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Clement Beaune, Minister in charge of Transport, declared: "The France-Germany Pass is fantastic news for all young people in our country who, from July 1, will be able to travel and travel by train in Germany, free of charge and unlimited. . With this device, we celebrate Franco-German friendship and work to promote the train as a reference mode of transport. I call on all 18-27 to take advantage of this device and reserve their Pass as soon as possible. »During the Franco-German Council of Ministers of January 22, 2023 and on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Elysee Treaty, the President of the French Republic and the Federal Chancellor of Germany announced the creation of a Franco-German note for young people from both countries. This initiative, officially launched on Monday June 12, 2022 by Clement Beaune, Minister for Transport, and his German counterpart, Volker Wissing, Federal Minister for Digital and Transport, will take the form of a "France Germany Pass". The Pass, is accessible to all young people aged 18 to 27, it will allow 30,000 young French people to travel to Germany from July 1 to December 31, and to enjoy up to 7 days of unlimited and free travel on the entire German rail network.

### **THE IDENTICAL DEVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 30,000 YOUNG GERMANS**

The identical device will be available for 30,000 young Germans. The France Germany Pass thus goes beyond a simple return ticket: each young person can decide on their program and thus choose the duration of their stay, the routes and the cities visited, to discover Germany, its culture and his youth. From Monday, 60,000 France-Germany Passes will be distributed free of charge by the two Governments, with the support of SNCF and DB, on the platform: [passefrancegermany.fr](https://passefrancegermany.fr). Regarding France, 15,000 France Germany Passes are available on a "first come, first served" basis. The other 15,000 France Germany Passes will be distributed primarily to specific eligible audiences: scholarship students, apprentices and young people with fewer opportunities.

Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, declared: "This year we are celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the reconciliation between France and Germany and this wonderful initiative translates in a very concrete way the spirit of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, signed 4 years ago, with the aim of bringing our two peoples, and all Europeans, closer together! »

Sylvie Retailleau, Minister for Higher Education and Research, declared: "Travelling in Europe is an unparalleled opportunity for young French women and men. It allows us to measure how many values and projects we share with our neighbours. Since 1987, we have encouraged this mobility through the Erasmus+ programme. I am delighted to see new travel possibilities appear today with this unique Franco-German pass. So that resource issues cannot stand in the way of this discovery, we are proud that 5,000 of these passes are primarily intended for scholarship students. »

Carole Granjean, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Labour, Full Employment and Integration in charge of Vocational Education and Training, declared: "This France-Germany Pass is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our mutual knowledge and our ties between our two countries. I am very happy that the apprentices can seize it! This is an additional step in the construction of a "Europe of skills" and the promotion of mobility for young people in the professional path. »

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Laurence Boone, Secretary of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, in charge of Europe, declared: "Getting to know each other and exchanging is getting closer. Facilitating the mobility of young French and Germans strengthens the foundation of Franco-German friendship, builds its future and nurtures the European project. »

Sarah El Hayri, Secretary of State to the Minister for the Armed Forces in charge of Youth and Universal National Service, declared: "60 years after the Elysée Treaty which sealed the reconciliation between our two countries, we wanted to offer 30,000 train tickets for young French people aged 18 to 27 and as many for young Germans so that they know Germany and France better respectively. Because we are Europeans, partners, friends, the emancipation of our youth goes through travel and the discovery of others. » Source: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Access to the platform: <https://passefrancegermany.fr/>

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