

# WELCOME BOOKLET



**5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH  
PARLIAMENT PROJECT**

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# WELCOME!

## ORGANIZERS OF THE SESSION |

Dear participants of EUTIN 2024,  
we welcome you to the city of roses. We are excited to have the chance to spark the flame of European spirit once again in Eutin. After challenging steps and hard-working past months we are joyful and honored to have you in Eutin for our very own 5th international session of our European Youth Parliament Project.

When asked what the EYP is and why she commits to organizing it a fellow organizer of the EYP in Poland once said: »We invest ridiculous amounts of time, energy and brain-power into spending a couple of days with complete strangers in strange cities with minimum sleep.«

As this might not sound too compelling, let us stress what benefits the weekend might offer: the EYP will most likely leave you with a deeper understanding of challenges and possible solutions inside and outside of Europe; it will leave you with a fresh perspective on what constitutes your personality and values and it will surely leave you with new found contacts that have the capacity to evolve into relationships that will alter our lives and trajectories in the best ways possible.

In this day and age, shaped by increasing attempts of separation instead of unification, in times of condemnation instead of discourse and appreciation, we hold the view that the EYP could potentially have exceptional merits for all of us.

As a the lead topic for EUTIN 2024 we have decided to focus on the position of the EU in the turmoil of aspiring ambitions and interference of geopolitical powers such as Russia, China, Iran and the USA especially considering a potential a second term of Donald J. Trump.

Wishing you a productive and memorable time in Eutin,

Daniel Johannwille & Philipp Loose  
- Head organizers of EUTIN 2024 -

# THE PRESIDENTS OF EUTIN 2024

## PRESIDENT CARLA RATHJEN |

Dear Delegates,

I am Carla, I am 22 years old and I have graduated from the Carl-Maria-von-Weber-School in 2020. Currently, I am living in Hamburg where I study law. I have participated in four EYPs so far and I have always had a lot of fun.

This is my first time in the role of EYP President and I am very happy to welcome so many international guests in Eutin this year. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and I am sure we will have a great weekend together.

See you soon!



## PRESIDENT OLIVER KNOLL |

Dear Delegates,

my name is Oliver, I am 21 years old and one of the presidents of the EYP Project 2024 in Eutin. I have graduated from the Carl-Maria-von-Weber-School in 2021 and I am currently studying economics, politics and history in Kiel, where I also live.

Still, I have never lost my ties to Eutin and to my former school, which is why I took part in the EYP Project last year as a committee chair. This experience made me consider running for President together with Carla this year.

I am very excited to meet you and I am looking forward to a great weekend full of interesting discussions and creative ideas! I am very happy to welcome you all to Eutin.

See you soon!



# HOSTING CITY & VENUES

## THE HOSTING CITY EUTIN |

Eutin is the district capital of Eastern Holstein county, located in the northern German state of Schleswig-Holstein. As of 2024, the town had around 17,000 inhabitants.

Eutin is birthplace of composer Carl Maria von Weber, which the hosting venue is named after. Popular landmarks are the Eutin castle and the historic water tower.

In Eutin, water is never far off. The city is surrounded by a number of lakes of and small forests. Plus, the Baltic Sea is just around the corner. Popular activities on the waters surrounding Eutin include boating, canoeing, rowing, swimming, and fishing. But please don't pack your fishing rod :)

## CARL-MARIA-VON-WEBER SCHOOL |

**EUTIN 2024** is a school-organized simulation of the European Parliament. The concept of this event closely follows the idea of the European Youth Parliament (EYP).

This year we are welcoming a group of 34 international guests from Switzerland, Romania, Denmark, Sweden and Italy. Sadly, the French delegation's flight was cancelled on short notice. They will be missed! The international students will be joined by 31 German students in the committee work.

Foreign participants will be hosted by German families. Food will be provided throughout the entire event by our catering team. There will be vegetarian, lactose-free, gluten-free and nut-free alternatives as well as fresh fruit at each meal. If you have a special dietary need, [contact](#) us!

## VENUE FOR THE GA: LOCAL PARLIAMENT |

Since Eutin is the capital of the district, we have a small parliament building very close to school. On Sunday, we will take a short stroll through the city centre to come together at the local parliament building.



# EVENTS

## TEAMBUILDING |

Teambuilding is one of the core elements of the session. It is a challenging, fun way of getting to know your Committee and preparing yourself for the days to come. During teambuilding, delegates will be challenged to carry out several activities that are aimed at ensuring they get along well with their fellow participants and that the Committee becomes a well-functioning team. Bear in mind that Teambuilding may take place indoors and outdoors.

## CULTURE |

Every Session is accompanied by a cultural programme, celebrating the cultural diversity of Europe. On Friday, during Eurovillage, every committee will be able to show off their skills on the dance-floor as well. Furthermore the participants are introduced to the country and city where the session takes place on Saturday..

## COMMITTEE WORK |

Throughout committee work, the delegates analyse the topic, identify the problems surrounding it and discuss solutions to these issues. The committee will ultimately result in a written resolution in which the ICs - introductory clauses that explain the situation or problems - are followed by OCs - operative clauses that formulate a solution for the identified problems.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY |

All the effort put into the committee work eventually fuels the last part of every session - the General Assembly (GA). In GA, the committees come together to present and debate the resolutions they wrote. In the end, there is a vote whether to pass the resolution or not.

# DRESS CODE AND GUESTS

## DRESS CODE |

A **casual** dress code means wearing comfortable clothes such as loose pants and shirts which would allow you to move around uninhibitedly. Since there will be tasks that might require walking or moving around, casual clothing is recommended for **Teambuilding**.

For the more academic elements of the session, we recommend a **smart casual** code: Chinos, sweaters and blouses. These are all examples which will apply to **Committee Work**.

**Formal** wear is the expected dress code for the final element of the session: **The General Assembly**. The General Assembly (GA) will be held in the facilities in the county council and we are expecting guests of the press as well as introductory speeches by local politicians. Examples are blazers, skirts, blouses and button-downs.

As this event is a school-related activity, we operate **zero tolerance** alcohol and drug policy. Any breach of this will result in exclusion from the event.

### PACKING

- Appropriate clothing for all session events
- Session material (laptop, research material, notes)
- European Health Insurance Card

## GUESTS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY |



We are thrilled to announce that **Mayor Sven Radestock** will direct a couple of words at the beginning of the assembly and is going to stay for a short meet&greet with all delegates.

Unfortunately, some of our invited guests cannot join us in person. But they will be with us nonetheless. They have been so kind to record video messages that will be played at the GA.



**Niclas Herbst**

Member of European Parliament



**Delara Burkhardt**

Member of European Parliament



**Bettina Hagedorn**

Member of German Bundestag

# PROGRAMME

## FRIDAY |

9:30 - 10:00	Official Welcome Ceremony	AULA
10:00 - 10:15	General Teambuilding	AULA
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee-Break (Snacks)	CAFETERIA
10:30 - 12:30	Committee Teambuilding I	COMMITTEE ROOMS
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch-Break	CAFETERIA
13:15 - 14:15	Committee Teambuilding II	COMMITTEE ROOMS
14:15 - 14:45	Social Activity	SCHOOL
14:45 - 15:00	Coffee-Break (Snacks)	CAFETERIA
15:00 - 18:00	Committee Work I	COMMITTEE ROOMS
18:00 - 18:30	Dinner	CAFETERIA
starting 18:30	Social Activity: Eurovillage	ATRIUM

## SATURDAY |

9:00 - 10:30	Committee Work II	COMMITTEE ROOMS
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee-Break (Snacks)	CAFETERIA
10:45 - 12:45	Committee Work III	COMMITTEE ROOMS
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch-Break	CAFETERIA
13:30 - 14:30	Social Activity	SCHOOL
14:30 - 16:00	Committee Work IV	COMMITTEE ROOMS
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee-Break (Snacks)	CAFETERIA
16:15 - 18:30	Committee Work V	COMMITTEE ROOMS
18:30 - 19:00	Dinner	CAFETERIA
19:00 - 19:30	Central GA Prep	AULA
19:30 - max. 21:00	Committee Work VI	COMMITTEE ROOMS

## SUNDAY |

8:00 - 9:30	Language Support for Speeches	CAFETERIA
9:30	Meet up & walk to GA venue	CAFETERIA
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome to GA	GA VENUE
10:30 - 11:15	Committee I	GA VENUE
11:15 - 12:00	Committee II	GA VENUE
12:00 - 12:45	Committee III	GA VENUE
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch-Break	CAFETERIA
14:00 - 14:45	Committee IV	GA VENUE
14:45 - 15:30	Committee V	GA VENUE
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break	GA VENUE
15:45 - 16:30	Committee VI	GA VENUE
16:30 - 17:15	Committee VII	GA VENUE
17:15 - 17:45	Closing Ceremony	GA VENUE



# COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

## AFET COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS I

Persecution of religious and ethnic groups, suppression of political oppositions, protestors and the press and unveiled threats of force. Human rights violations, oppression and even open war shape the international relations. How should the EU handle political relations with regional powers that infringe the aims and values of the European Union? Can the EU maintain political relations to the theocratic and autocratic nations China, Iran and Russia? What stance should the EU take towards nations that violate human rights more and more openly?

## AFET COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS II

The solidarity and unity of Western-style democracies has already suffered under the first term of former President Donald J. Trump. Trump's political stance regarding Russia and his recent remarks regarding NATO (encouraging Russia to 'do whatever the hell they want' to any NATO country that doesn't pay enough) growingly worry political leaders in the EU. His statement that he would act as a "dictator" on the first day of his potential second term is further reason to be concerned. Will the USA still be a close and trustworthy ally of the EU? How should the EU prepare for a second term of Donald J. Trump?

## CULT COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Fake News and propaganda flood social media. The US elections in 2016 have exemplified interference from authoritarian regimes such as Russia. European democracies are swayed, some would say they are under attack from foreign powers. How can European democracies increase their resilience from foreign attempts of destabilization? How can especially younger citizens be educated to withstand the onslaught of Fake News?

## SEDE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND DEFENSE

With the Russian invasion of Ukraine still raging, the eyes of the United States primarily set on China and the Indo-Pacific region, the escalation in the Middle East and attacks on shipping routes in the Red Sea, the free and democratic Europe we know is more and more compelled to position itself as a global player on the world's political stage. But how can we

protect our independence, defend our values, promote stability and prevent global security crises? How can the EU strengthen its military position, to have more weight globally?

## **ECON** COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS

In the context of the persisting economic dependence from globalized markets, how can economies within the EU be strengthened to be independent from authoritarian regimes such as China, Russia and Iran and industrial powers such as the US under Trump? What contribution could the strengthening of the currency EURO provide in creating an economically independent EU? How can this economic shift be shaped to be sustainable and socially just?

## **AFCO** COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Not only powers from outside the EU threaten its values and potentially its existence. Also powers from within the EU - often on the extreme right fringe of the political spectrum - seek to alter and in some cases even destroy our political union. The EU is supposedly undemocratic, too divided and thus inefficient in dealing with the rapidly altering challenges of international relations. How can the EU be made more democratic to gain more support from the citizens? How can the EU be made more efficient in averting crises and tensions? How should the European Union evolve through reform of treaties?

## **ITRE** COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

“Zeitenwende” - a turning point in history is what the ramifications of the Russian attack on Ukraine are widely considered to be. The EU responded with severe sanctions on Russia and a drastic reduction of the import of Russian fossile energy sources. Especially Russian gas thus far played a major role in the transformation of industries towards carbon-neutrality. The Russian invasion underlined the dependence of European industries and economies on fossile fuels controlled by hostile nations. How can the Europe’s demand for energy be met without being dependent from autocratic nations? To what extent is it feasible or advisable to end energy dependency altogether? How can the industrial transformation towards carbon-neutrality come to fruition?

# SUPPORTING PARTNERS

Without the continuous support of our local partners, the EYP Project would nearly be impossible to organize. We would be hungry and eventually hangry, we would be thirsty and soon parched. In short: thank you so much for keeping us productive and refreshed!



**Klausberger**  
—  
Stadtbäckerei

Holsteiner Backwaren



**BARTELS – LANGNESS**

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