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REGISTRATION FEE



340 €

Accommodation and meals included
The cost does not include travel
expenses

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What scenarios for Europe? Young Europeans, key players in the future of the European Union

" We can only choose between changes that move us like puppets and changes which we ourselves can foresee and achieve."

Jean Monnet, Strasbourg, 12 May 1954

The European Union (EU) is the future of young Europeans. It is essential that they contribute actively to building it with their ideas, energy and commitment.

When, in the midst of the First World War, the young Jean Monnet, a simple 26-year-old French citizen, succeeded in convincing the French and British to join forces in the war, did he know that he was setting in motion a process of collective action that would lead, a few decades later, to the creation of the European Union?

Today, we need to reconnect with this pioneering spirit and determination. At a time when the EU is once again facing war at its borders and military threats, authoritarian temptations and inner divisions emerge once again and challenge its unity. As the rule of the strongest takes over from the rule of law as the driving force in international relations, and as the EU struggles to hold its own in the global economy, it is the very foundations on which our union was built that are being shaken, and with them the ability of Europeans to weigh in on major collective challenges such as the future of democracy, climate change, health or AI.

Rich of its history, diversity, talents, values and status as the world's second-largest economy, a united Europe can become a structuring power and a force for progress and inspiration for the world. To achieve this, it is up to young Europeans to unleash their imagination and creativity, to get involved and make their voices heard in order to defend their aspirations and their future.

SAVE THE DATE ★ 19 - 23 MAY 2025

CONTENT:

- The "Monnet Method": Organizing collective action for the common good
- The "Cluny Method": developing collective intelligence
- The foresight approach: understanding, anticipating, scripting and discussing possible futures
- Interdisciplinarity and multilingualism
- Conferences, training, working groups, Sharing and exchanging

OBJECTIVES:

- Testing innovative working methods
- Developing critical thinking skills: analysing, comparing, evaluating
- Developing innovative solutions

ABOUT THE SPRING SEMINAR:

During 5 days in May, the spring seminar offers a unique opportunity for participants from all over Europe and beyond to share their thoughts, ideas and perceptions of Europe and its major challenges. The European College of Cluny seminar builds on more than 18 years of experience, having already welcomed more than 850 young European citizens.

The European College of Cluny is a place for training, research and reflection on local public action, viewed from a European perspective and driven by the spirit of innovation. It is based on the principles of academic excellence, European openness, multidisciplinary and comparative approaches towards issues of local action across Europe.



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Based on introductory presentations analyzing the major challenges facing the European Union and current tensions and conflicts, participants will use debates and role-playing to develop and simulate different scenarios regarding the evolution of the European Union and the world. An enlarged Union - or not? Should the EU acquire a defence capability ensuring its own security - or are we condemned to remain dependent and vulnerable? Should the EU continue along the path outlined by the Green Deal - or abandon it? Should we continue along the path of integration and building a collective European sovereignty - or rather restore national sovereignties? These are just some of the many dilemmas that participants will be invited to address.

The story of Jean Monnet, who as a young man used his imagination and determination to resolve the conflicts that shook Europe and the world, will serve as a point of reference for participants' reflections.

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WORKING LANGUAGES

The working language will be English: a minimum level of B2 is expected.

An understanding of French would be an asset (but not a prerequisite) to facilitate local exchanges.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Submit your application online on our website www.collegecluny.eu including (follow the instructions carefully):

- A (short) letter of motivation
- A CV

Background: Apart from language skills, no academic or professional qualifications are required. We encourage applications from all backgrounds and profiles.

Apply now and benefit from the reduced rate!

Financial assistance can be provided by our partners on request.



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SELECTION CRITERIA

- Candidates must have been born between January 1, 1990 and January 1, 2007
- Personal motivation
- Geographical distribution
- Language level

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