

Dear students,

we would like to provide information about Model European Union in Erfurt (taking place from 4 to 9 May 2024 in the Thuringian State Parliament). Our call for participants is open under <https://bit.ly/meuerfurt>

In a nutshell, MEU Erfurt, which is funded by the Erasmus+ programme, provides a unique opportunity for young people aged 18 to 30 (with level of English B1) to engage in an immersive and dynamic law-making simulation that emulates the legislative procedure of the European Union. There are 4 roles we offer in MEU Erfurt: Member of the European Parliament, Minister in the Council of the EU, Lobbyist representing an interest group and Journalist representing a dedicated media outlet. Each role has its own unique position but interact in a joint manner to simulate the workings of the European Union.

The conference will be hosted in the State Parliament of Thuringia in Erfurt, Germany.

By participating in this simulation from the 4th May (arrival day) till the 9th of May (departure day) the fee of 70€ provides you with five nights hostel accommodation, breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks on 5, 6, 7, and 8 May 2024 and various social events in the evening. There is also an option of paying 20€ for the above but without accommodation.

As an experience shaped through non-formal education, our participants are able to expand their comfort zones and enhance their skills in public speaking, negotiation and intercultural communication - all of which will be useful for young people irrespective of their educational backgrounds and future career paths. This simulation is a great opportunity to experience politics and mechanism of the EU firsthand. You get to experience what you learned in university by yourselves and can complement your theoretical knowledge with practical experiences. Besides that, you have the opportunity to get to know people from various European countries and build contacts for life, while experiencing the EU simulation in the beautiful city and Thuringian State Parliament.

The topics covered in the simulations include the Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence, which aims to ensure sustainable and responsible corporate behavior along global value chains, and discussions on a proposal to improve working conditions (Platform Work Directive), which aims to enhance the working conditions of individuals engaged in platform work.

Another important topic at MEU Erfurt will be the EURHOPE-campaign and the Agenda of Hope. The EURHOPE-campaign was launched ahead of the 2024 European Elections, which (in the first phase) gathered 1.5 million votes from across the European Union. The Agenda of Hope aims to communicate young Europeans' priorities ahead of the 2024 European elections.

https://jef.eu/eurhope/andhttps://assets.make.org/consultations/report_eurhope.pdf

We will discuss the Agenda of Hope with - among others - Madeleine Henfling, Green politician in the European Affairs Committee of the Thuringian State Parliament.

Submit your application and join us in Erfurt while spots are still available:
<https://bit.ly/meuerfurt>

Below you find the key points summarised:

- conference dates: 4. May 2024 (arrival) – 9 May 2024 (departure)
- conference language: English
- required language level (self-assessed): B1
- age group for participants: 18 - 30 years
- participation fee: 70 € with accommodation, 20 € without accommodation
- What is included in the participation fee except for conference participation? - five nights in the hostel, breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks on 5, 6, 7 and 8 May, social events in the evening for networking.
- application deadline: 10 March 2024, 23:59 CET

For further question, don't hesitate to contact office-meuerfurt@jef-thueringen.eu or our Instagram: @meu.erfurt

See you in Erfurt!

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