

# European Youth Parliament

## International Forum on Integration

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EUROPEAN **YOUTH** PARLIAMENT  
PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN DES **JEUNES**  
**DEUTSCHLAND** GERMANY



Experience Europe,  
Shape Europe,  
Live Europe,  
*witness a Europe of variety..*

For over twenty years, the European Youth Parliament in Germany (EYP) has been offering young people a chance to think about societal questions as well as to develop visions for a future Europe and discuss these with others.

Several awards have been given to the EYP and its work, such as “European Movement of the Year 2004” and the “Mérite Européen” in Bronze. The European Youth Parliament in Germany is politically independent and organized by high school and university students who are active in an honorary capacity. This exemplifies our aim to encourage the youth’ interest in current political affairs and democratic processes. Through parliamentary simulations we make politics a real experience. Participants are encouraged to practice independent thinking and to take personal initiative for their own and the European future.



*„I have noted with interest the work of the European Youth Parliament to promote dialogue and sharpen democratic awareness among young Europeans.“*

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

### The International Forum on Integration

From 31st of August to 4th of September, the European Youth Parliament will be guest in the Rhine-Main region for the fourth time. For our international Forum in Wiesbaden, we anticipate about 90 young people from across Europe to discuss European issues and explore the cultural diversity of Europe. Therefore the cosmopolitan city of Wiesbaden is the perfect host. The Parliamentary Assembly will be held in the Hessian state parliament. There, the young people will discuss their resolutions according to the rules of the European Parliament and will practice impersonately dealing with other opinions and standpoints during the development of concrete projects, which are meant to be implemented by project partners after the meeting.

### Integration of youth as a topical theme

Integration is not only a subject of public debate in the German media, but is has always been an important issue in the European member states. While the media attempts to highlight many aspects in an open debate, people often feel that this will not lead to results.

The European member states have long offered common actions as possible solutions to promote the integration of third country nationals in EU countries. Although integration policies fall within the competence of the member states, successful pan-European initiatives already exist through which all citizens and residents - with or without an immigrant background - are meant to have the opportunity to be part of a diverse society.



### Teambuilding

discover similarities, gain trust, solve problems, become a team...



### Committee Work

analyse politics, discuss opinions, come to a compromise, find a solution...



### General Assembly

resist criticism, defend own convictions, improve foreign languages, experience a parliamentary debate...



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The focal points of the meeting in Wiesbaden will deal especially with social and educational aspects of integration of young people in Europe. Participants will be given the opportunity to speak their own minds in

## The Programme of the Session

The session consists of Teambuilding, Committee Work, the General Assembly and a final plenum, all held in English. The participants work in internationally mixed committees.

### Teambuilding

On the first day, the participants will get to know each other through a series of group dynamic exercises and problem-solving tasks, which will help them to form a team and lay the foundation for successful committee work.

### Committee Work

During Committee Work the newly formed committees are facing the challenge of writing a resolution about the different aspects of integration of youth in Europe. The young Europeans will have to find different, new and innovative solutions, trying to best employ their different cultural backgrounds and experiences made. In particular, due to these different cultural and academic backgrounds, the participants will be confronted with entirely new ideas and opinions. One's own experiences and visions, ideas and conceptions are more important than already existing opinions. This is what the

the debate on integration. The adolescents will furthermore help fashion the future of Europe – their future Europe - through the development of independent projects.

resolution, written in English, will be mainly influenced by.

### General Assembly

At the end, the General Assembly reunites all participants of the session, to consider the results of committee work. Each committee will then present and defend their motion for resolution.

### Putting own ideas into practice

In the second part of Committee Work the adopted resolutions build the base for the following phase in which the participants work on concrete conceptions for a project that will help youngsters with an migratory background to integrate in the society. Therefore representatives of different European organisations that already “live integration” on a local level will support our participants and will benefit of their knowledge and experiences they gained in their countries.

### Plenum

Finally, all conceptions for projects will be presented to all participants of the session in the final plenum.

## The Summit

- 90 students from all over Europe
- Discussing resolutions, defending opinions, contracting friendships
- Great commitment and expertise at the same time
- Discussions about European Politics
- Simulation of the parliamentary process
- Europe by young people for young people
- 20 years of experience in the field of European political education