

Reflection

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The RECLAIM project brightened my autumn at a time when I felt overwhelmed by the past, frustrated by the present, and insecure about the future. Before the first digital training in October, I deeply needed support from female friends and an encounter with inspiring young activists and politicians to help me see things from a brighter perspective. From the very first online tour de table, I sensed that this wish would come true in Berlin, where I would finally meet all the remarkable participants from Czechia, Poland, and Germany in person.

I felt empowered by our warm breakfasts full of incredible and funny stories we shared, by the activities we engaged in together, and by all the things we learned and explored, both collectively and individually. I especially enjoyed the vibrant and relaxed dinner outside the Academy, where we deepened our relationships, found out more about each other's backgrounds, and even began planning follow-up meet-ups to stay connected after the project ends.

Thanks to the RECLAIM project, I feel I have drawn genuine inspiration and energy from our conversations, discussions, and from listening to my fellow participants. I am committed to continuing to build solidarity among us, potentially expanding our group with more of our female friends, and creating a network where we can open up, cultivate a safe space, encourage one another, fight for meaningful causes, and enjoy the journey together.