



Invitation to participate in the SIMULATION

MODEL EUROPEAN UNION 2017/18

The “Model European Union”, which will be held in Florence in May 2018, will consist of the simulation of a decision-making procedure of the European Union. This simulation is organized by James Madison University’s MA in EU Policy Studies (EUPS) with the collaboration of Scuola di Science Politiche “Cesare Alfieri” dell’Università degli Studi di Firenze, the Europe Direct of the Comune di Firenze and the European Parliament.

The EU simulation is open to students from Florence University, preferably from the Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Relazioni Internazionali e Studi Europei (RISE) and the Corso di Laurea Triennale in Studi Internazionali (third year students only).

The simulation requires participating students to interpret the roles of Members of the European Parliament, Ministers of the Member State, policy advisors, the President of the Commission, external observers, the press and other institutional figures (if numbers allow so).

The simulation will be carried out entirely in English. There will be several preparatory meetings, led by professors from James Madison University and Università di Firenze, as well as European Union officials from Brussels.

The aim is to help students understand the intricacies and difficulties of policy-making at the international level, familiarizing them with the complexity of EU decision-making and testing their negotiation skills. This is also an opportunity of cross-cultural exchange, developing a collaboration between European and American students.

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTECIPATE

- Good knowledge of English
- Good knowledge of EU institutions and decision-making procedures
- Being available to study and work on group projects that will be presented during the meeting

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

University of Florence students need to sign-up by sending an email with the attached form, before Friday 3 November 2017, 5.00 pm to this email address:

jmuinterns@gmail.com

MEETINGS CALENDAR

I meeting: Wednesday 15 November 2017, 16.00-18.00 – Preliminary orientation meeting and Lecture on the Foreign Policy of the EU followed by reception.

II meeting: Friday 1 December 2017, 16.00-19.00 – Introductory lecture on inter-institutional relations and the policy-making process in the EU, 3hours

III meeting: Friday 2 March 2018, 16.00-19.00 – Practical exercises, 3hours

IV meeting: Friday 13 April 2018, 16.00-19.00 – Practical exercises, 3 hours

V meeting: Tuesday 22 May 2018, 16.00-19.00 – Preparatory meeting to the simulation

Model European Union **final simulation**: Wednesday 23 May 2018, 9.00-18.00

All meetings, unless otherwise announce, will take place at:

James Madison University, Palazzo Capponi
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Please also send a copy to prof. Fargion: valeria.fargion@unifi.it