YOUR QUESTIONS ON ESA24...



# ...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 ESA24 as long as their university is part of one of the 50 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 their answers to motivation questions in the application form and CV information.

#### • 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 ESA24. After the start of the project, students are asked not to quit in order to ensure continuity of the work.

#### • Can I participate if I am 19 years old ?

There is no age limit if the candidate is enrolled as a student in a European university.

• Shall I be registered as a student from now on until the Strasbourg event in order to apply?

To be eligible to apply, future participants must provide evidence of student registration (current or to come until Mid-January) and throughout the online preparation and event phase in Strasbourg.

#### • 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 responsible for the charges or my destination one?

It is the 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 students and ESA Steering committee is selecting coordinators.

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

• How many participants and how many coordinators will be selected? 220+ participants and 22 coordinators will be selected.

• 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 criterion.

• My school certificate cannot be delivered in English, is this a problem?

The documents requested must be issued in <u>English</u>. Only if this is not possible, students may submit them in another language.



## ...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 participants?

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 ESA Steering committee.

• 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 invited 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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