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The voice of European students

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Conference on the Future of Europe
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The **European Universities Community (EUC)** is a grassroots initiative gathering student representatives from European University Alliances. Its objective is to give students a voice in the **Conference on the Future of Europe** launched by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the European Council on May 9th, 2021. The Conference is expected to reach conclusions by 2022, thus providing guidance on the future of Europe. Initiated first by French Universities in the context of the forthcoming EU Council French Presidency, the EUC is open to any European student or institution willing to get involved.



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on the **Future**
of **Europe**



#EUC

Our objectives

- Voicing the opinion of students in the Conference on the Future of Europe;
- Fostering the participation of students in European University Alliances (EUA);
- Reinforcing collaboration within the network of EUA;
- Increasing the impact and visibility of the EUA initiative;
- Opening the EUA network to other universities and society actors;
- Laying the foundations of a long-term initiative to increase the participation of youth in the European democratic process.

How you can help us

We have already started to define the various actions we want to lead. Now, we need you to make them come to life. We would like to invite you, if you're interested, to join our team in one or several of the following actions:

- Action 1: Contribute to the multilingual digital platform
- Action 2: Inaugural session of the European Students Assembly
- Action 3: Manifesto on the future of European Universities
- Action 4: Promoting multilingualism and multiculturalism

02. | ACTIONS

ACTION 1 - CONTRIBUTE TO THE MULTILINGUAL DIGITAL PLATFORM

#TheFutureIsYours: Shape the future of Europe by making your voice heard!

Proposing ideas, improving the EU's capacities, debating and discussing with citizens from all over Europe... Do you feel like taking part in a Europe-wide public consultation along with the European Universities Community (EUC)? If so, the first step is to join the official multilingual digital platform www.futureu.europa.eu. The platform enables discussions on topics as diverse as environment, health, culture, sport, democracy... and gives access to a list of online and physical events. Create your account and start suggesting your ideas to shape the future of Europe.

The multilingual digital platform: a simple, effective and modern way to engage in the debate.

Once on the platform, you can publish content, like and comment posts, follow your friends, as you would on social media. Use the **#EUC hashtag** and make your input visible to other European university students. What better way to connect with your peers?

What about your input?

Your most convincing recommendations may be taken aboard by one of the 4 European Citizens Panels, each of them gathering 200 citizens from all over the Union. A report will be jointly published in Spring 2022 by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council based on citizens' recommendations. Contributing to the platform is a unique opportunity to have a concrete impact on subjects that matter; the suggestions and recommendations you would have provided on the platform will mostly enrich and support the Inaugural session of the European Student Assembly, to be held in March 2022, in Strasbourg (**Action 2**).

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ACTION 2 - INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Participate in a major democratic event in Strasbourg

The European Student Assembly will be a major event gathering around 200 students from European University Alliances in Strasbourg in March 2022. Selected student representatives from European University Alliances will discuss some of the most decisive challenges Europe is facing today. Working in subgroups, they will address issues as complex as democracy, cybersecurity, sustainability, or migration. Their concrete recommendations to be published and sent to policy makers. Experts and public figures will be also invited to contribute their input and to convey the students' voice across Europe.

Get your fellow students involved in the process

A student-centered event, this inaugural session of the European Student Assembly will be the apex of a several months long process involving the student community within each participating European University alliance. It will be the first of a series of similar conferences, laying the foundation of a long-term initiative to increase the participation of youth in the European democratic process. This project will further reinforce the collaboration between the alliances, increase their collective visibility and contribute to their societal impact. The organisation team will ensure the fairest distribution of gender, nationality, country of residence, level, and academic discipline among subgroups. Students' choice of topics will be taken into account as much as possible.

You want to be part of the adventure?

Please, fill in [the following form](#) by Nov. 1, 2021.

For more information, have a look the [Action 2 Presentation](#)

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ACTION 3 - MANIFESTO FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

How should universities look like in the future? Defend your vision!

In the perspective of the Conference on the Future of Europe, students and PhD students are invited to contribute to the collective design of a manifesto that should be released **by 26th January 2022** in the **Forum for the Universities of the Future**. A great opportunity for everyone who wishes to contribute to the future of the European Union!

A manifesto is a public statement setting up an agenda for action. Creative, daring, challenging, it has to catch people's attention and promote a cause; in our case, the necessity to figure out the university of the future and the way it can shape Europe to come and European alliances.

If a manifesto is almost always a text, this text could take different shapes: it could be simply written, or announced in a video, in which a lot of students could take part. We are open to any idea!

Students need to be the actors and writers of this manifesto, that can only make sense through their participation. That is the reason why we invite every interested student to join us and get involved in the participatory work on this manifesto, which will start at the very beginning of September 2021. We are really looking forward to working with you!

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ACTION 4 - ACTION 4: PROMOTING MULTILINGUALISM AND MULTICULTURALISM

Take initiative to promote multilingualism

According to the founding treaties, the EU must respect the rich cultural and linguistic diversity of Europe and ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded. In addition to the general principle of linguistic diversity, a 2008 communication describes multilingualism as "an asset for Europe and a shared commitment". Among other aspects, it emphasizes its role in fostering "intercultural dialogue and social cohesion". The New Framework Strategy for Multilingualism adopted in 2016 finally highlights three main objectives:

- encourage language learning and promote linguistic diversity in society;
- promote a multilingual economy;
- give citizens access to EU information in their own languages

Workshops, webinars, debates will allow us to fully explore what these two topics entail. France's presidency of the Council of the EU between January and June 2022, will give us a timely opportunity to reassess the place of the French language and culture within the EU. Students are invited to analyse what Multilingualism and Multiculturalism mean in their daily lives, and in which way Francophonie can contribute.

The events that they will choose to organize will give them the great opportunity to probe what these concepts mean for them as students, as future professionals, for their personal development, and as European citizens.

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JOIN US NOW!

Are you willing to participate in a project that has never been done before? The European Universities Community (EUC) offers you a unique opportunity to be part of a large network of peer students and early stage researchers from all over Europe. Whether you want to defend your ideas and make your voice heard, develop your skills and knowledge, or just keep the European spirit alive, do not hesitate to join us!

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