

THE ASSOCIATION

MODEL EUROPEAN UNION first began in 2007. Only one year later, the Bringing Europeans Together Association was founded in Mainz, Germany, to provide MEU with sustainable administrative and legal structures.

BETA is a European politically independent, non-profit association which seeks to inspire young people and to promote intercultural exchanges, understanding and open-mindedness across Europe and beyond.

For more information, visit:
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ORGANISING TEAM

The MEU 2013 organising team is a group of 65 highly dedicated, carefully selected, young and enthusiastic people, most of whom have already successfully organised or taken part in a MEU event. Coming from 26 different European countries, they work together throughout the year on a voluntary basis to organise Europe's most prestigious simulation of EU politics.

MODEL EUROPEAN UNION

Model European Union (MEU) is an informal educational project that aims to give young individuals a first-hand experience of the complex structures of the EU's decision-making process. During MEU Strasbourg, over 180 participants from more than 20 countries take on the roles of Ministers of the Council, Members of the European Parliament, lobbyists, journalists or interpreters for one week at the European Parliament, Strasbourg.

The participants have the opportunity to improve both their academic and personal skills. They learn how to interact with others in a professional environment and the simulation will strengthen their understanding of the internal functioning of the EU.

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THE MEU STRASBOURG 2013 CONFERENCE

The 7th edition of the conference takes place between April 20 - 27 2013 and is hosted in Strasbourg's European Parliament. More than 180 young people will meet to explore the functioning of the European Union.

Taking on the roles of the different European stakeholders, participants will be debating a proposal that deals with strengthening online Music Copyright within the EU as well as Croatia's EU membership accession negotiations. They will therefore gain first hand experience of two different legislative procedures: the ordinary legislative procedure and the accession (consent) procedure.

MEU 2013 is much more than a learning experience focused on the European Union - it also offers the participants insights into the social and cultural aspects of Europe. Bringing together like-minded young people from all over Europe and beyond, MEU offers a platform which encourages debates and the sharing of ideas. The carefully selected participants will have the opportunity to improve their public speaking skills and to learn how to work together in a diverse multicultural European context.

After working hard in the European Parliament, in the evenings the participants will have a chance to get to know each other and Strasbourg. An exciting social programme is organised, and is an integral part of the conference. In previous years, this included a boat tour, a Eurofeast, a charity gala and much much more!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The application process starts on the 15th December 2012 and closes on the 31st January 2013. For more information, see our website. Participants can apply for a range of different types of roles:

1. MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Have you ever wondered what are the real tasks of an MEP? Step into the shoes of a Member of Parliament where you will belong to a faction and will represent a Member State. Combining both your political party's position and your national interests, you will discuss and debate the Commission's new proposals. Negotiating and reaching compromise with your fellow MEPs throughout the whole political spectrum will be essential in order to successfully pass legislation.

2. MINISTER OF THE COUNCIL

Are you interested in national politics and the dynamics between Member States? The participants playing the roles of ministers of EU member states represent their country's national government during the negotiations. In the Council, the 27 Ministers of the Member States meet and discuss the proposals, and then have to reach a compromise with the European Parliament. The Ministers of the Council represent their respective governments, regardless of party affiliations or personal interest.

3. LOBBYIST

If you are good at persuading people, then this is the job for you. Defending special interests, mostly those of big companies, NGOs, and interest groups, lobbyists try to influence the decision-making process. Being up-to-date with the subject area at hand and providing sometimes controversial information, they can sway the political debates.

4. JOURNALIST

The whole conference will be followed by a team of journalists who will publish a newspaper each day. These newspapers will report on the developments of the negotiations in addition to the often scandalous night life of our politicians! Whether you already have some experience in journalism or if you just want to try it out, then this is your chance.

5. INTERPRETER

Interpreters have always played a crucial part in the MEU conference, since most of the participants do not speak English as their mother tongue. In 2012, there were over 10 different languages, which brought even more dynamism to the sessions and further enhanced Europe's spirit of multicultural cooperation. The interpreters simultaneously interpret speeches, debates, meetings with lobbyists and press conferences, providing a life-like working environment in state-of-the-art booths, while improving their interpreting skills.

