

Climate crisis, war in Ukraine, people on the move: The European Union faces big challenges. Now more than ever, we need fresh ideas, new perspectives, and strong voices. Young people are key to shaping Europe's future and rethinking the European project. This seminar is especially suitable for bilingual classes or exchange projects. It gives young people the chance to learn about history and how the EU works. They will explore current political, economic, and social issues. The highlight is a simulation of the European Convention: participants take on the role of an EU country or institution and negotiate important topics in European politics. They will see how decisions are made, how different interests clash, and how compromises are found.

In creative workshops, young people will imagine their own future for Europe. What values should be at the center? How can the EU become more fair, sustainable, and democratic? The seminar offers space for exchange, discussion, and action – because the Europe of tomorrow needs the ideas and commitment of the young generation.



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## Seminar Program

### Day 1

|        |       |                                                                               |
|--------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Before | 09:30 | Travel to Gesamteuropäisches Studienwerk e. V., Südfeldstr. 2-4, 32602 Vlotho |
|        |       | Check-in                                                                      |
| 10:00  | 10:45 | <b>Introduction to the venue and the seminar</b>                              |
|        |       | N. Engelage                                                                   |
| 10:45  | 12:30 | <b>Europe and I</b>                                                           |
|        |       | Introductory lecture and discussion, N. Engelage                              |
| 12:30  |       | Lunch                                                                         |
| 14:30  |       | Coffee Break                                                                  |
| 15:00  | 16:30 | <b>The European Integration Process</b>                                       |
|        |       | Who is who in the EU, Dr. G. Schüsselbauer                                    |
| 16:30  | 18:45 | <b>Tour d'Europe</b>                                                          |
|        |       | Interactive Group Activity, Dr. G. Schüsselbauer                              |
| 19:00  |       | Lunch                                                                         |

### Day 2

|       |       |                                                        |
|-------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 08:30 |       | Breakfast                                              |
| 09:30 | 12:30 | <b>Simulation: European Convention</b>                 |
|       |       | Introduction and Preparations, N. Engelage             |
| 12:30 |       | <b>Lunch</b>                                           |
| 14:00 | 15:30 | <b>Simulation: European Convention</b>                 |
|       |       | Performance (opening, first round of negotiations)     |
| 15:30 |       | Coffee Break                                           |
| 15:45 | 17:15 | <b>Simulation: European Convention</b>                 |
|       |       | Performance (second round of negotiations, conclusion) |
| 17:15 | 18:00 | <b>Simulation: European Convention</b>                 |
|       |       | Debriefing, N. Engelage                                |
| 18:30 |       | Lunch                                                  |

### Day 3

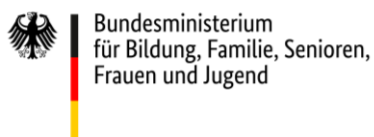
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| 08:30 |       | Breakfast / Check-out                                                                             |
| 09:30 | 12:30 | <b>Our Future in 2040</b><br>Workshops in small working groups, N. Engelage, Dr. G. Schüsselbauer |
| 12:30 |       | Lunch                                                                                             |
| 13:00 | 13:45 | <b>Evaluation and Conclusion of the Seminar</b>                                                   |
| 14:00 |       | Departure                                                                                         |

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