

OPEN CALL YOUNG JOURNALISTS PROGRAMME

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Are you interested in a career in journalism and eager to tell stories that connect and inspire young people across Europe? Would you like to develop your skills and get hands-on experience while working on transnational topics with newsrooms from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Poland?



Then apply to become part of the **Young Journalists Programme**, a three-month tailor-made mentorship by experienced journalists from the PERSPECTIVES² network of newsrooms.

What is PERSPECTIVES³?

It is the label for young, constructive and multi-perspective journalism! Our aim is to amplify voices of young people and explore topics that are relevant and interesting to them. A hallmark of the project is its transnational-by-default approach—most stories are developed collaboratively with at least two newsrooms to ensure diverse perspectives and cross-border relevance. Our focus is on non-metropolitan areas and we are especially looking for stories connected to experiences and challenges of (young) people living outside of big cities.

The newsrooms involved in the project are:

- JÁDU (Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine),
- Kapitál (Slovakia),
- Kultura Liberalna (Poland),
- NARA (Lithuania),
- Narvamus (Estonia),
- Revue Prostor (Czech Republic).

The Young Journalists Programme is going to run in two rounds, which means that you can choose from two options:

1. mid-March – mid-June 2026
2. September – November 2026

What can you expect?

- You will receive tailor-made mentorship from experienced journalists who will help develop your journalism skills.
- You will take part in a 3-day training in one of the project countries which will help you delve into the world of journalism and get to know the other Young Journalists.
- You will work on media content independently, collaborating with your young colleagues from other countries, supported by seasoned journalists.
- You will participate in international newsroom meetings and exchange your views with other (junior) journalists involved in the programme.

Work conditions:

- You can work remote
- Regular online meetings with a mentor
- Possibility of in-person meetings (if logistically possible)
- Deliverables: At least two content pieces of which one should be an extensive report

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What can we offer you?

- A monthly remuneration of 700 EUR
- Coverage of travel expenses connected to research trips you will need to make for producing your content piece (upon agreement with the newsroom)
- Coverage of expenses connected to your participation in the training
- Mentoring by experienced media professionals from the JÁDU team
- Collaboration with our transnational editorial network and the unique opportunity to work transnationally with other young reporters working with our partners
- Publication of your content pieces in the JÁDU online magazine

Who are we looking for?

- Young people with a strong interest in journalism
- Passion for topics with a transnational or European dimension and with a particular thematic focus on rural or provincial areas
- At least basic experience in reporting or storytelling
- Fluency in at least one of the JÁDU-languages (German, Czech, Slovak, or Ukrainian)
- Good English skills (working language of the project)

We value diversity and are committed to giving equal opportunity for all applicants, regardless of background, identity, or circumstances. Should you be facing any barriers making your participation difficult, we will do our best to help you reach your full potential during the programme.

Application process:

To apply for the programme, please, fill in [the application](#) form until **01 February 2026**. Within [the form](#), you will be asked to upload:

- A letter of motivation and your CV
- Two topic proposals for stories you would like to work on
- At least one sample of your previous work

Your story proposals should be compatible with the general topics of PERSPECTIVES³ and ideally reflect our **focus on non-metropolitan areas**. In line with the transnational-by-default principle, your topic should be **open to including perspectives from other countries in collaboration with other Young Journalists**.

Should you have any questions about the application process, the Perspectives³ Young Journalists Programme or the project in general, feel free to reach out to us under: jadu@jadumagazin.eu

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