

## Press release

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### European Alliance of Academies at the side of Agnieszka Holland in her right of artistic freedom

During its conference in Krakow the European Alliance of Academies, a network of over 60 academies from around Europe, has expressed today its support of Polish filmmaker Agnieszka Holland who is facing personal hostility from the Polish Minister of Justice, Mr Zbigniew Ziobro, for her film *Zielona Granica (The Green Border)*. The film was awarded with the Special Jury Prize at the 80th Venice International Film Festival this year.

Jeanine Meerapfel, President of the Akademie der Künste in Berlin and initiator of the Alliance, commented that “comparing Agnieszka Holland to the propagandists of the Third Reich is an attack to the dignity of a highly acclaimed filmmaker and colleague and a violation of the right of artistic expression.”

The European Alliance of Academies is joining the European Film Academy in its support for and solidarity with Agnieszka Holland, expressed some days ago (the text in full [here](#)).

The members of the European Alliance of Academies are campaigning for the freedom of artistic expression and for cultural rights in Poland. Within the framework of a study trip from 21-22 September 2023, Villa Decius – the Alliance’s partner in Poland – is organising talks with artists and people involved in the cultural sector whose artistic work is compromised by political and financial pressure.

**See press release 18 September 2023 [here](#)**

**Livestream of the Round Table at Villa Decius, 22 September 2023, 11:30 am, [here](#)**

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