# YOUR QUESTIONS ON #ESA25...





## ...about the application process

 My country of study is Switzerland. Even though it is not part of the EU, is it still possible to participate in ESA?

Yes. Students studying in a non-EU country can still apply to ESA25 as long as their university is part of one of the 64 European Universities Alliances.

• If I am a student in a European University but not a European citizen, am I eligible for ESA?

Yes. European citizenship is not a selection criteria for ESA.

#### • How are candidates selected?

Candidates are selected based on the general information and their answers to motivation questions in the application form.

#### • If I applied and I have been chosen, can I still quit?

Selected students will be asked to confirm their wish to take part in ESA25. After the start of the project, students are asked not to quit in order to ensure continuity of the work.

#### Is there any age limit to apply to ESA25?

There is no age limit, but the candidate must be enrolled as a student at a European university, in the second year of their Bachelor's to PhD program.

#### • Is it expected to pay any amount of money?

Students should not anticipate any expenses as ESA will cover meals and accommodation, while travel costs are typically expected to be covered by alliances or universities

 If I have a dual nationality, would I have better chances of being selected if I apply with my EU nationality or my non-EU one?

Nationality is not a selection criteria. Students can apply with an EU nationality or a non-EU nationality.

• If I am in mobility, is my start university responsable for the charges or my destination one?

It is decision of each student's alliance to cover travel costs.

• Who exactly reviews and grades the applications and who is in charge of the coordinator selection?

Alliances are selecting their own 5 students and ESA team is selecting coordinators.

• Do I receive an email once I have submitted the application, and what happens with selection results: how am informed?

Students do not receive an email after submitting their application: please check that at the end of the application procedure you read the message that it has been submitted. For selection results, students will receive an email, whether they are selected or not.







• I am a Joint Master Student who studies at two universities at once. During the application period I will be a student in Italy and during the actual Event I am a student in Hamburg (Germany). Which Alliance should I put down in the application form, the one in Italy or the one in Germany?

You should put the alliance in which you will belong during the event, feel free to reach out to your alliance to make sure.

• Is it possible to apply to the European Student Assembly if we are in the first year of our Bachelor?

As it is written on the handbook, we recommend to be at least at your second year of bachelor to can apply to ESA25. For those of you in your first year, we invite you to apply for the next edition; ESA26!

• I study Political Science and my University is a member of the NeurotechEU Alliance (so a different field); can I still apply for ESA?

Yes, of course!

• I am from Portugal, but currently on Erasmus in Poland for the whole year. How would it impact my participation and how would the trip work?

Participation will not be affected! For the trip, simply contact your alliance to plan it with them!

• Is the field of study a selection criterion?

No, not at all. All students are welcome to apply, whether they are studying engineering, language, politics or other subjects.

• I wasn't accepted last year? Is it possible to get in this year?

Yes of course, increase your chances by looking at the entries long enough to do it right. Do not use ChatGPT because we have a lot of feedback from our detector.

• Should I mention my motivation for all three panels or should I put a focus on only my first choice?

It's better to motivate your application for all three panels. Even if you don't like or are not a specialist in a panel's field, it doesn't matter, your opinion still counts!

- Is it possible to apply for both positions, participant and coordinator?

  Yes, students can apply for both positions but will be selected only for one of them.
- How are we assigned to a panel?

In the application form, students have to choose the 3 panels they are the most interested in and rank them in order of preference.

• Does the fact that I haven't had any experience with EU work/project affect my selection?

Students willing to participate in ESA must put the emphasis on the experience they already have. Motivation and interest are key and previous knowledge on EU politics is not a selection criteria.







### ...about the event in Strasbourg

• Are flights provided by our university/alliance?

It can be expected that transportation (please consider green travel means as much as possible) will be covered by each student's University/Alliance. The final decision is made by your University or Alliance.

 Will coordinators also participate in drafting the policies or is it just for participas?

Yes, coordinators will lead the work of their panel.

• Do we have a supervisor along the journey while we build the policy recommendations?

Yes, students will be guided by students and alumni from the Student Working Group.

 As a former participant, can you estimate the necessary weekly online preparation hours?

The time devoted to online preparation is approximately 1.5 hours per week.

- Regarding the food in the hostel, will allergies be taken into consideration? Yes, allergies will be considered by the hostel.
- As participants of the ESA, will we have the opportunity to meet current or former Members of the European Parliament?

Yes, some Members of the European Parliament have been invites to attend the previous editions of the event. With the help of the Steering Committee, MEPs can also get involved in the preparation phase.



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