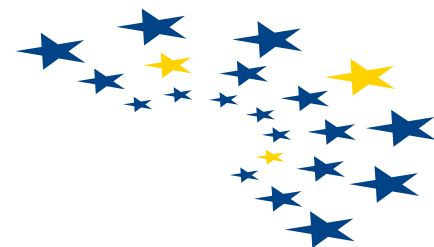


European Youth Summit on Education

Passau, 15th - 18th September 2010



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT
PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN DES JEUNES
DEUTSCHLAND GERMANY



Experience Europe,
Shape Europe,
Live Europe,
witness a Europe of variety...

For nearly twenty years, the European Youth Parliament in Germany (EYP) has been offering young people a chance to think about societal questions as well as to develop visions for a future Europe and discuss these with others.

Several awards have been given to the EYP and its work, such as "European Movement of the Year 2004" and the "Mérite Européen" in Bronze. The European Youth Parliament in Germany is politically independent and organised by high school and university students who are active in an **honorary capacity**. This exemplifies our aim to **encourage the youth' interest** in current political affairs and democratic processes. Through parliamentary simulations we make politics a real experience. Participants are encouraged to practice independent thinking and to take **personal initiative for their own and the European future**.

Passau – A European City

In **September 2010** the EYP will organise one of its sessions in Passau, a city which is known for its cultural and European qualities. The European Youth Summit on Education will be under the patronage of Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the European Commission and Jürgen Dupper, Mayor of Passau.

Furthermore, despite its young history, the University of Passau enjoys a very good reputation and symbolises innovation and quality beyond the borders of Bavaria. As the summit's cooperation partner it contributes both to the organisation and to the content of the summit.

Improving Europe's Mind - Youth and Education in Europe

In 2010, the reviewing phase of the **Bologna Process** will end and so will a decade of **students' protests**, occupied auditoriums and demonstrations against the **injustice of the educational system**. Did we benefit from the pan-European educational reforms? What state do we currently find ourselves in? What are the differences in the various European educational systems?

In order to answer these questions that arise from the motto "Improving Europe's Mind", the European Youth Parliament will invite **60 young Europeans to Passau**, from **15th to 18th of September**. The participants will discuss different points of view and opinions in **internationally mixed committees** to find new solutions and innovative ways to solve problems in relation to the European Education Policy.



"I have noted with interest the work of the European Youth Parliament to promote dialogue and sharpen democratic awareness among young Europeans."

José Manuel Barroso, President
of the European Commission



Teambuilding

discover similarities,
gain trust,
solve problems,
become a team...



Committee Work

analyse politics,
discuss opinions,
come to a compromise,
find a solution...



General Assembly

resist criticism,
defend own convictions,
improve foreign languages,
experience a
parliamentary debate...



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This session will provide our alumni, who already stood out due to their commitment for the EYP, with new opportunities to broaden their horizons. Traditionally, our participants are aged between 16 and 22 years. EYP Alumni mostly organise and lead conferences or help managing their National Committees. While being involved with the EYP, they have gained **great knowledge about European issues and institutions**. In addition, most of them study EU-related courses on university level, which complements their knowledge and experience gained at the EYP.

The European Youth Summit on Education will bring together valid experience and knowledge from both inside and outside of our organisation and facilitate the discussions with an **innovative concept**, which in the end will lead to high quality results.

The Programme of the Session

Every session consists of **Teambuilding, Committee Work and the General Assembly**, held in English. The participants work in internationally mixed committees.

Teambuilding

On the first day, the participants will get to know each other through a series of **group dynamic exercises and problem-solving tasks**, which will help them to form a team and lay the foundation for successful committee work.

Committee Work

During Committee Work the newly formed committees are facing the **challenge of writing a resolution about the different dimensions of Youth and Education**. The young Europeans will have to find different, new and innovative solutions, trying to best employ their different cultural backgrounds and experiences made.

In particular, due to these **different cultural and academic backgrounds**, the participants will be confronted with entirely new ideas and opinions. One's own experiences and visions, ideas and conceptions are more important than already existing opinions. This is what the resolution, written in English, will be mainly influenced by.

General Assembly

At the end, the General Assembly reunites all participants of the session, to consider the results of committee work. Each committee will then **present and defend their motion for resolution**.

Passau Consensus

All the resolutions will be put together in a **closing statement** – the Passau Consensus. An independent **journo-team** will observe the committees during the whole session and complement the resolutions with additional explanatory annotations to outline important issues, critical questions and controversial opinions, which will help to better understand the **decision making process and the discussion** itself.

In the past, Günter Gloser, Minister of State of the Federal Foreign Office, and Hans-Gert Pöttering, former President of the European Parliament, personally received the resolutions of the European Youth Parliament. For the session in Passau, we will also invite European politicians to attend the event and gain insight in the **participants' visions for Europe's future in the educational field**.

The Summit

- 60 students from all over Europe
- Discussing resolutions, defending opinions, contracting friendships
- Great commitment and expertise at the same time
- Discussions about European Education Politics
- Simulation of the parliamentary process
- Europe by young people for young people
- 20 years of experience in the field of European political education



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