



Dear future participant,

Laws passed on the European Level have an enormous influence on the daily life of each one of us. Still, the European legislative process itself remains a mystery to most European citizens. We want to provide you with the possibility to get a first-hand experience of the European political process, have fun with other young participants from all over Europe and to understand what it's really like to make major decisions.

The main points at a glance:

Date: 03/07 - 07/07/2013

Location: Mainz, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

Participation fee: max. 90€, covers the accommodation in Mainz as well as meals, social events and transportation within the city

Closing Date for Applications: May 5th

What is Model European Union Mainz (MEUM)?

MEUM is a simulation of European politics organized by a group of students from Mainz University in cooperation with the Department of Political Science at the University of Mainz, AEGEE Mainz/Wiesbaden and 'Bringing Europeans Together Association' (BETA). About 80 motivated participants from all over the world will come together in Mainz for a 3-day simulation of the ordinary legislative procedure, pre-Lisbon known as "co-decision". You as participant will slip into the roles of **national ministers, members of the European Parliament** and **journalists**. MEUM offers young Europeans the chance to get a first-hand amusing insight into the workings of the complex political system that is the European Union. Starting point for the debate will be two proposals for legislation that have been drafted by the European Commission in recent years. Participants, in their roles as MEPs and ministers, will deliver speeches, work on amendments to the proposal texts and organize majorities in order to adopt their suggestions for changes to the legislation while Journalists will monitor and critically report on this political process in daily newspapers.

The Model European Union Mainz 2013 conference is much more than just a non-formal learning process with a focus on the European Union. Participants will also practice and improve their negotiation and English language skills, working in a truly international atmosphere. A diverse social programme will be organized for participants providing the opportunity to get to know fellow participants and organizers beyond the mere procedures of the simulation.

Application procedure:

The application period begins on **March 25th** and closes on **May 5th**.

In order to apply for MEUM either as an MEP, a Minister, or a Journalist, you have to fill out the **online application form** on our website and answer one of the following **essay questions** in approximately 500 words:

- 1. Latest debates related to the financial crisis displayed that EU member states have divergent ideas concerning the EU's responsibility. What do you think, which role should the European Union play for Europe?*
- 2. Concerning its immigration policy, the European Union is sometimes characterised by the term "Fortress Europe". Elaborate whether this term seems appropriate to you or not.*
- 3. Is it desirable that young people from European countries share a common European identity? Why? Or why not?*

The essay should comprise no more than 500 words and is to be answered in English. You should submit your essay via the online application form that you can find on our website:
<http://meumainz.eu>

A rough overview of our MEUM 2013 schedule:

Wed 03rd July 2013: arrival

Thu 04th July 2013: welcoming, preparatory workshops, start of the simulation

Fri 05th July 2013: simulation of the ordinary legislative procedure

Sat 06th July 2013: final debate and voting, European Night

Sun 07th July 2013: departure

Please note:

The whole simulation will be held in **English**. To create a professional working atmosphere during the simulation we ask all our participants to wear **formal attire**. That means suits for men and smart skirts or trousers for women.

The MEUM organizing team will be happy to provide you with further information or answer any questions that may arise. Please contact:

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