



# MODEL EUROPEAN UNION STRASBOURG 2025

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## What is MEU Strasbourg 2025?

Model European Strasbourg (MEUS) is the largest and oldest simulation of EU politics for young people aged 18 to 30. For the last 17 years, MEUS has equipped young people with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to succeed in their endeavours. Testimony to our interactive learning methods is our large Alumni network, many of whom are currently working for the European Institutions in various capacities as well as championing a multitude of initiatives in the private and public sector across Europe.

MEUS has a demonstrated capacity to empower young Europeans to become active and informed citizens, capable of contributing to the democratic processes and shaping the future of Europe. Whether participants are looking to pursue careers in politics, law, business, or any other field, the experiences and connections gained through our conference will serve them well throughout their professional and personal lives.

### MEUS 2025 will:

- Take place from **April 6 to 10, 2025** in the premises of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, continuing the yearly tradition started in 2007.
- Is organised by a team of 30 volunteers from Bringing Europeans Together Association (BETA) France, a nonpartisan and non-profit youth organisation. Our volunteers are university students and early career-professionals from across Europe and beyond.
- Prioritise gender equality throughout the conference and welcome participants from underprivileged backgrounds, offering them invaluable learning experiences, mentorship, and skills to better equip them for future opportunities.

### Debates in MEUS 2025:

As a simulation of decision-making procedure in the EU, we provide a platform for participants to debate two working legislative proposals of the European Commission that are of great relevance and interest to young people in the EU. For the upcoming conference, we will focus on the following:

- **Digital Euro Regulation.** Seeks to establish a digital form of cash issued by the European Central Bank, accessible to everyone in the Euro area.
- **Traineeships Directive.** Seeks to Improve working conditions for trainees, including pay, inclusiveness and quality of traineeships in the EU.

## How the simulation works?

Since MEUS is a simulation of the decision-making process of the European Union, the Ordinary Legislative Procedure is the basis of the format behind our conference. In the real-world, the process of decision-making is far more tedious and takes months and sometimes years to accomplish.

However, in order to make the simulation as realistic as possible in our shorter time span and to ensure that participants learn sufficiently about the Ordinary Legislative Procedure of the European Union, we adopt a Modified Legislative Procedure. This Modified Legislative Procedure allows us to capture as many key-elements behind decision-making in the European Parliament and Council of the EU as possible.

## What is a modified Legislative Procedure?

Our simulation is designed to condense months or even years of legislative procedures into a single week, replicating the workings of both chambers of the EU in an accelerated yet thorough manner. We ensure that every step of the legislative process is carefully represented so participants can get the most out of the experience. Our dedicated content team—comprising Commissioners, Legal, and Political Advisors—is here to guide you through the process.

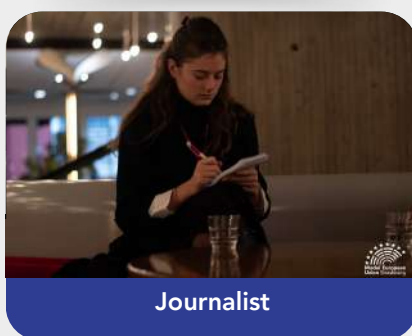
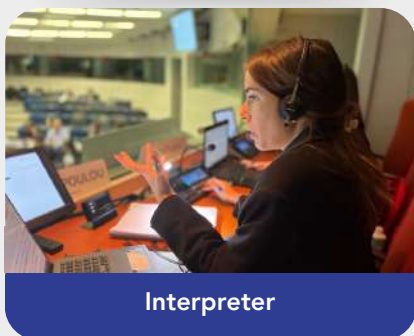
MEUS is open to young people from all backgrounds, even those with no prior knowledge or experience in European politics. You won't feel lost.

Our goal is to simplify the complexities of the EU legislative process and make participation accessible to everyone. We provide preparatory materials and organize workshops so you feel confident and prepared for your role once the conference begins.

	European Parliament	Council of the EU
First Reading	Commission Presents Proposal I	Commission Presents Proposal II
	Debate and Amend Proposal I	Debate and Amend Proposal II
	Trilogue	
	Submit Amendments	
	Debate and Vote on Amendments	
	Elected Rapporteurs present Amendment results to other institution	
Second Reading	Commission Presents Proposal II	Commission Presents Proposal I
	Debate and Amend Proposal II as amended by Council	Debate and Amend Proposal I as amended by European Parliament
	Trilogue	
	Submit Amendments	
	Debate and Vote on Amendments	
	Elected Rapporteurs present Amendment results to other institution	
Third Reading	Final Speech of Commissioner on both proposals as amended by both institutions	
	Final Debate on Both Topics	
	Final Vote on Both Proposals	



# What Roles can participants take at MEUS 2025?



At MEUS 2025, participants will take on various roles that simulate EU decision-making processes. From drafting and amending legislation to representing interest groups or documenting the simulation's events, each role provides a hands-on experience and insight into European politics.



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MEUS is giving you the chance to improve your understanding of how the EU policy process works...It is therefore an initiative I wholeheartedly support and follow with enthusiasm...It has since 2007, become the world's most respected simulation of the EU's decision-making process.

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**Martin Schulz**, Former President of the European Parliament

## Time to learn the roles!

- **Member of the European Parliament (MEP)**

MEPs represent their countries as well as their political group during the debates in the European Parliament. You will be assigned to one of the eight political groups, but you will have to find allies in other groups as you try to push through your amendments – while at the same time working with the Ministers in the Council. You will have a direct impact on the proposals passed and if you work hard enough, you could even draft the most significant amendments that make or break the law!

- **Minister of the Council**

In the Council of the European Union, Ministers from each Member State meet to debate the proposals as presented by the European Commission. Your primary focus as a Minister is to defend the interests of your country and the national government you are part of while cooperating and compromising with your colleagues despite competing interests and values. This can be particularly tricky as voting in the Council is based on qualified majorities, considering not only the number of countries voting, but also the number of citizens of each country. Simultaneously, you must avoid conflicts with the MEPs to make sure the proposals also reach the majority in the Parliament.

- **National Banking Representatives of the Euro Area countries**

In MEUS 2025 edition we will be simulating a new role, the role of National banking representatives of Euro Area countries. Two main tasks of ECB are maintaining price stability and ensuring the safety of banking system. Therefore, MEUS 2025 participants will step into the shoes of representatives of national central banks within the Governing Council, acting as representatives of national supervisors within the Single Supervisory Mechanism. This simulation will enable you to understand decision-making process related to these two main functions of the ECB.

- **Journalist**

Journalists are a vital part of any political landscape – even if it's a simulated one. As an MEUS Journalist, you'll have the opportunity to capture different moments throughout the simulation and then present them according to your role, publishing breaking news in real-time and reporting on the conference in your own preferred way. It is thanks to Journalists that all participants can always keep track of all decisions during the extremely fast-paced sessions. You will also be working closely with Photographers who will help you add visual excellence to articles you will be curating on proceedings in the conference.

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- **Interest Representatives**

Interest Representatives give lawmakers an understanding of their actions' impact on the outer world and on the daily life of over 500 millions European citizens. Although often criticised for their influence on the European Union's legislative process, your actions derive from this simple reality: decisions taken at the European level have a large effect on our daily lives, economies, jobs, environment, income and social protections. As an Interest Representative, you will be an expert on one of the topics debated at MEUS and it will be your responsibility to ensure that the politicians you work with are able to retain an overview of everything at stake during the simulation. By putting your knowledge at their service, you have the unique opportunity to influence the way the legislation is forged and thus guide how it will impact the group and interests you represent.

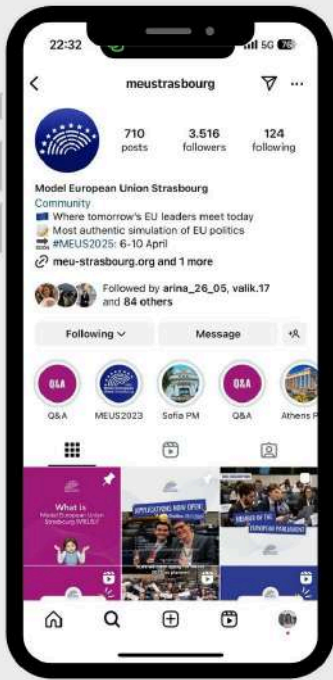
- **Interpreter**

Interpreters play a crucial role at MEUS. They facilitate communication by interpreting speeches, debates, meetings with Interest Representatives, and press conferences—both from English into their native language and vice versa, including relay interpreting for other booths. This ensures smooth communication among all participants. While English is the primary language of communication, interpreters add realism, dynamism, and inclusivity to the conference.

Primarily working in the simultaneous mode, interpreters also have the opportunity to practice consecutive interpreting and chuchotage (whispered interpreting). This immersive environment provides the perfect conditions to develop and refine a wide range of interpreting skills in a real-life professional setting.

- **Photographer**

As a Photographer you will capture moments of the debate, being the visual storyteller who illustrates what is going on. This will help you to get a grasp of the topics, the people debating these topics and the emotions fueling these debates, making your tasks as a Photographer reach greater depths especially in an intense setting. You will have to pick the best photos, edit them and endue them with our watermark for the MEUS album, released online after the Conference. This demands your willingness to keep up the work even after the Conference has come to an end. But just as for all other Participants, the results of your hard work will be rewarding and lasting for yourself too.



## ORGANIC REACH MEUS SOCIAL MEDIA IN NUMBERS

After September 2024



Data retrieved in october 2024

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For me, MEU Strasbourg was a complete deep-dive into EU politics, coming in totally blank, but I loved every minute of it. I never thought I'd be any good at anything political, but I was interested in seeing what EU politics were like, so I figured I would just show up and watch the debates. But no. Somehow, something lit a fire in me, and I got engaged from the first minute, being elected faction leader and bringing fire in the debates. What followed was four days of intense debating, secret lunchtime negotiations, faction meetings, informal politicking and strategizing until late at night. I never expected to find these hidden talents.

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Frank Cornelisse, Former MEUS participant and current member of the Provincial Council for D66 Gelderland, Netherlands



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I trust that this simulation will challenge you and increase your knowledge about the European institutions and how demanding it can be to find common solutions to Europe's issues. I also hope that it will give you an idea of what you think could be done, and how you can contribute to solving problems relating to the environment, the refugee crisis or any other political issue.

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Jean-Claude Juncker, Former President of the European Commission



**THANK YOU!**

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