German as your mother tongue. Everyone is welcome to take part in the *Week for German* and will be actively involved. The *Week for German* is a hands-on event that thrives on the creativity, curiosity and interest of young people. Teachers support

our partner network by organising project days with their classes according to their interests and needs. A wide range of accompanying offers for everyone involved with German in Belgium provides teachers and learners with opportunities for encounters, further training, professional discourse and networking.

The full programme can be found on the *Week for German 2025* website:

<https://wochefuerdeutsch.be/en/>

**Monday, 6 October 2025, 6 p.m.:**

**Press briefing on the *Week for German* with representatives of the partner network – German Embassy in Brussels**

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend a press briefing on the overall programme of the *Week for German* at the German Embassy on Monday, 6 October 2025, at 6 p.m., before the start of the opening event, to find out more about the programme and talk to representatives of the *Week for German* partner network. Interviews are also possible. If you are interested, please register by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2025 at [pr-101-di@brue.diplo.de](mailto:pr-101-di@brue.diplo.de).

The fourth Belgium-wide *Week for German* in 2025 is a joint initiative of the German Embassy in Brussels, the Goethe-Institut Belgium, the Belgian Association of Germanists and German Teachers (BGDV), the German-speaking Community, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Deutschcafé, dasKULTURforum Antwerp, the Belgischer Rundfunk (BRF) and other partner organisations such as the DACHL countries with representations in Brussels. All Belgian colleges and universities offering German language courses are also involved.

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## **Some highlights of the *Week for German* 2025**

6 October

### **Opening Event of the *Week for German*: "Spielversprechend"**

German Embassy in Brussels, 6.30 p.m.

6–12 October 2025

### **Interactive Exhibition of Vinyl Records "80 years of BRF — eight decades of music history"**

Triangel St. Vith, daily from 10 a.m. to 17 p.m.

7 October 2025

### **Spoken word workshop for schoolchildren**

Heilig Hart Institute Heverlee, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

8 October

### **"Speed Dating: Boundless in Dialogue — Meet representatives from German-speaking countries"**

German Embassy in Brussels, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

8 October

### **50 years of the German Fairy Tale Route!**

Liège Town Hall, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

9 October

### **Cabaret duo Adrenalin & Placebo: "Der Unterton macht die Musik!" A play on words and sounds**

Goethe-Institut Brussels, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

9 October 2025

### **Germany as a travel destination — information, VR experience, wine tasting, quiz, and much more (in four languages)**

German Embassy Brussels, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

9 October

### **Film evening at the Grignoux in Liège: Miroir n°3 by Christian Petzold**

Cinéma Churchill Liège, 8 p.m.

10 October

### **Guided tour of the BRF broadcasting centre in Eupen**

BRF broadcasting centre, Eupen, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

10 October

### **50 years of *Deutsche Märchenstraße*: Fairy tale time in the library — read, craft, discover!**

Predikheren Library Mechelen, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

10 October 2025

### **"The Boy is Gone": Film from East Belgium by Christoph Bohn**

Cinematek Brussels, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

11 October

### **Day for Teachers of German — Speech is golden– Active Speaking Support in the DaF Classroom**

Goethe-Institut Brussels, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.