European Week Students For Europe - Brussels



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Students for Europe – Brussels

Student for Europe - Brussels (SFEB) is a Belgian non-profit organization, founded and led by Master students of the Institut des Études Européennes (IEE), linked to the following universities: Université Catholique de Louvain and Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis. The SFEB is based in Louvain-la-Neuve and in Brussels. The main goal of Students for Europe-Brussels is to bring young Europeans together around the great project of European construction.



The **staff** is composed of the following members:

- President: Pablo Montes y Camino
- Treasurer: Alicia Waterkeyn
- Political coordinator: Martina Paterniti
- Logistics coordinator: Gianvito Ancora

Furthermore, our **team** is composed of roughly 20 other members, who are in charge of helping with the organisation of the week (applications, logistics, committees and groups, etc.).

Our address is:

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Useful links:

- **Facebook page**: https://www.facebook.com/sfeb.european.week
- Twitter account: @StudentsEUBx1

The 17th edition of the European Week

Each year, we organize **the European Week** during which students from all over Europe (and beyond) are invited to discuss EU affairs and take part to various activities. These activities are aimed to promote the cultural diversity and the stimulation of the European identity.

This year it will take place from the 20th to the 24th of March 2017 on the campus of the Saint-Louis University, at the very heart of Europe, in **Brussels**.

The weekly program consists in the following activities:

1) **A crash course** on the functioning of the legislative procedure in the EU, and more precisely on the functioning of the European Parliament. Every year, we ask a member of the academic team of one of our universities to teach this course. It allows our participants to have a deeper understanding of day-to-day EU politics.



Michaël Maira, PhD student and political science assistant at Saint-Louis University, gave the crash course two years ago

2) **A simulation of the European Parliament**. The participants are invited to become Members of the European Parliament for one week. They are assigned a political group (EPP, S&D, ALDE or Greens-EFA) and a committee. Every committee discusses one piece of legislation that is currently being passed through the different stages of the EU legislative procedure. At the end of the week, the Plenary Session takes place in order to complete your experience as a Member of the European Parliament.



Participants work on a piece of legislation on passengers' personal data in the ALDE committee.

3) **A visit of the EU district of Brussels**. We guide the participants through the part of the city where the EU institutions are, and invite them to visit at least one of them. Usually, the European

Commission provides for a short presentation of the pieces legislation that the participants discuss in their committees.



Participants attending presentations on the pieces of legislation studied in the "DG Communication" of the European Commission



The Berlaymont, main building of the European Commission

4) **A series of evening-time activities**. We make sure to keep the debate going after work hours by organizing debates and conferences on EU politics with prominent speakers. We also leave space for fun and

entertainment during our first-evening international night and our lastevening graduation ceremony.



Debate about the Transatlantic Treaty (TTIP) with Pierre Defraigne, professor at the College of Europe, an employee at the European Consumer Organization (BEUC), animated by Nicolas De Sadeleer, professor at the University of Saint-Louis

Who can participate to the SFEB's European week?

The participants are students or graduate students on a university program related on European politics, law or economics, under 30 years old, capable of speaking and understanding English (as all the activities are in English). There is no restriction regarding nationality: participants from all over the world are welcome.

Hotel

The accommodation is provided in a hotel located near the campus of Saint-Louis University and the city center. This year, the participants will stay at the one-star **Manhattan Hotel**, located 10 minutes away from Saint Louis by foot.

http://manhattan-hotel-brussels.hotel-brussels.net/fr/

The hotel will be available from Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th (6 nights). The rooms will be double or triple rooms, with private bathrooms.

Price With hotel: 185 euros

Without hotel: 70 euros

This prices includes **all the activities organized**, **breakfast and lunch**. The participants are asked to pay for their transportation from their home to Brussels but also in Brussels.