

Our Mission – Inspiring Europe

The DenkStein Iron Curtain Association promotes reflection on freedom and democracy in a Europe without borders, particularly among young people. Our mission is to explore the past, reflect on it and learn from it in order to help secure a better future for Europe.

Our Memory Trail and the Iron Curtain Memorial in Guglwald encourage visitors to reflect on the value of freedom and democracy beyond the history of oppression. Visit us and become part of shaping Europe's future!

Our Logo Represents What We Stand For

The cutting of the barbed wire at the Austrian–Czech border opened a window to a free Europe. What was once a dangerous and heavily fortified border gradually became the ecological Green Belt. Our logo is intended to preserve the collective memory of this transformation.



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A Journey Through Contemporary History

The Iron Curtain Memory Trail leads through an impressive border landscape while presenting the history of modern Europe. Ten stations illustrate how the past continues to shape our present and why the values of freedom, peace and democracy are more relevant today than ever before.

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Contemporary History That Gives Hope

In 1945, the Second World War ended, and in the following years, the Iron Curtain was erected. In 1989, this seemingly insurmountable barrier fell, opening a new chapter of cross-border partnership with South Bohemia. Historically speaking, this significant European milestone is still relatively recent, which is why many young people today learn little or nothing about it in school. Six years later, in 1995, Austria joined the European Union, moving almost overnight from the periphery of Europe to its center.

At the same time, this reminds us that a peaceful Europe without borders is not something to be taken for granted. It requires an active commitment to freedom and democracy – and these are precisely the values we want to convey with our memorial trail.

Bernhard Winkler
Chairman of the DenkStein Iron Curtain Association



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Experience History, Understand the Future

The approximately five-kilometer-long Iron Curtain Memorial Trail in Guglwald follows the Austrian-Czech border and connects contemporary history, nature, and European memory culture. At ten interactive stations, the moving history of the former Iron Curtain comes alive – from the division and escape attempts to life in the border region, reconciliation, freedom, and a united Europe.

Experience History with All Your Senses

Modern multimedia content, eyewitness accounts, historical documents, and interactive elements allow visitors of all ages to engage personally with history. The memorial trail invites you not only to discover the past but also to understand its significance for the present and future.



Your Digital Guide

The free DenkWeg app accompanies you through all ten stations of the Memory Trail. Once downloaded and installed on your smartphone, it is also available offline. Enjoy fascinating background information, historical context and multimedia content for an even more immersive experience.