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## ***FORTHM Collective Short-Term Mobility***

### **Model European Union in Mainz 2021**

**Organising university:** Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

**Location of the event:** Mainz, Alte Mensa location at the Johannes Gutenberg University

**Organisers:** The organising team consists of members of BETA Deutschland e.V., and is advised by Professor Niemann and his team (especially Friedrich Plank). BETA Deutschland e.V., formerly known as BETA e.V., is a student association whose aim is “[...] to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between young Europeans”.

**Project description:** Model European Union is a simulation of the legislative process in the European Union. Participants take roles as Ministers of the Council of the European Union (CEU) or as Members of the European Parliament (EP). Furthermore, two experienced participants become European Commissioners and each presents a directive proposal to the chambers, which will be discussed and amended during the simulation.

**Day by day programme:** The 2021 edition of our MEU will take place in late July in Mainz (21st - 24th July 2021). It is planned to start the first day with arrival of the participants and role workshops. As social program for this night, a wine tasting is planned as we did in the recent years. Thursday is the first day of the actual simulation. The already mentioned commissioners will present their topics to the CEU and the EP respectively. After a full day of debate, Thursday will end with a social program at a pub garden. Friday will start with more debate but after lunch, the commissioners will present their topic to the second chamber. The participants will then debate on the other proposal including the amendments by the CEU and the EP. The social program on Friday used to be a barbeque. On Saturday, the debate continues till lunch. After this break, the chambers have to defend their amendments at the other institution where those amendments are debated afterwards. The day and the simulation ends with a vote on the final proposals amended by both chambers. The final social program is called European Night, an event where the participants get a chance to present customs of their home country. Sunday is departure day. The 2021 edition of MEUM will be extended to involve approximately 35 students from all of the FORTHM partner universities as well as students that have successfully applied in 2020 but could not attend because of the COVID-19 crisis.

**Eligibility criteria and selection criteria specific to this project:** We require our potential participants to apply for our simulation by writing a short motivation letter, which will be the main criteria for choosing participants and also for distributing the roles in the institutions. However, we try to avoid having a too narrow set of participants' backgrounds by only choosing political scientist for example. Experience in simulations like Model European Union and knowledge of the institutions and decision-making processes of the European Union may also be taken into consideration but the primary criteria for selection someone will be their motivation to take part in our simulation.



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