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EDUCATION AND LEARNING AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



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The European Parliament welcomes visitors of all ages. In this leaflet, you will find information about services and resources that are available for educators that support the standard offer for visitors in Brussels and Strasbourg.

In Brussels the standard offer features three facilities: the *Hemicycle* that is used for debating and voting, the *Parlamentarium* visitors centre and the museum, the *House of European History*. In Strasbourg, visitors are able to see its *Hemicycle* and the *Parlamentarium Simone Veil* in a combined visit.

Educators can also take advantage of the network of *European Parliament Liaison Offices* in major cities around Europe. The offices organise events and provide materials about the European Parliament, and some even include the *Europa Experience*, a unique exhibit that lets visitors find out about European politics in an interactive and dynamic way.

Unless specified otherwise, all the information about visiting the European Parliament, including bookings, can be found online:

www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting

BRUSSELS

HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

The House of European History looks at the continent as a whole and presents visitors with different perspectives on the history of Europe. The museum is an ideal learning space for exploring Europe's past, present and future in engaging and enjoyable ways.

Opening times:



Mon. 13:00-21:00 | Tue.-Fri. 9:00-18:00 | Sat.-Sun. 10:00-18:00



Activity worksheets



Specially designed worksheets support the learning experience of the permanent exhibition. The resources encourage students to look into, interrogate and analyse history in an independent way. Working in small groups, visitors explore the stories and content of the museum in depth, finding out about European history for themselves. Group leaders can use guidance notes to accompany students using the worksheets.

 **12-18 years**  10-60 people  Permanent exhibition: 90 mins

 DE, EN, FR, NL

Availability: Every day

Min. advance booking: 2 weeks

Workshop: Out of the display case



History comes to life in the *Out of the display case* workshop. Participants should be ready for a hands-on experience as they discover some of the fascinating items in the House of European History. Primary and secondary sources, including objects, photographs, textual materials, can be examined as participants hold history in the palm of their hands.

 **6-18 years**  10-30 people  90 mins  DE, EN, FR, NL

Availability: Every day

Min. advance booking: 4 weeks

Role Play Game



Players take their turn at running the European Union in the *Role Play Game*. As Members of the European Parliament, they must study, debate and vote on new legislation. Groups are divided into political groups and committees to analyse the issues, propose changes and find compromises. Players see for themselves how European law is made and who the key players are. All participants receive a certificate signed by the President of the European Parliament. A debriefing tool is also available to follow up on the experience in the classroom.

👤 **14+ years** 👥 16-32 people ⌚ 2½ hours

🌐 24 All 24 European Union languages

Availability: Every day

Min. advance booking: 12 weeks

HEMICYCLE



Brussels Hemicycle visit

The Hemicycle seats all 705 Members of the European Parliament and is used for the largest and most important debates. Groups visit the Hemicycle's public gallery and can see debates live if the European Parliament is in session. Groups also receive a wide-ranging interactive presentation on the European Parliament that can be tailored to the audience. Topics of interest can also be covered if indicated when booking.

10-100 people 1½-3 hours

All 24 European Union languages

Availability: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-18:00

Min. advance booking: 8 weeks

European Youth Seminars



European Youth Seminars gather young people from all over Europe to present, discuss and vote on ideas on a hot topic. A number of groups from different countries work together in a common language spoken by all participants. Their ideas for solving issues are debated during the day in ideas labs. The day ends with a final vote on the best proposal, which is then discussed with Members of the European Parliament.

16-30 years 20-40 per school group (larger groups subject to availability) 1 day DE, EN, FR

Availability: Several times a year

Min. advance booking: 8 weeks

STRASBOURG



European Parliament visit



Strasbourg is the official seat of the European Parliament and features the Hemicycle that is used for important debates and votes. Visiting includes seeing the Hemicycle and participating in a wide-ranging interactive presentation on the European Parliament that is tailored to the audience. Visitors may be able to see a debate live if the European Parliament is in session. Visiting Strasbourg includes the *Parlamentarium Simone Veil*, which offers a dynamic and interactive introduction to the European Parliament.

During plenary sessions:

10-100 people 1½-3 hours

All 24 European Union languages

Availability: Mon.-Thu.

Min. advance booking: 8 weeks

Outside of plenary sessions:

20-100 people 1 hour

All 24 European Union languages (multimedia guides)

DE, EN, FR (guided tours)

Availability: Mon.-Fri.

Min. advance booking: 2 days

Parliamentarium Simone Veil Role Play Game

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👥 16-32 people ⌚ 2½ hours 🌐 24 All 24 European Union languages

Availability: Mon.-Fri.

Min. advance booking: 2 weeks

Euroscola



Euroscola allows students to see European Union decision-making firsthand, in a dynamic and multilingual setting. The European Parliament invites schools from across the European Union to take part in a programme that culminates in a 1-day event in Strasbourg. In the Hemicycle debating chamber itself, students step into the shoes of a Member of the European Parliament to take the floor, debate and vote on resolutions. Schools begin by competing in national competitions before travelling to Strasbourg.

👥 16-18 years 👥 15-24 students (plus one teacher) ⌚ 1 day (plus national competitions, duration varies per country) 🌐 24 All 24 European Union languages (final Strasbourg event only in DE, EN, FR)

Availability: Contact your nearest European Parliament Liaison Office

ACROSS EUROPE

European Parliament Liaison Offices

The European Parliament has a network of liaison offices in major cities across the European Union. The offices organise activities and events, provide teaching materials on the European Union, and some feature interactive Europa Experience exhibitions. See the visitor website to find out where your nearest office is.

Ambassador School Programme



The *European Parliament Ambassador School Programme* is an educational network that raises awareness of European citizenship and democracy. Teachers become Senior, and students Junior, ambassadors and organise activities such as information points and events for Europe Day. The European Parliament and its Liaison Offices provide support with teacher seminars, educational tools and communication platforms that make it easy for schools to get in touch with Members of the European Parliament and understand their work. They also facilitate contacts with other European schools in this network.

👤👤👤 **14-18 years** 👥 Student group(s) plus teacher(s)

🌐 All 24 European Union languages

Availability: Contact your nearest European Parliament Liaison Office

More info:

www.europarl.europa.eu/atyourservice

www.facebook.com/EPAmbassadorSchools

ONLINE RESOURCES

House of European History classroom activities



Online resources for educators and students are available on the House of European History website. The materials complement the permanent exhibition and are ideal for classroom, home or other educational settings. Major themes are covered in the resources, which talk about the issues as well as highlight the similarities between the past and the present. Themes available: *migration, human rights, identity, conflict and communication*.

👤👤 **6-18 years** (24) All 24 European Union languages

More info: www.historia-europa.ep.eu

Multimedia centre

The European Parliament's multimedia centre includes a mix of news, background and educational videos. Videos are available in many formats, as well as in, or with subtitles for, most official European Union languages.

(24) All 24 European Union languages

More info: www.multimedia.europarl.europa.eu

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