

FORTHem Collective Short-Term Mobility **Model European Union Mainz 2022**

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 2022 edition of our MEU will take place in June in Mainz. 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. 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 will probably 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 end 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 2022 edition of MEUM will be extended to involve approximately 35 students from all of the FORTHem partner universities as well as students that have successfully applied in 2021 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 for distributing the specific roles in the simulation. 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 or Model UN, knowledge of the institutions and decision-making processes of the European Union and interest in recent challenges/crises of the European Union and European societies may also be taken into consideration.