



Model European Union Athens 2019 INFOPACK for KA3 Erasmus+ Partners



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Model European Union Athens 2019 is the flagship project of Bringing Europeans Together Association Greece (BETA Greece). Model European Union Athens 2019 (MEU Athens 2019) is a simulation of decision-making in the European Union. It conducted entirely in English, bringing together over 100 youth from across Europe.

Participants take on the role of Members of the European Parliament (MEP), Ministers in the Council of the European Union, Lobbyists and Journalists.

Two working legislative texts of the European Commission will form the basis of debate in MEU Athens 2019:

- Proposal for the establishment of the Reform Support Programme
- Proposal for establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund

The two proposals will be debated in the European Parliament and Council of the European Union as per the first reading in the legislative procedure of the European Union

Young individuals will have a chance to exercise their free speech in the form of democratic debate in the birthplace of democracy and also develop their knowledge of the European Union while enhancing their public speaking skills.

Description of Event

The event takes place in Athens from the 31st of October to 3rd of November 2019.

31st October: Participant arrival day, Opening ceremony, panel discussion, Euro Feast where participants mingle with each other through the sharing of food and drinks from all over Europe

1st November: First day of simulation

2nd November: Second day of simulation

3rd November: Last day of simulation, final voting of proposals, closing ceremony

About the Organiser

BETA stands for Bringing Europeans Together Association and this neatly summarises the aim of our association. By organising 'Model European Union' (MEU) simulations, hosting seminars on European issues and workshops on leadership and communication skills, we aim to engage with and encourage young Europeans to get actively politically involved in their communities.

Bringing Europeans Together Association Europe (BETA Europe) is a politically independent and non-profit association which was established in Germany in 2008. As of 1st July 2018, this association took on a federal structure, successfully evolving to become an European Non-Governmental Organisation based in Brussels, Belgium.

BETA Greece is the official Greek branch of the federal BETA Europe, and was founded in 2018 by a group of young, capable and ambitious individuals who had the ultimate goal of bringing MEU simulations to Greece, the birthplace of democratic debate. Operating as a non-profit association founded in Greece, BETA Greece also shares the mission and European values of BETA Europe and works closely with them to strengthen the democratic European civil society, raise awareness on pressing political issues and to educate, engage and empower today's youth.

Model European Unions under the BETA brand and patronage are organized in over 24 locations across Europe and MEU Athens 2019 is the only official MEU in Greece. The team behind MEU Athens itself comprises of 24 individuals from 14 nationalities with great experience in organizing such simulations.

What is covered by the Programme?

- Accommodation on all days of the simulation (Arrival day 31st October, Departure day 3rd November)
- Coffee breaks
- Lunches
- Dinners
- Goodie Bags
- Please note that travel for the main event is not reimbursed as there is no participation fee involved. In other MEUs organised, there are participation fees of an average of 100 Euros. For the inaugural edition of MEU Athens 2019, we would like to make it as accessible and affordable as possible to youth. Hence, there will not be a participation fee. However, there will be a 60 Euro deposit collected from participants to secure their spot in the simulation. This 60 Euros will be returned to them in cash on the last day of the simulation

Participant Criteria

- 18 to 30 years old
- Gender is not a decisive factor
- Field of studies is not a decisive factor
- Interest in EU politics is required
- Previous experience in public speaking or simulations not required
- Minimum English language proficiency of B2 required so that they will be able to engage in debate and discussions with the rest of the participants as the simulation is entirely in English

How to Apply

- Apply using the main application form: bit.ly/MEUAthens2019
- The main application form contains important logistical information (dietary restrictions etc) that we require from participants
- Participants are also required to write a short opinion piece on one of the 2 topics in the main application form. This helps us to allocate a proper role to them in the simulation and to also assess the level of English that they possess.
- Applications sent until the 15th of August will receive an outcome on the 18th of August. Applications received after the 15th of August till the deadline of 4th of September will receive an outcome on the 7th of September
- Subsequently participants will be emailed with further details to confirm their participation and thereafter receive information on how to prepare for the simulation, their roles and other important details

Contact Details



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