

Press Release

Berlin takes exhibition marking 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall to Spain

Photo exhibition by Daniel Biskup opens 10 April in Barcelona

Berlin, 2 April 2014 Berlin is marking the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall by taking an exhibition of photos by Daniel Biskup to Spain. The first stop will be Barcelona from 10 April to 12 May. The exhibition will then travel to Madrid and Lisbon. The works by Berlin-based photographer Daniel Biskup are being presented by *visitBerlin* in cooperation with the German National Tourist Board and airberlin.

Burkhard Kieker, CEO of *visitBerlin* remarks: "'Berlin. 25 Years Later: Welcome' is this year's major focus as our city commemorates the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. We invite our Spanish guests to see for themselves what Berliners have done with this historic opportunity."

Biskup's photos show the peaceful revolution and life in East Germany's cities from the fall of the Wall on 9 November 1989 to the German reunification on 3 October 1990. The 79 photos were taken in the once-divided city of Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Erfurt and Görlitz. They will make their début at the Museum Palau Robert in Barcelona, located just off Passeig de Gràcia, a boulevard popular with visitors from all over the world.

Daniel Biskup is one of the best known German photographers. After the fall of the Wall, he documented the upheaval in East Germany and the former Soviet Union with photographs that were later exhibited in places such as Berlin's German Historical Museum. He became famous for his portraits of well-known individuals from the worlds of politics, culture and economy. Currently, Daniel Biskup is documenting the upheavals in Ukraine since November 2013 often at the side of politician Vitali Klitschko.

This exhibition also marks the beginning of the German National Tourist Board's focus on the fall of the Wall and the German reunification in its world-wide activities.

Spanish visitors are showing strong interest in Berlin: With more than 600,000 overnight stays in 2013, Spain is one of the ten most important foreign markets for Berlin.

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