

Model European Union Strasbourg 2015

MEU STRASBOURG 2015

7 days in Strasbourg, France,
in the European Parliament

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1. Who We Are ► MEU Strasbourg & BETA In A Nutshell

Model European Union Strasbourg is the original simulation of European politics. It was initiated in the spring of 2007 by a group of university students and has since developed to be the world's largest and most authentic simulation of the EU's decision-making process. During an intense, week-long conference held in the seat of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, over 180 participants from more than 20 countries take on the roles of Members of the European Parliament, Ministers of the Council, lobbyists, journalists or interpreters. During the conference, they have the chance to interact with each other in a professional and friendly environment, where they can truly comprehend the internal functioning of the EU.

Bringing Europeans Together Association ► BETA was founded in 2008 to provide organisational support and a legal basis for MEU Strasbourg. It is a non-profit, politically independent organisation that seeks to empower young Europeans and facilitate intercultural exchanges within Europe and beyond. We are currently based in Mainz, Germany and also administrate MEU Online



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2. MEUS 2015

The 9th edition of MEU will take place between in Strasbourg during the Spring of 2015. Participants will enact the roles of different stakeholders involved in the legislative process; simulating the Ordinary Legislative Procedure and the Consent Procedure, they will actively shape the outcome of the conference by discussing the Data Protection Regulation and the European Banking Union.

During MEUS 2015, participants will get the chance to polish their public speaking skills, team up when working on amendments and put their self-discipline to test in the sometimes nerve-racking parliamentary debates. On top of being a superb hands-on learning opportunity, MEU is also a place where you can meet some of the brightest young people from all over Europe. Every year we attract top-class students who slip in their respective roles with ease; as a result you will feel as if you are completely immersed in real-life EU politics.

Each hard working day in the EP will be complemented by a social programme designed to allow you to get to know each other as well as Strasbourg. In the previous years we have organised nights out, boat tours, a charity gala and of course our famous Eurofeast! Friendships formed during the week in Strasbourg last forever.



3. Organising Team



We are young people, just like you. Many of us were participants during previous editions of MEU Strasbourg. For some of us it is our first year working on the project, while others have been members of the team for several years. We come from all over Europe (and beyond) and usually only see each other during preparation meetings. However, we are all extremely enthusiastic about MEU and we voluntarily work hard every day to make it happen. Why do we do all this? For YOU. Apply as a participant, come to Strasbourg and make us proud!

4. How To Participate / Role Descriptions

For more information, please visit meu-strasbourg.org.
You can apply to become one of the following:



MEP

Member of the European Parliament



Minister



Lobbyist



Journalist



Photo-Journalist

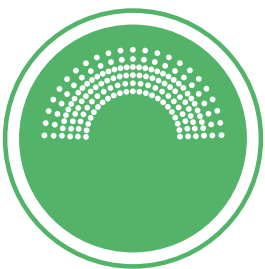


Video-Journalist



Interpreter

1. MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



Have you ever wondered what the real tasks of an MEP are? Step into the shoes of a Member of the European Parliament where you will belong to an EP faction and represent a Member State. Combining both your political party's position and your national interests, you will discuss 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 represent their country's national government during the negotiations.

In the Council of the European Union, the Ministers of the 28 Member States meet to discuss the proposals and then have to reach a compromise with the European Parliament. Ministers of the Council represent their respective governments, regardless of party affiliations or personal interest. You need to have good knowledge of international affairs to apply as this position is highly exposed.



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 coveted information, lobbyists can sway political debates.

4. JOURNALIST

The whole conference will be followed by a team of journalists who will publish a daily newspaper. These newspapers will report on the developments of the negotiations in addition to the often-scandalous nightlife of our politicians!

You will be part of a 15-strong press team, consisting of 10 journalists, 3 videojournalists and 2 photojournalists, which will be right at the heart of the conference as you look to find the top stories and produce top-quality products.

Whether you already have some experience in journalism or if you just want to try it out, this is your chance.



5. INTERPRETER



Interpreters have always played a crucial part in the MEUS conference, since most of the participants do not speak English as their mother tongue. In 2014, 10 different languages were interpreted during the conference, which brought even more dynamics 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 translating booths, while improving their interpreting skills.

PARTICIPATION FEE

All the MEUS awesomeness is there for you for just 150€. This includes hotel accommodation, breakfasts and lunches, social programme and local transportation in Strasbourg.