# Model European Union Zagreb 2023

A Model European Union (MEU) is a simulation of the European Union. It gathers participants into 3 working groups: Council of the EU, EU Parliament, and the Press. During the Model, Parliament and Council discuss two real legislative documents, simulating the Ordinary Legislative Procedure. The Press follows closely the events and reports everything.

#### **About MEU Zagreb:**

- will take place in Zagreb on April 21-22-23
- is held entirely in English
- participation is completely free
- will gather 40-70 participants aged 18-30
- topics of discussion: Social Inclusion and Green Policies
- is organized by Udruga Amazonas (European Solidarity Corps program) and Diplomatski Klub FPZG

#### **About you:**

- are interested in knowing more about the EU
- are 18-30 years old
- are able to be in presence, in Zagreb, on April 21-22-23

Apply here: MEU Zagreb application form

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### Roadmap to the MEU

Opening of the applications

February 20th

Closing of the applications

March 19th

Selection of participants

On a rolling basis

Online preparatory workshop

April 15th

Participation required

**MEU Zagreb** 

April 21–22–23
Participation required

all days

# The Ordinary Legislative Procedure (OLS)

The Ordinary Legislative Procedure is the decision-making procedure followed in the European Union. Its main actors are the Commission, the Council, and the Parliament. In reality, the OLS takes months or even years. In MEU Zagreb, it will take be simplified to take a total of three days.

#### Main actors in MEU Zagreb:

- European Commission
- Council of the EU
- European Parliament
- Press

#### Two legislative proposals are discussed, on the topics of:

- Social Inclusion
- Green Policies

DAY 1		DAY 2		DAY 3	
PARLIAMENT	COUNCIL	PARLIAMENT	COUNCIL	PARLIAMENT	COUNCIL
Commission speech on Proposal 1	Commission speech on Proposal 2	Parliament votes on its amended version of Proposal 1	Council votes on its amended version of Proposal 2	Parliament votes on its amended version of Proposal 2	Council votes on its amended version of Proposal 1
Parliament works on Proposal 1: debating and amending	Council works on Proposal 2: debating and amending	Exchange of information between Chambers on how discussions and amendments were		Exchange of information between Chambers on how discussions and amendments were	
		Commission speech on Proposal 2	Commission speech on Proposal 1	Final discussions	Final discussions
		Parliament works on Proposal 2: debating and amending	Council works on Proposal 1: debating and amending	Final vote on both proposals	Final vote on both proposals
Press conference		Press conference		Press conference	

### The Roles you can apply to

#### Council of the European Union

The Council of the European Union is formed by 27 Ministers, one for each EU Member State. The Ministers are experts on the topics of the Legislative Proposals. They debate and amend the Proposals alongside the Parliament, and are assisted by the Commission in the process. The Council represents the Governments of each Member State.

#### The European Parliament

The European Parliament is formed by 705 Members (MEPs), coming from all Member States. They are divided into political groups, each of which has a leader. As a co-legislator with the Council, they debate and amend the Legislative Proposals, assisted by the Commission. Each MEP and group has different views on every Proposal. The Parliament represents the citizens of each Member State.

#### The Press

The Press documents and reports everything that happens in the Chambers (Council and Parliament). Journalists closely follow the debates and catch the most important moments. They write articles each day for the MEU newspaper, and interview Ministers, MEPs, and other policymakers. They make information available to the public and highlight what the citizens should know, as well as helping policymakers build their public image.

#### The Staff

#### **The Director Generals**

The Director Generals (DG and DDG) follow each step of the MEU, opening and closing the event. They are the ones you can turn to for any question.

#### The European Commission

Two Commissioners, one for each Legislative Proposal, support the Chambers in the decision making process by giving speeches and explanations.

#### The Legal Service

The Legal Service know how to write and read EU law and assist the Chambers during the amendment writing process.

#### The Chairs

Parliament and Council are presided by three Chairs each. They moderate the debate and make sure that the Chambers work fruitfully following the OLS correctly.

#### The Editorial Team

The Editorial Team organizes and coordinate the work of the journalists. They overview each article and interview, and add that "touch" to make the MEU even more dunamic.

#### The Logistics Coordinator

The Logistics Coordinator takes care of evertything regarding the flow of the event: from venue to after-work events, they make the MEU fun and informative at the same time.

#### **FAQs**

#### What are the requirements to participate in MEU Zagreb?

- You must be between 18 and 30 years old
- You must be available in Zagreb on April 21-22-23

# I don't know anything about politics / have never participated in a MEU before. Can I apply?

Yes, you can participate. The only important thing is that you have the curiosity and will to learn something new.

#### What level of English do I need to have?

You need to be able to hold a conversation in English. The MEU will be entirely in English, keep that in mind! But don't be discouraged if you think your English is not perfect.

#### Is the MEU open only to EU citizens?

No, MEU Zagreb is open to everyone. We encourage diversity!

#### Is the MEU open only to students?

No, as long as you are max. 30 years old, you're welcome to apply even if not a student.

#### I have some impairment/disability. Is that a problem?

No, it isn't. Let us know in the application form and we will try our best to accommodate your needs.

#### Do I need to pay to participate?

No, MEU Zagreb is free for everyone. However, at the moment we cannot cover transport/accommodation costs.



## MEU Zagreb application form

It takes only 15 minutes!

Deadline for applications: March 19th

For any questions, contact us at meuzagreb.info@gmail.com

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