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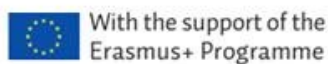
Encounter Europe.

Civic Participation in Best Practice Summer European Academy 2022

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Participants: Participants from Western Balkan States

Beginning: Saturday, 20th August 2022; 16:00

End: Monday, 29th August 2022, 09:00

Venue: **Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH**
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Objective Description:

The encounter seminar "**Encounter Europe - Civic participation in Best Practice**" connects young people (professionals, master students) from 7 countries of the Western Balkans to discuss together the future of European integration, as well as to develop ideas for a sustainable, innovative and livable future.

Due to the pandemic situation in the participating countries and in Germany, the seminar took place from August 23 - 26, 2021 as a Virtual Online Kick Off.

In order to compensate for the loss of attendance by Corona, the same group of participants will be invited to continue working on the topics and to deepen the exchange within the framework of an attendance and encounter at the Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen in Saarland (close to France and Belgium with connection to the European institutions) from **August 20 - 29, 2022**.

At the end of July/beginning of August 2022, a 2-hour digital preparation meeting with the participants will take place. The focus of this meeting will be on getting to know each other and networking among the participants, as well as a first horizon of expectations.

A sustainable democracy and a strong European civil society with rights and duty of participation are the thematic focus of the encounter seminar in August. The participating countries play a role as well as the view from or to Europe. How does the interaction between civil society and politics work?

What can we learn from each other? In which concept of Europe do we- and the future generations - want to live?

Internal conflicts are smoldering, while the war of aggression on Ukraine, which is contrary to international law, continues. The geopolitical structure is shifting and global challenges are growing. At the same time, more and more people are getting involved and want to help shape the future of our European continent.

The aim of the seminar is to explore intra- and extra-European perspectives, both from an

- institutional perspective (European Parliament as representation of the EU citizens, European Commission as representation of the interests of the member states, Council of Europe as a guardian of human rights),
- from a civil society perspective (workshops, discussions of the participants from the 7 Balkan states with each other and with political stakeholders, the exchange of best practice examples of civil society engagement in Europe)
- as well as on the basis of current social, political and economic issues.

will be analyzed and discussed. Results can be incorporated into concrete transnational projects.

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 20th August	
From 16:00	Arrival, check in, Coffee and Snack
16:30 – 18:30	<p>Welcome address and getting to know each other, Presentation of Programme, participants' expectations, EAO and Team</p> <p>Meike Kartes, ASKO Europa-Stiftung</p>
18:30	Dinner (Dinner for late arrivals in Euro Bistro and Welcome Address)
Sunday, 21st August	<i>European Integration</i>
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:30 Coffee break in between	<p>"European Integration – Perspectives, Governance and Cooperation"</p> <p>Andreas Marchetti, Managing Director Politglott, Senior Fellow, Center for European Integration Studies, Bad Honnef Presentation and discussion</p>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 17:30 Coffee break in between	<p>Decision Making and Cooperation in political and legal matters - and what about the influence?</p> <p>Sebastian Zeitzmann, Institute for European Media Law Lecture, workshop and discussion</p>
17:30 – 18:30	Free Time
18:30 - 19:30	Dinner
19:30 – 21:00	International Evening
Monday, 22nd August	<i>Diplomatic and professional skills</i>
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:30 Coffee break in between	<p>"Diplomatic and professional skills – how to manage political and professional challenges"</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Christoph Vatter, Chair of Intercultural Business Communication, University Jena Presentation, interactive workshop and discussion</p>

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:30 Coffee break in between	“Bridging the Gap – Examples of newer history of transformational processes” NN Workshop and discussion
18:30	Dinner
Tuesday, 23rd August	<i>Excursion to Brussels</i>
07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 – 11:30 Coffee break in between	Trip to Brussels
11:30 – 11:45	Meeting at the European Office of the Konrad- Adenauer-Stiftung Brussels Welcome remarks Lena Kromm, Policy Advisor, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
11:45 – 12:00	Walk to Carpe Diem Avenue de Tervueren 13, 1040 Brussels
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Walk to the European External Action Service (EEAS) EEAS Building, Robert Schumanplein 9A, 1046 Brüssel
14:00 – 15:30 Coffee break in between	Spotlight on the Western Balkans Jasna Jelusic, Head of Western Balcans Task Force European External Action Service
15:30 – 16:00	Walk to and security check at the European Commission Rue de la Loi 200, 1049 Brussels
16:00 – 17:30	EU perspectives for the Western Balkans Ildikó Voller-Szenci, Policy Assistant to Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi European Commission
17:30 – 19:00	Ukraine and the European Green Deal Dr. Alexander Winterstein, Head of Unit, DG Competition European Commission
19:00	Dinner
Wednesday, 24th August	<i>Excursion to Brussels</i>
07:30 – 08:00	Breakfast
08:00 – 08:45	Trip to the European Parliament
09:00 – 09:30	Meeting at the European Parliament, Security Check

	Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
09:30 – 10:45	The geopolitical impact of the conflict in Ukraine Michael Gahler, Member of the European Parliament
10:45 – 12:00 Coffee break in between	Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age Karlo Ressler, Member of the European Parliament
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch break at Quartier Leopold Place du Luxembourg 9, 1050 Brussels
13:30 – 15:45	Visit of the Parliamentarium Place du Luxembourg 100, 1050 Brussels
15:45 – 16:45	Foreign Policy principles of the EPP Patrick Voller, Secretary of External Relations, EPP Meeting at the European People’s Party (EPP) Headquarter Rue du Commerce 10, 1000 Brussels
16:45	Departure to Otzenhausen
Approx. 20:30	Dinner at European Academy Otzenhausen
Thursday, 25th August	<i>Rhetoric and thematic skills</i>
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 09:30	Reflexion of Trip to Brussels
09:30 – 12.30	Debate and rhetoric skills “Presenting in an international Context” Training and Presentation (with video feedback) Nicola Speer, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen Workshop and discussion
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	“Civic participation in best practice – civic engagement and transboarder cooperation” Meike Kartes, ASKO Europa-Stiftung Workshop and discussion
16:00 - 18:30 Coffee break in between	“European Horizons - From student organization to a global policy incubator” Jana Stehlíková, European Academy Otzenhausen Presentation and interactive Workshop
18:30	Dinner
Friday, 26th August	<i>Excursion Saarbrücken / Strasbourg, European Integration, diplomatic skills in practice</i>
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast, packed lunches

09:00 - 09:45	Departure to Strasbourg via Saarbrücken
09:45 – 11:30	Visit and talks at the State Office "Staatskanzlei des Saarlandes" Bianca Kappler, Chief of State Protocol, Saarland (tbc)
11:30 – 13:00	Departure to Strasbourg
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break at Parc de l'Orangerie
14:00 – 16:00 Coffee break in between	"Human rights, Democracy and Rule of Law" Talks to Experts at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg
16:00 – 17:30	Guided City Tour Strasbourg
17:30 – 18:30	Free time at the City Centre
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner at typical Alsatian Restaurant "Gurtlerhoft", Strasbourg
20:00 – 21:30	Trip to European Academy Otzenhausen
Saturday, 27th August	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 12:00 Coffee break in between	Mr. Christian Schmidt, High Representative for Bosnia Herzegovina (tbc) Doris Pack, former MEP, Expert for the Western Balkans "Democratic and political Engagement in the region" Key Notes, dialogue and discussion
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch with former MEP Doris Pack and Mr. Christian Schmidt
13:00 – 14:00	Departure to Schengen
14:00 – 15:30 Coffee break in between	Europa Museum Schengen "Living without borders?" Visit with guided Tour
15:30 – 16:30	Departure to Trier
16:30 – 18:30	"2000 steps – 4000 years" Guided City Tour Trier
19:00 – 21:30	Wine Tasting at Winery in Rhineland-Palatinate, Trier
Sunday, 28th August	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 12:30	"EUROTHINK – Ideas and Visions - Simulation Game" Dr. Katrin Böttger, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>“Wrap it up in a Quiz” 4 Topics on Seminar wrapped up in an interactive Quiz, worked out in small groups</p> <p>Jana Stehlíková, European Academy Otzenhausen</p>
15:30 – 16:30 Inbetween coffee break	<p>“Envision our future”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorandum • Future Contact • Meetings <p>Jana Stehlíková, European Academy Otzenhausen</p>
16:30 – 17:30	Evaluation
18:30	Dinner and getting together
Monday, 29th August	
07:30	Early bird breakfast
	Afterwards departure