

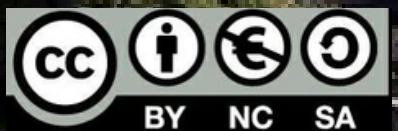


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TRIP TO ITALY



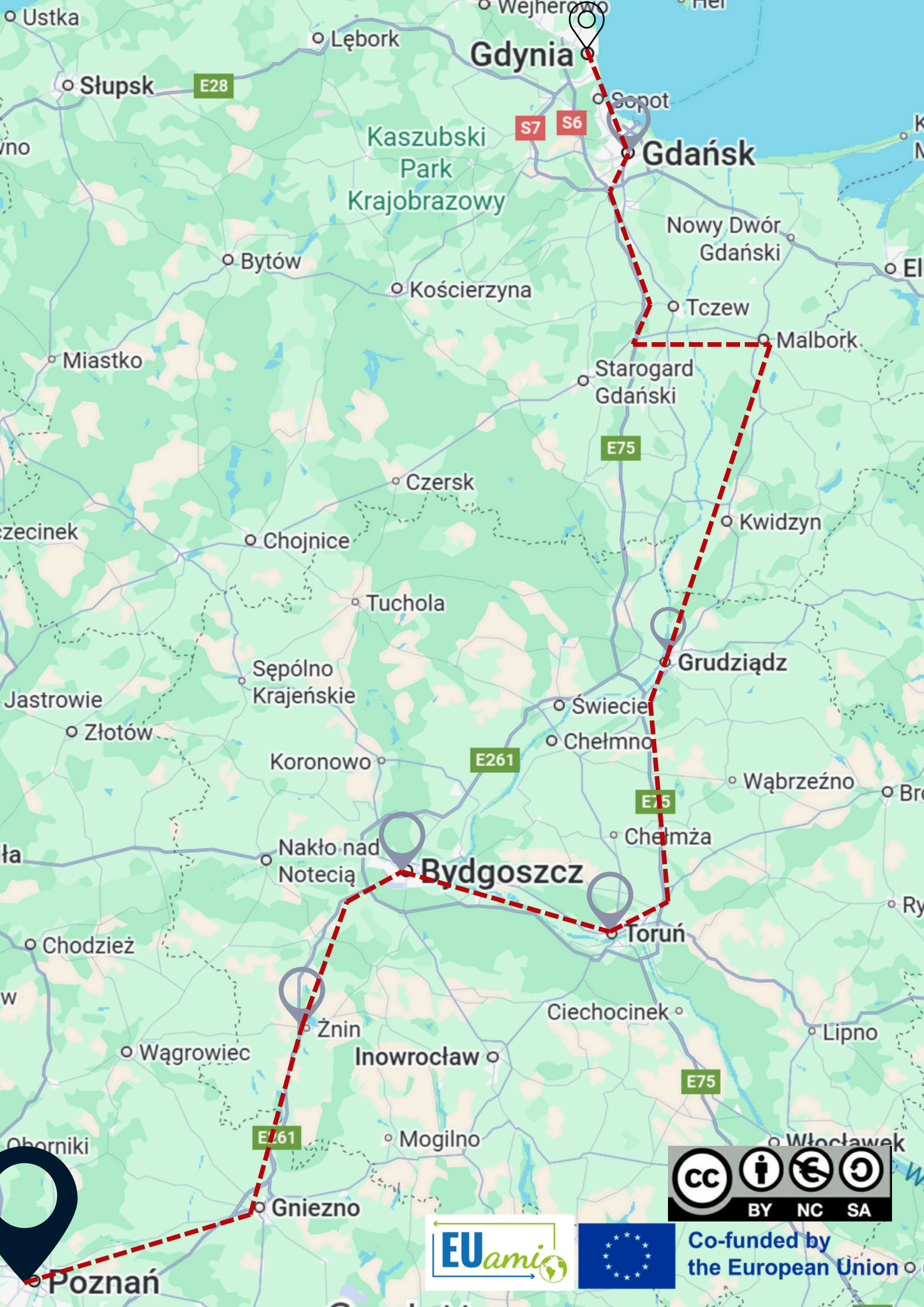
Day 1

The road to Berlin

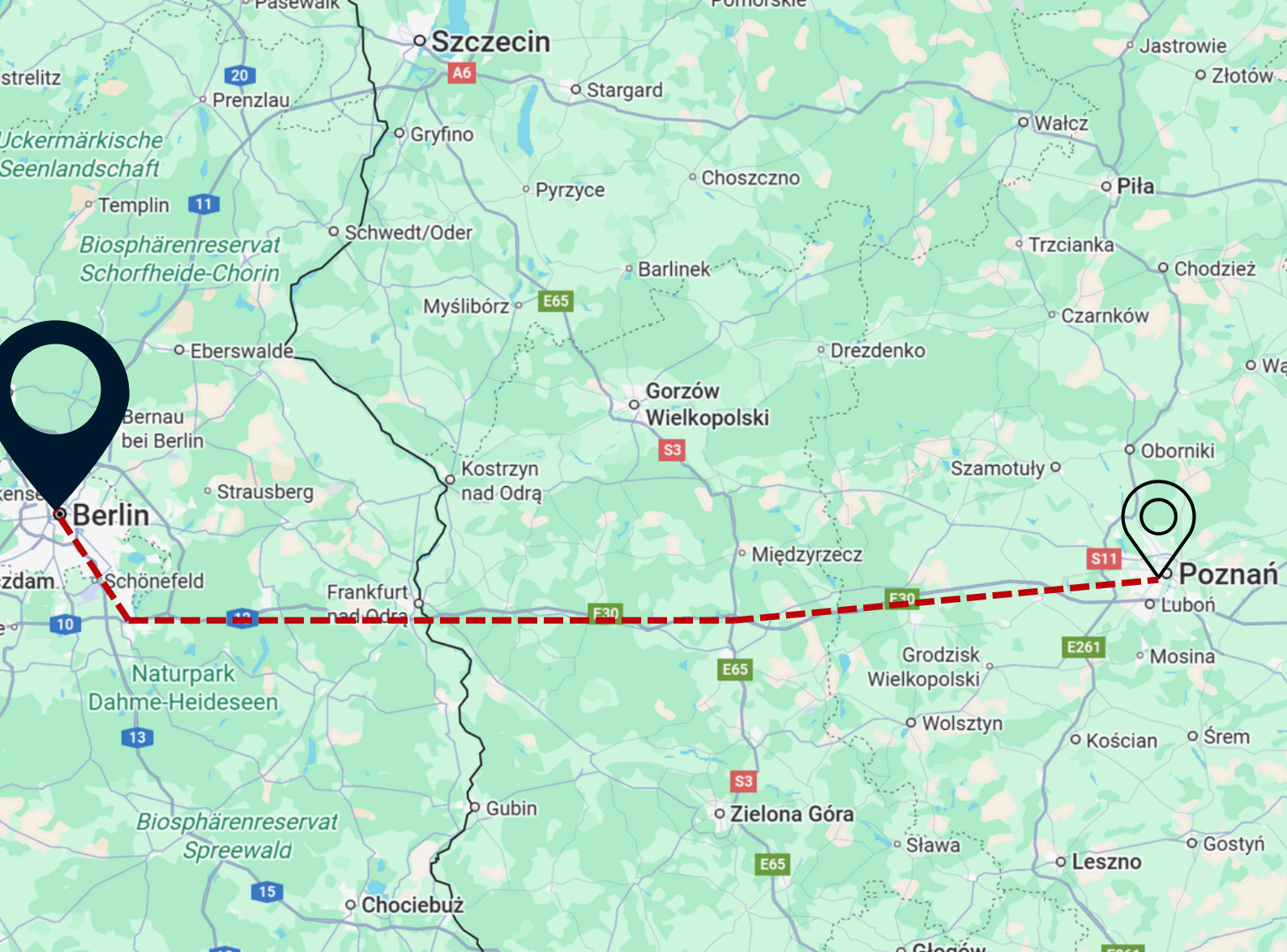
We began our adventure towards Italy at 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot at Gdynia Railway Station. Our first stop was Berlin. We drove through cities such as Gdansk, Grudziadz, Torun, Bydgoszcz, and Poznan. In addition to these cities, we saw beautiful, picturesque villages and towns (e.g. Znin). After a few hours on the road, we arrived in Poznan, where we had a longer break. We were getting closer and closer to the Polish-German border. When we passed through Frankfurt at Oder, we had the opportunity to admire one of the longest Polish rivers - the Oder. Here we were checked by the border guards. There were no major problems and we were able to continue our trip. In the evening we were already in the German's capital. The bus station in Berlin had its own unique charm. Fortunately, there were restaurants inside the station where we could eat something. A few hours later we had to change to another coach.



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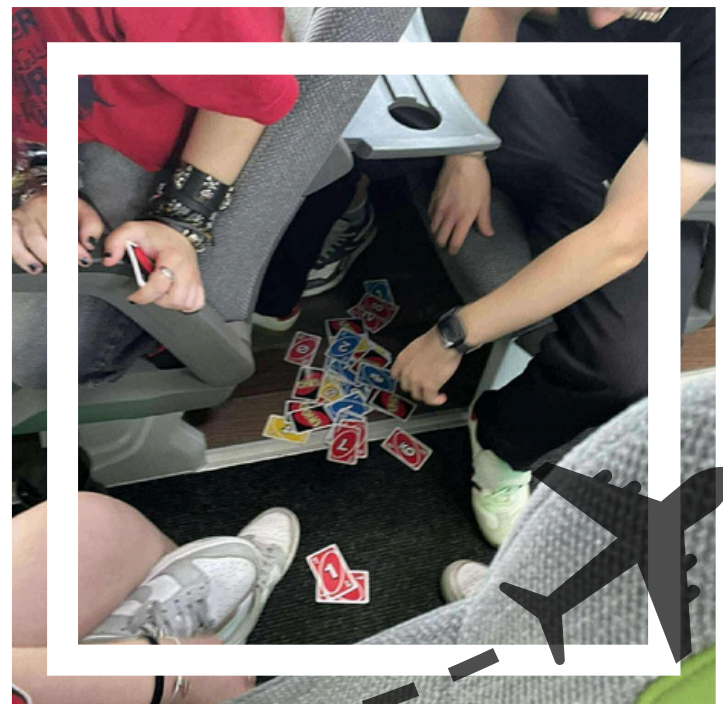
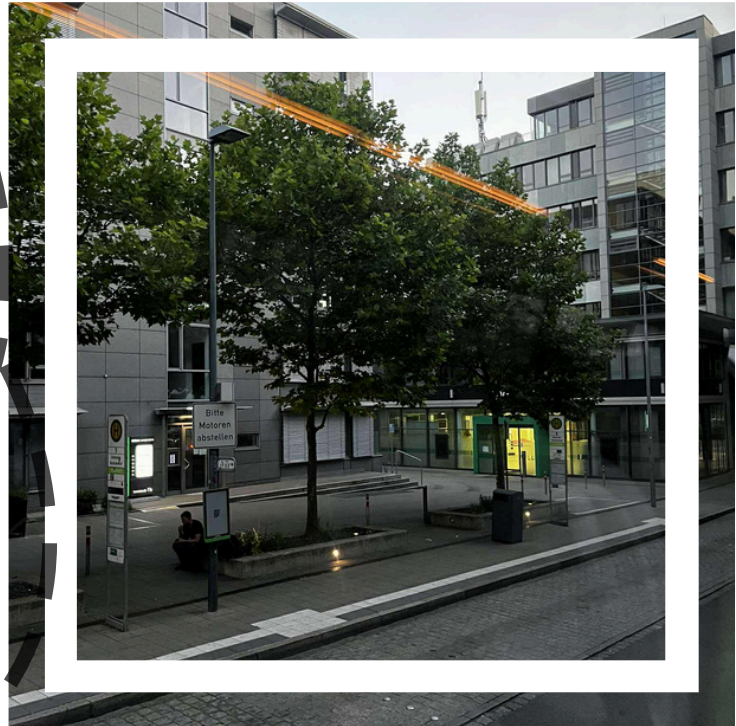


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Day 2

Bavaria

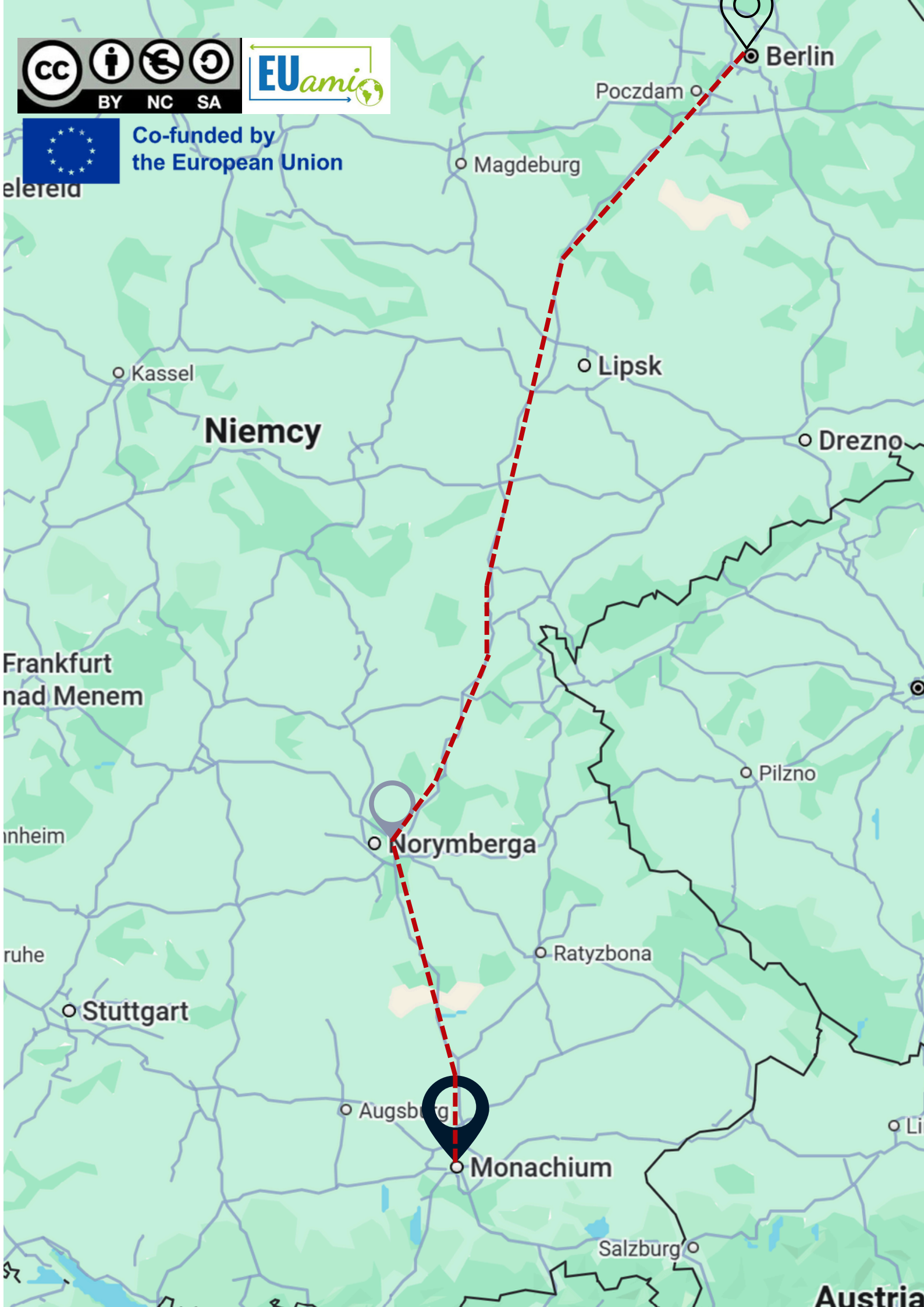
At night, we said goodbye to Berlin and moved on to our next stop - Munich. Unlike the previous bus, this one was overcrowded. We travelled at night, so after a few hours of talking and playing games, we went to sleep. In the morning, we arrived in the capital of Bavaria. We were surprised by how the city looked. On one side, there were traditional tenement houses and on the other, modern skyscrapers. We had breakfast in Munich and transferred to the next bus, which took us to our destination. We had the opportunity to travel through charming German-Austrian villages. After a while, the Alps appeared ahead of us. The Alps vowed respect and admiration in us. We arrived in Innsbruck. It is a beautiful Austrian city surrounded by the peaks of the Alps. After a short break, we drove through Sterzing to Bressanone. There, we checked into our hostel. After settling in, we met a group of students from Spain, with whom we set off to explore the city. On the first day, there were no lectures, but instead we had an integration session, during which we got to know the rest of the participants.

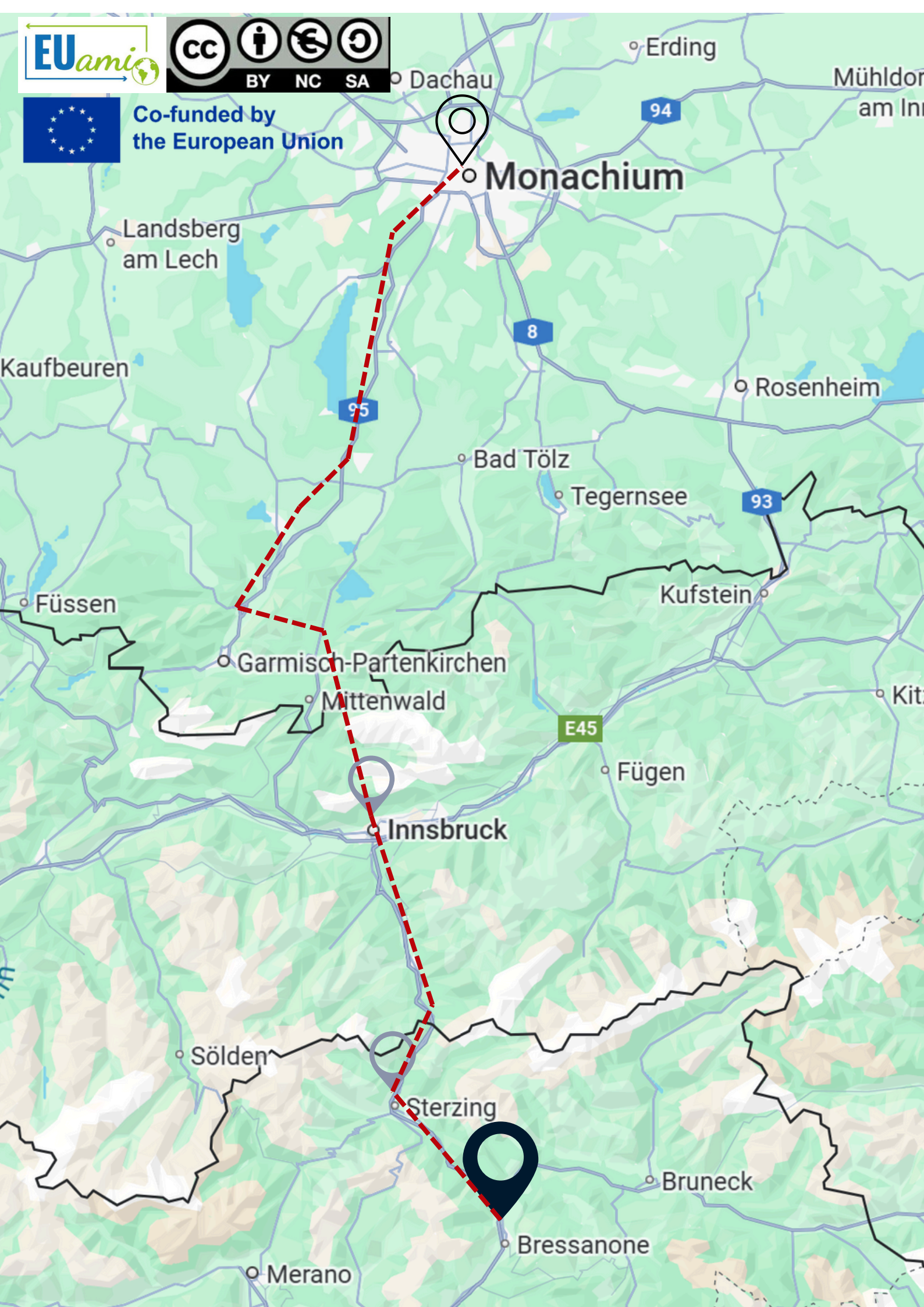


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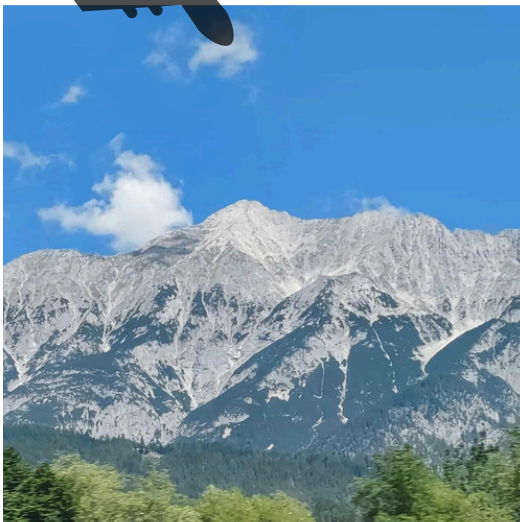
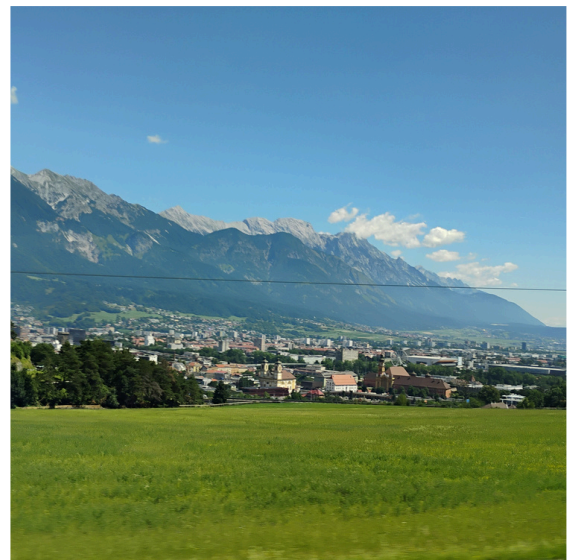
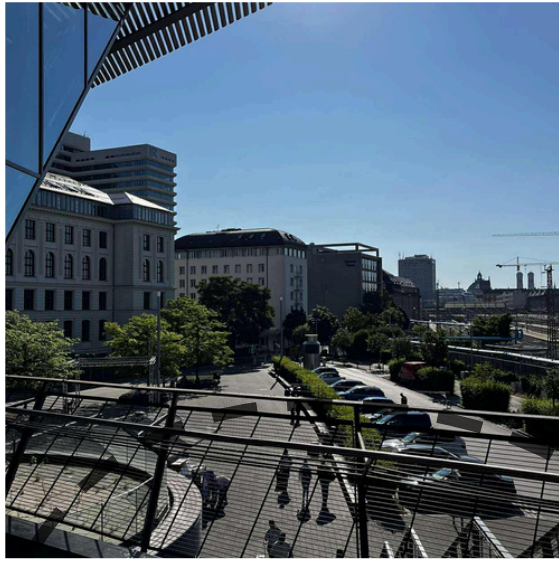


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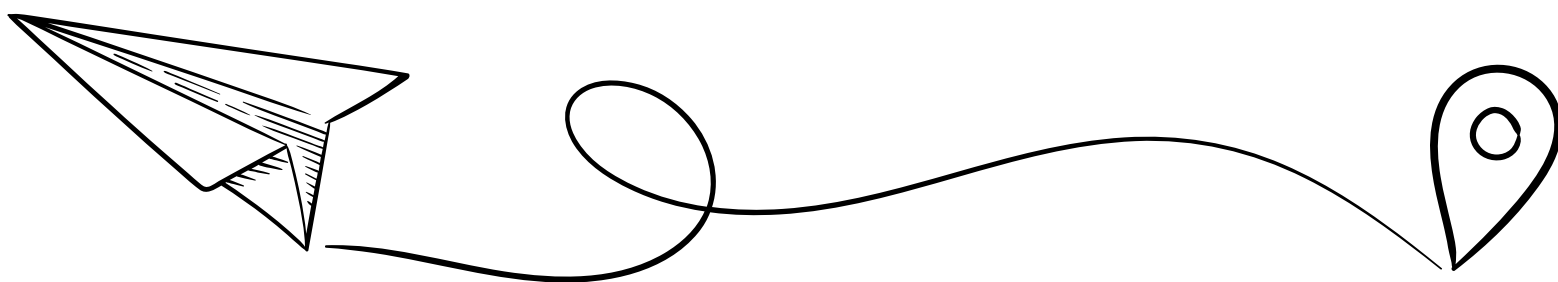
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Day 3

Two Rivers

We did not expect Brixen (Bressanone) to be such a breathtaking place. The atmosphere of a small town blended in very well with the vineyards. The town is located in a valley and surrounded by hills. The inhabitants are very religious, as are were many churches everywhere, including bishop's palace. We went to the university where we had lectures on what the European Union is and what its role is. Then it was time for a siesta, during which we hid from the sun. After a short break, the guide showed us around the city. We saw two rivers that formed one stream and heard the legend of the city. Apparently, the sculpture in the city centre spits out gold coins when the church bells ring on Good Friday. In the evening, we went out for Italian pizza. When we were about to return to the hotel, it suddenly started raining. We came back soaked, but happy with the tasty pizza.

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Day 4

Hofburg

There was something that surprised us – we were in Italy, but everyone spoke German. Fortunately, we were going to find out the answer to this question that day. As usual, we went to lectures, this time on lobbying and protests. After the lectures and some free time, we had another day of sightseeing with a guide. This time, we learned more about the city's architecture and went to the Hofburg Museum. There, we learned that this territory was once under Austrian rule, which is why German is a popular language. The museum mainly told the story of Austrian rulers and their influence on architecture. Later, we had some time, we spent playing games with students from other countries.



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Day 4 - Photos





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Day 5

Water park

We had another set of daily lectures on migration and asylum.

These topics were to be continued the next day as guests were to arrive to tell their stories. After class, we started having a good time with students from Bulgaria and Spain at the water park.

Later, we went out on the town where we tried pizza with anchovies. That was the only thing we have bad memories of.

After returning, we spent some time in the city and its outskirts.



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Day 5 - Photos



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Day 6

Debate

This time there were no lectures in the morning, so we went on a trip to the mountains. We reached a fascinating fortress with a church, a graveyard, and a hill covered with grapevines. When we reached the top, we saw a picturesque view of the fortress, where we stayed for a while to enjoy the view. After returning, we went to lectures where we heard the stories of several people who had migrated. These were very emotional and moving stories. Later, there was a debate between three Italian representatives of the European Parliament (Alessandra Moretti, Herbert Dorfmann, Leoluca Orlando). It was a very interesting and interactive discussion. At the end of the day, we received an invitation from students from Spain to go on a morning trip to the mountains.



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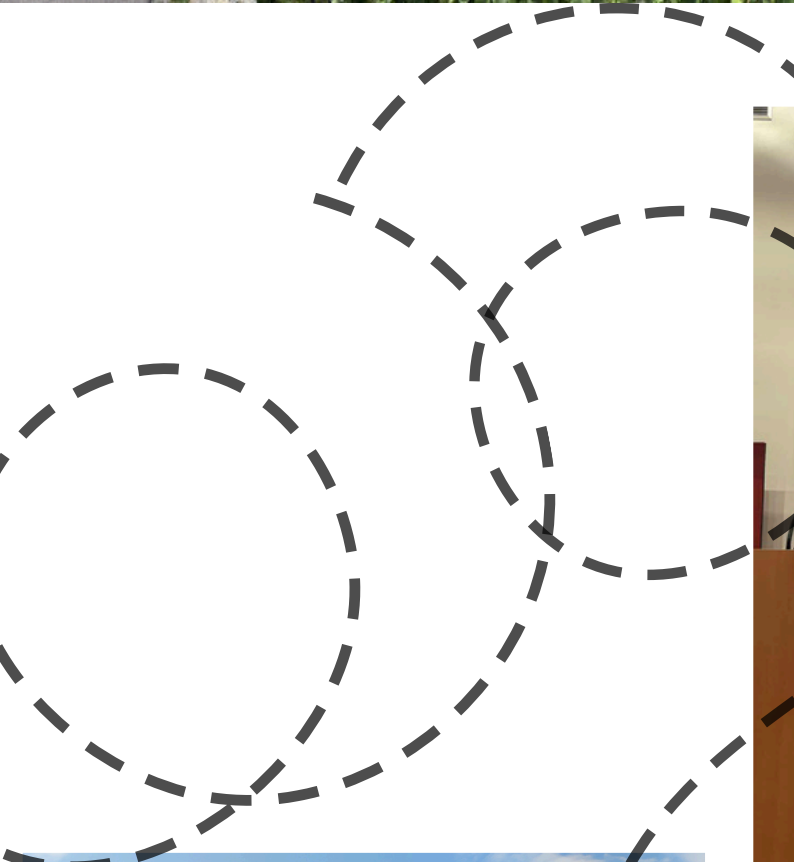
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Day 7

Parliament simulation

Only two people from our school, including me, went on the trip to the mountains. After leaving the city, we started hiking through forest trails. It was a very tiring and steep hill. After a while, we reached a small church called Parrocchiale di S. Vito. Then we descended a little lower to a village on a hill. There we had the opportunity to admire the views of the towns in the valley, including Bressanone. On the way back, we came across an apple orchard. Later, we ran to make it to breakfast at the hotel. Fortunately, we made it on time. After breakfast, we all went to the morning lecture session. This time we had a simulation of parliament. Earlier, we were divided into groups (parties) and tried to pass a law on migration. On that day, we found out that the hotel would not provide us with a room for a farewell party. But that didn't stop us, as we organized it ourselves on the balcony.



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Day 8

Return

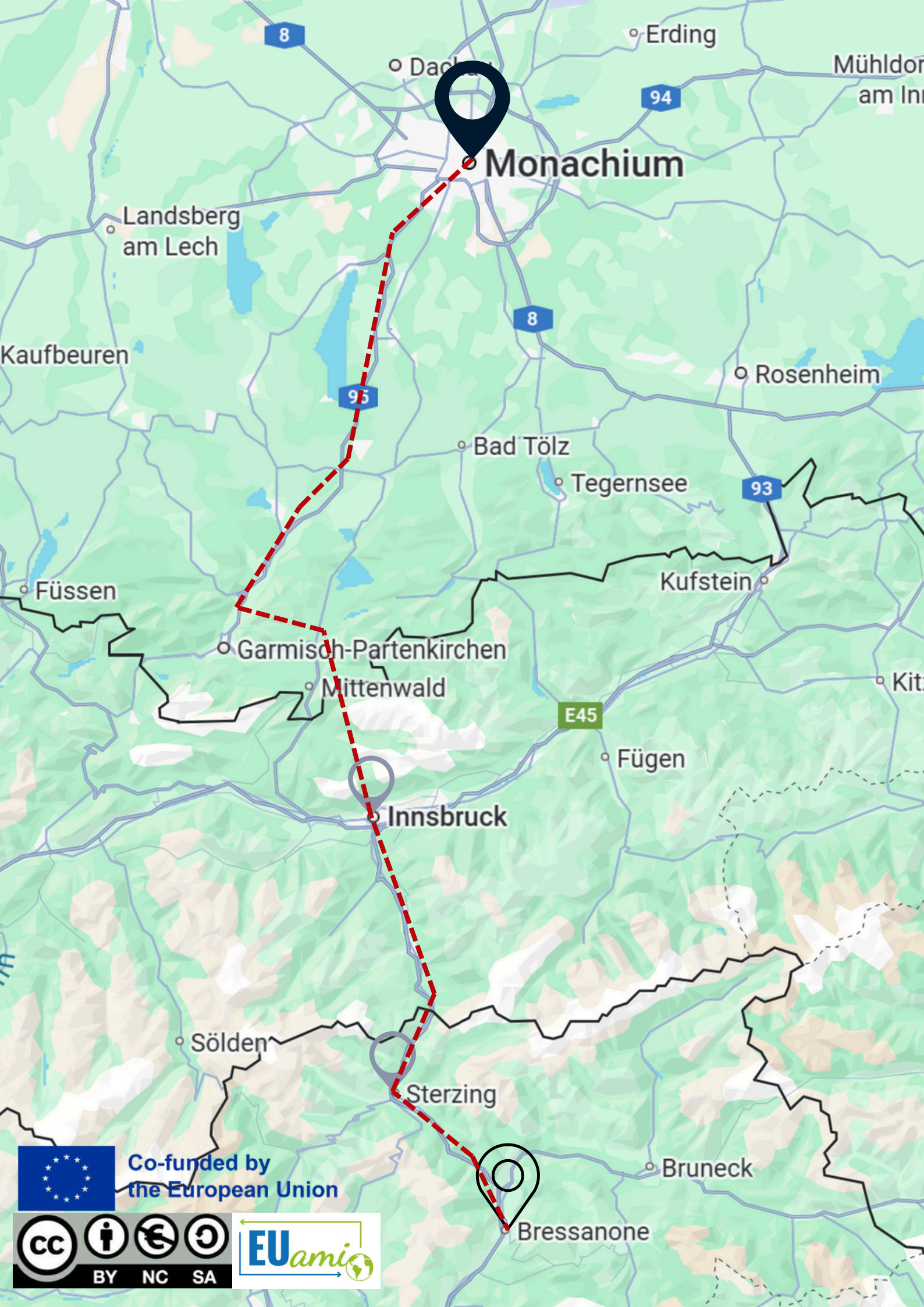
We were the group that returned earliest, and everyone came to say goodbye to us. We took the same route back home. First, we arrived in Munich. Then we drove to Berlin.

On the way, we saw the training center of the 1.FC Nürnberg team.

The road was quiet and we got home quickly. We were sad that we had to say goodbye to our new friends so soon.



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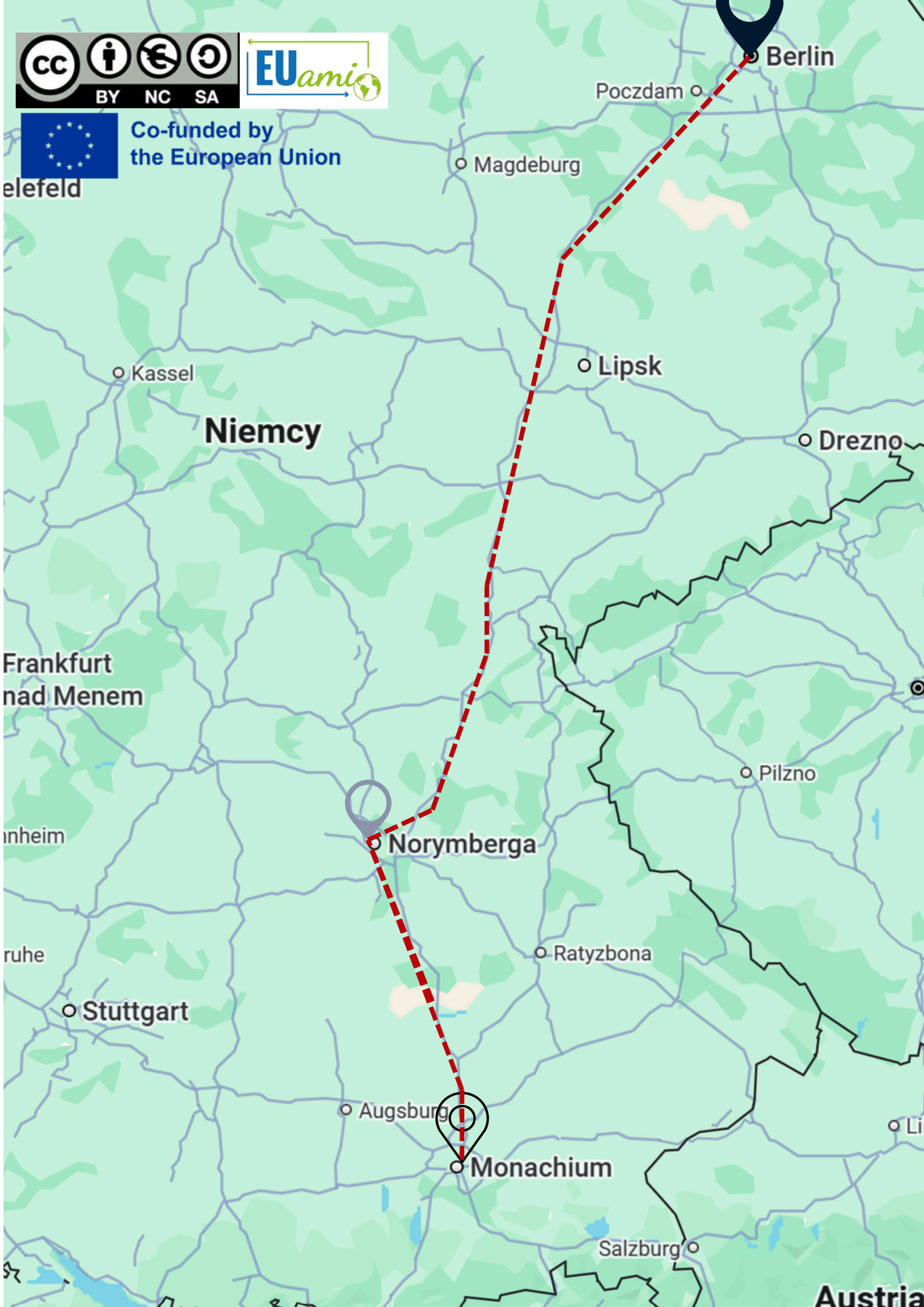


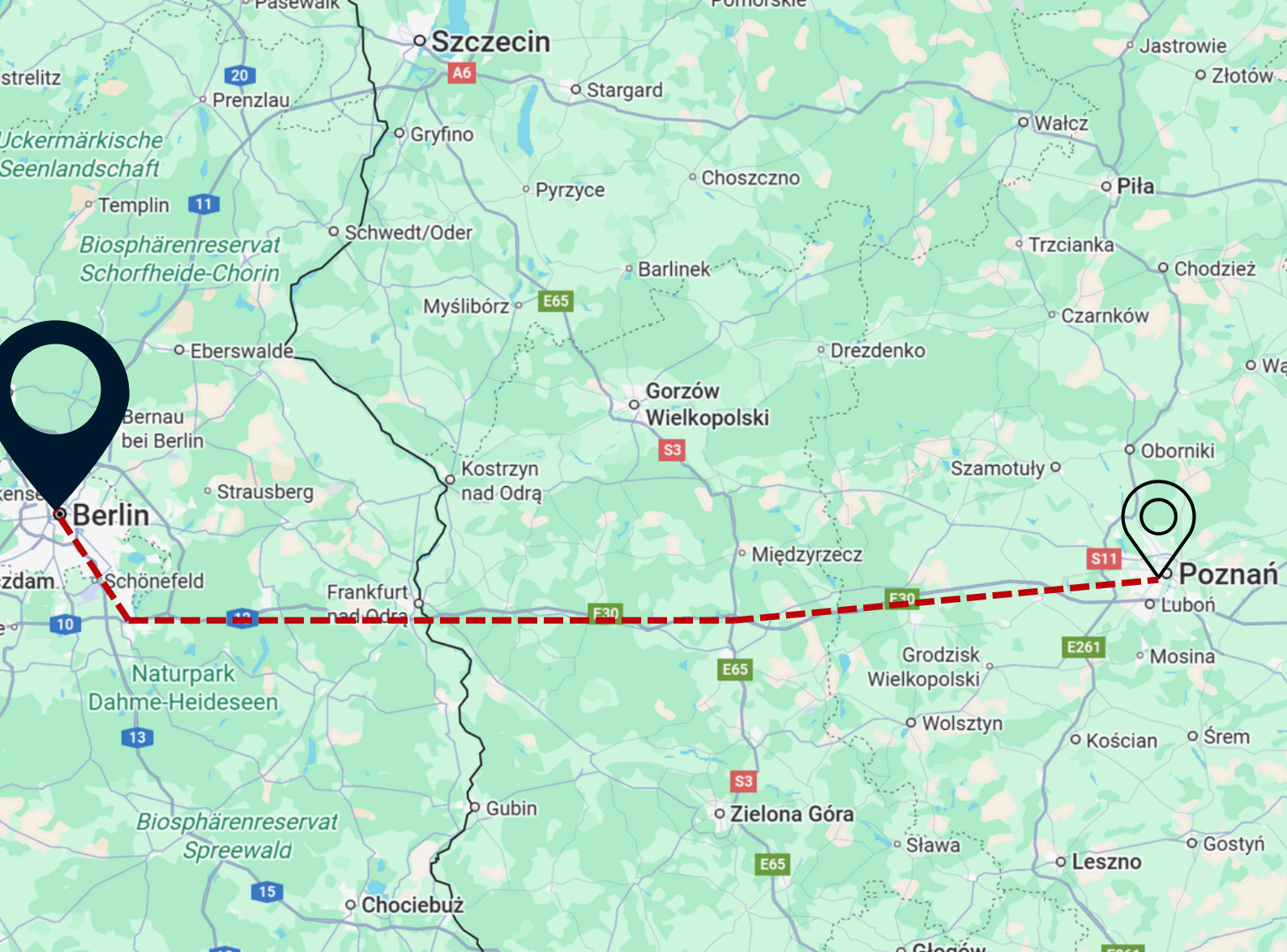
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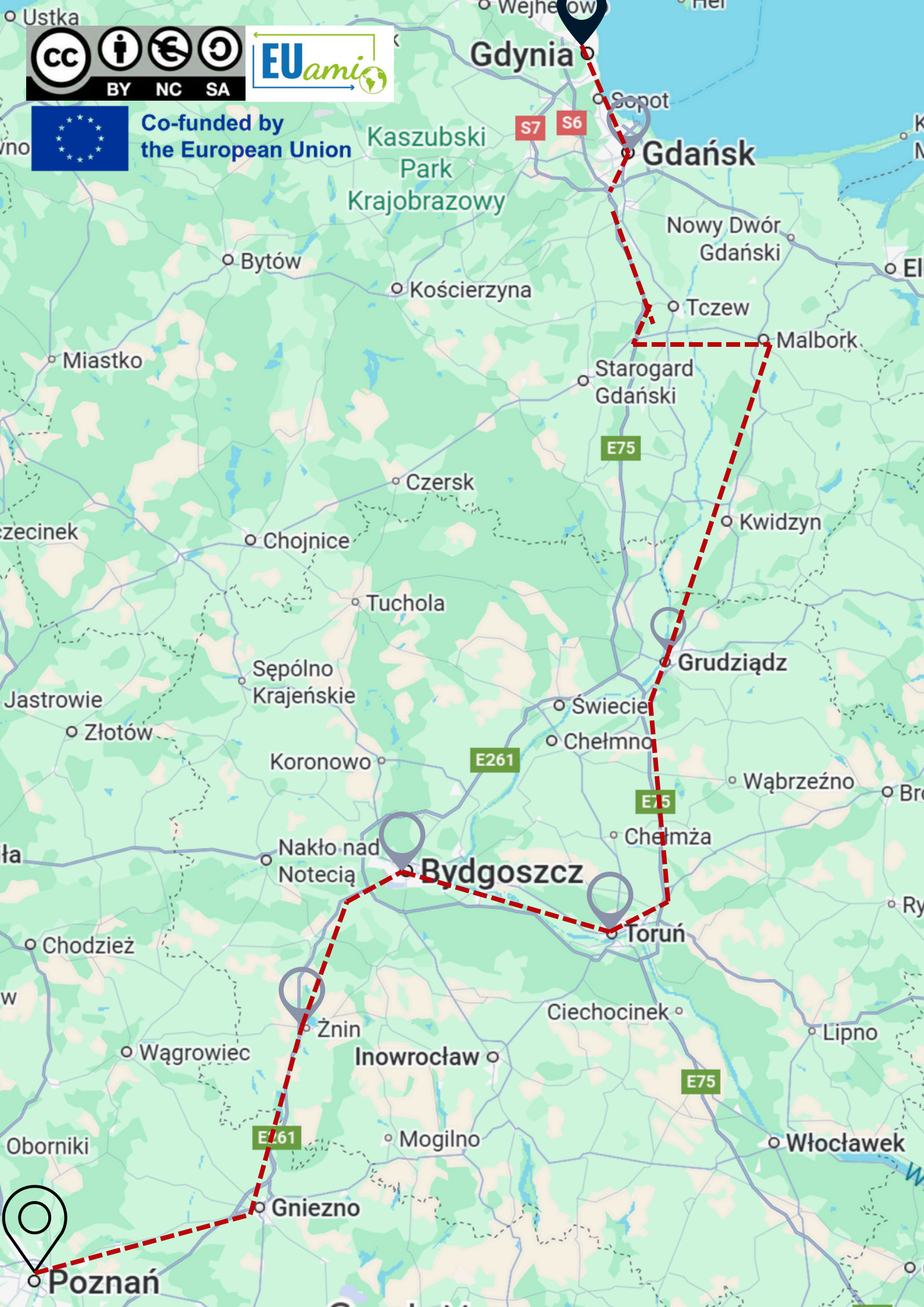


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A few words from me

It was a very interesting period and I am glad that I could take part in this project. I had the opportunity to meet new people, learn about their culture, visit new places, gain knowledge and broaden my horizons, but more importantly, I saw their perspective and understood how they perceive the world. As I mentioned, it is a very interesting project that I encourage everyone to take part in. I encourage everyone who can to take part in it and taste this adventure, because this knowledge and experience is something worth experiencing!