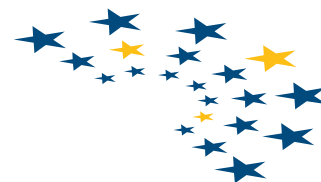


European Youth Parliament

European Forum

Regensburg, May 30th - June 4th 2011



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 offered young people a chance to think about societal questions, to discuss them with others and to develop visions for a future Europe.

Several awards have been given to the EYP and its work, including the "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 our youth's 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**.



European Forum Regensburg

From the 30th of May until the 4th of June, 80 students from all over Europe will come to Regensburg to discuss current political issues and to experience the wide cultural diversity of Europe. The participants of the European Forum Regensburg will be accommodated in Regensburg's youth hostel. A collaboration with the city of Regensburg is intended. **Gerda Hasselfeldt**, vice-president of the German Bundestag, **Michel Barnier**, European Commissioner for the Internal Market and **Hans Schaidinger**, mayor of Regensburg, have been requested to serve as patrons for the forum. The participants will experience the highlight of the session - the General Assembly - in the historic atmosphere of the Thon-Dittmer-Palais of Regensburg. At this exact place, the delegates will debate their resolutions respecting the parliamentary rules of the European Parliament. In this way, the participants will learn to consider other opinions and points of views.

"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

The Single European Market

Strawberries from Spain, wine from France, flowers from the Netherlands - the borders within the European Union are becoming increasingly blurred. Since the implementation of the Single European Market in 1993, it has reduced trade barriers, created jobs and increased prosperity in the European Union. Since the EU's enlargement to 27 Member States, the EU has become the **biggest common market in the world**. Although it was one of the greatest achievements of the European integration, its implementation remains controversial, including the extension of rules and the issue of social protection. Still, it cannot be called a completion of the internal market, because new challenges stemming from the global economic crisis require a continuous correction of the regulations and operations. The city of Regensburg offers a perfect backdrop for the participants given its position as an historically important commercial centre with trade relations with all countries of the European continent and serving as a major hub for the goods from all over Europe.



The Programme of the Session

Every session consists of **Teambuilding**, **Committee Work** and the **General Assembly**. All sessions are conducted using the English language. The participants work in internationally mixed committees.

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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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 face the **challenge of writing a resolution about the different dimensions of the Single European Market**. The young Europeans will have to find different, new and innovative solutions, trying to best employ their experiences from different cultural backgrounds.

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 a resolution**.

The results of our work

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 Regensburg, we will also invite European politicians to attend the event and gain insight into the participants' visions for Europe's future in the economical field.

To the European Youth Parliament, Europe is not only an abstract construct that does not affect us - it lives through the people who put ideas and effort in it. The delegates' intensive preparation for the topics of the session lead to passionate discussions in Committee Work and high-quality resolutions that show a great **understanding of European issues and institutions**. Through the EYP, the participants start thinking about complex problems and questions that are being debated and answered in the resolutions of the committees. The participants **gain knowledge, experience politics and make international friendships**.

Thanks to this process, Europe is coming closer together. The results of the work of the European Youth Parliament are visible and effective. Evaluations show that over 70% of our participants engage more actively in political and social fields after a session of the EYP. More than 80% are more interested in Europe after a session. We show the youth in Europe that it has a voice that should be heard.

The European Forum

- 80 students from all over Europe in Regensburg
- Discussions about the Single European Market
- Discussing resolutions, defending opinions, making friendships
- Simulation of the European Parliament
- Europe by the youth and for the youth
- 20 years of experience in the field of European political education
- Encouragement of the people of tomorrow

