



Conference location for the second time !

May 5<sup>th</sup> , 2025

**GALESS Information Letter Conference Rybnik, Poland 2026.**

**Call for pre-subscriptions**

**Organizing School:** IV Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Mikołaja Kopernika

## Introduction

Welcome to the fifth edition of the GALESS TiltShift Challenge, *Colors Included 2026*.

With this document, we send you more information about a TiltShift Challenge “Colors Included” to be held in Rybnik, Poland, June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2026 at the Kopernik School. We are back in Poland where we share precious memories from the warm hospitality of a great school in our network!

This time we will focus our student’s research area on “Minorities” in our society in particular, with a reference for example to the position of Refugees, Indigenous People, or other minority groups.

The TiltShift Challenge includes a period for research efforts followed up by physical conference including presentations.

Research efforts will be starting at the earliest possible date, in September 2025 (more information on September 8<sup>th</sup> , 2025 in Information Pack 1 – IP1) and will be ending early June 2026.

The conference will give the students the possibility to present their work, take part in a learning week during a full guided conference setting, and meet each other in Rybnik and visit places closely related to the topic. A visit to Auschwitz and Cracow is included in the program.

## Research concept

The research activities are meant to be set in your school environment, in a school team of 4 students (age 15-19 years old) and a guiding teacher. Reference contacts from your school, your local community and region who may serve as “living libraries” and, of course, further other external info-resources are also allowed in, to support findings in your research report. *We ask you in this case in particular to include the voice of the particular Minority group, being subject of your research activities, into your research report.*

These research-activities cover a period from September 2025 up to early June 2026. Your team’s abstract, the written report, and a presentation in a “challenge setting” are part of the required deliveries before and during the conference. GALESS will guide this process in close cooperation with the organizing team of the hosting school.

This TiltShift Challenge addresses an effort to contribute to awareness about complex questions in the situation of Minorities in our society, looking for sustainable and responsible answers from our young generation in each part of the world. In whatever circumstances, our efforts will always be connected to our GALESS mission to motivate our students towards global sustainability.

The research-*thesis* will be formulated by the expert team of the GALESS Board in close cooperation with the local organizing school in IP1.

## Organization & procedures

**A pre-registration procedure is included.** Full, final registration, additional support by GALESS front desk and web-database, and so-called Information Packs (total 3) will be part of the preparation concept.

Students will be awarded at the end of the challenge, after the conference, with GALESS Certificates issued by the GALESS Jury Board in cooperation with the local jury-team in Rybník.

The Research Papers also will be published in a book after the conference to direct attention to authorities of all levels regarding the research results of all participating teams.

## The Conference Offer

### **Accommodations:**

Students will be offered the famous free hospitality of homestays in families of students from the hosting school.

Teachers will be housed in a hotel (at their own costs). Details & advice regarding the hotel for teachers will be provided in Information Pack 1 in September 2025.

### **Conference Fee**

The full conference fee consists of two bills:

- 1. School Conference fee: EUR 350 per student/teacher. There will be an Invoice from the hosting school approximately 2 months before the conference.**
- 2. *Additional GALESS Registration & CA fee of EUR 50, per student/teacher.***  
See Leaflet GALESS CA fee in mail-attachment. Invoice from GALESS Front desk directly after full registration (June 2025).

**A maximum of 4 students and a maximum of 2 guiding staff (principals very welcome!) are allowed to join the team from your school.**

## Pro Forma Agenda Conference Poland:

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| June 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 | Arrival Day for international teams |
| June 29 <sup>th</sup>                          | Conference Day 1                    |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup>                          | Conference Day 2                    |
| July 1 <sup>st</sup>                           | Conference Day 3                    |
| July 2 <sup>nd</sup>                           | Conference Day 4                    |
| July 3 <sup>rd</sup>                           | Final Day 5                         |
| July 4 <sup>th</sup>                           | Departure Day                       |

Pre-registrations / registrations.

Please fill in the pre-registration form in the attachment and send it to:  
[info@galeless.org](mailto:info@galeless.org)

The procedure for pre-registration (and final full registration) is as following:

1. GALESS will collect the pre-register forms in following order on the date/time that they come in, starting May 10, 2025.
2. Closing date pre-registration: June 13<sup>th</sup> , 2025. Full Registration: June 20<sup>th</sup> , 2025.  
GALESS front desk will send out a confirmation-message on June 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2025, with an official confirmation about the finally selected full registrations. The message includes an invoice for the GALESS CA Fee (**EUR 50 per participant**) at that time to formalize your participation.
3. Information Pack 1 publishing date: September 8<sup>th</sup> , 2025,
4. Final billing of Conference fees (**EUR 350 per participant**) will be executed *directly by the administration of the hosting school*, approximately 2 months before the conference.

Further procedures / advice:

1. Schools having participated before in GALESS Challenges and/or having a Premium Green Logo have preference in the registration process.
2. A maximum of two teams per school are allowed in, *only in case of under-subscription*.
3. GALESS has special attention for equal opportunities for less privileged students. We'll try to find a balance in our final placement - registration list regarding this consideration.