

Agorà 2026

Civilisation is the Progress of Menalive

Call for Applications for International University Students

EucA (European University College Association), in collaboration with Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro, invites you to discover Agora 2026, taking place from 11 to 13 November 2026, in the heart of Europe!

This experience offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with representatives of the European Union's institutions, explore the foundations and future of the European project, and exchange perspectives with young people from across Europe. By the end of the event, you will have expanded your understanding of European affairs, built meaningful international connections, and gained valuable insights into active citizenship, public policy, and European careers.

Art. 1 Event Description

Agorà 2026 is an international educational program that brings together 100 young participants from Italy and other European countries to meet representatives of European institutions and discuss the future of Europe. The event aims to foster a deeper understanding of the European Union's institutional architecture, encourage dialogue on the key challenges currently facing Europe, and bring young people closer to opportunities within European institutions. You will also have the opportunity to discover places that have played a significant role in the development of the European integration process.

Under the title "*Civilisation is the progress of Menalive*", the 2026 edition invites you to reflect on the concept of civilisation as a living reality shaped by human relationships, freedom, and responsibility. From this perspective, Europe is not viewed as a finished achievement, but as an ongoing project that depends on the contribution and commitment of each generation. Through meetings, discussions, and exchanges with institutional representatives and fellow participants, you will be encouraged to reflect on your role as a European citizen and engage with some of the most relevant questions shaping Europe's future.

The results? New connections, a deeper understanding of European institutions, and the inspiration to play an active role in shaping the future of Europe.

Art. 2 Duration, Dates & Agenda

The event will take place from 11 to 13 November 2026 in Brussels, Belgium.

You are expected to arrive on Wednesday, 11 November, before the start of the activities at 15:00. The program will begin in the afternoon with welcome and workshop activities, giving you the opportunity to engage with the themes of the initiative and get to know the other participants.

Thursday, 12 November, will feature a full day of activities, including a visit to the European Parliament, discussions, and educational sessions focused on European affairs and the future of Europe.

On Friday, 13 November, you will take part in a final dialogue session and closing activities, followed by lunch and the conclusion of the program. Departures can be scheduled from the afternoon onwards.

The indicative activity schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, 11 November 2026: 15:00 - 22:00
- Thursday, 12 November 2026: 09:30 - 13:00 and 15:00 - 22:00
- Friday, 13 November 2026: 09:30 - 13:00

Kindly note that the agenda is still being finalized and may undergo minor refinements to ensure the best possible experience.

Art. 3 Location and Modality

The edition will be held in Brussels, Belgium, fully in-person and conducted entirely in English, including all sessions and activities.

Art. 4 Learning Outcomes

- Develop a deeper understanding of the European Union's institutional architecture and the role of its main institutions.
- Increase your awareness of the current challenges facing Europe through direct dialogue and exchange with representatives of European institutions.
- Gain greater familiarity with educational and professional opportunities within European institutions and related career paths.
- Reflect on the concepts of citizenship, responsibility, and participation within the broader context of the European project and its future development.

Art. 5 Participation Fee & Coverage

The participation fee is fully covered for all selected international participants. This comprehensive coverage is designed to ensure that talented students can access this high-level experience.

What is Included:

- Accommodation for 2 nights in a double room in Brussels, shared with another participant.
- Breakfasts on 12 and 13 November 2026;
- Dinners on 11 and 12 November 2026;

- Insurance.
- EucA trainer on-site.
- Infopack with all essential information.
- Onboarding session prior to the event.
- Certificate of training hours.

What is not included:

- International Flight from/to Brussels.
- Transfer from the airport to the city center.
- Local transport in Brussels.
- Lunches and any additional meals outside of those provided.

Art. 6 Training Hours

The program will provide 18 hours of training.

Art. 7 Target Audience

This call is open to international university students from all fields of study and all academic years, interested in European affairs, active citizenship, public policy, and European careers.

Art. 8 Methodology

The project combines institutional visits, expert-led discussions, and interactive educational activities designed to foster your active participation and dialogue on the future of Europe. Additionally, the program integrates interactive workshops, co-creation sessions, and non-formal learning methodologies, offering you direct opportunities to engage with the topics of the initiative in a collaborative and participatory environment.

Through a hands-on, experience-based approach, you are encouraged to share ideas, reflect on key themes, and engage in dialogue with peers and institutional representatives, ensuring a dynamic and meaningful learning experience.

In addition, an optional policy paper activity will be offered in the months preceding the event, allowing you to further explore a topic of interest and contribute to the broader discussion on contemporary European challenges.

Art. 9 Liability and Safety

Participants are recommended to have personal travel insurance to cover health and travel risks. EU students are required to carry a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) during the trip. Non-EU students must ensure they have comprehensive travel insurance.

Art. 10 Application Timeline and Procedure

Step 1 - Apply: The application period runs from 14 September 2026 to 28 September 2026. To apply, please complete the online form ([link here](#)) and upload both your CV and Motivational Letter. Please note that uploading both documents is mandatory.

Step 2 - Get your official confirmation: After submitting your application and the selection process, you will receive a confirmation email if selected. Please, don't buy your plane tickets before you receive the official confirmation and before getting specific information from EucA staff.

Step 3 - Stay connected with us: The EucA team will guide you through the event, stay in touch with us throughout.

Step 4 - Stay updated on logistics! Keep an eye out for our communications via email about the event logistics and get ready to book your tickets!

Step 5 - Receive the Infopack: All participants will receive a comprehensive Infopack with practical details and useful tips for the event at least two weeks in advance.

Step 6 - Join the event: Take part in the event and enjoy the experience!

Art. 11 Selection Criteria

The 10 international applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

Mandatory eligibility criteria

- Be an EU citizen or currently residing in an EU country other than the host country of the event.
- Be enrolled in an EucA College Member.
- Be enrolled in a Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD programme, from any academic background.

Selection criteria

- Identify as active European citizens with a leadership mindset and a strong interest in European dynamics and institutions.
- Demonstrate a proactive attitude and willingness to engage in international dialogue.
- Have a strong command of English (minimum B2), as the programme is a full-immersion experience involving debates, workshops, and simulations requiring active participation.
- Upload both CV and motivational letter in the application form.

Only candidates who meet all mandatory eligibility criteria will be considered.

In the event of withdrawals or unavailable candidates, EucA reserves the right to offer the scholarship to the next eligible applicant on the waiting list.

Art. 12 Partnership

Organized by EucA in collaboration with Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro.

Art. 13 Registration Policy

Open until 10 confirmed international participants are selected or until the final registration deadline on 28 September 2026.

Art. 14 Budget and Funding

This event is funded by EucA and Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro.

Financial resources are managed transparently to ensure the delivery of high-quality programming. For the selected international students, the total participation cost is fully covered by the partners, serving as the scholarship for this edition.

Art. 15 Code of Conduct

Participants are expected to adhere to a respectful, professional, and collaborative code of conduct, reflecting the values promoted by EucA and the project, including respect and professionalism, active participation, punctuality and attendance, and compliance with instructions provided by EucA organizers, facilitators, and venue staff.

Any behaviour contrary to these values, such as disrespect, exclusion, or actions misaligned with the project's ethos, may result in disciplinary action, including a formal warning from organizers, removal from specific activities, and, in severe cases, dismissal from the project at the participant's expense.

The objective is to create a safe, positive, and inspiring environment for all attendees.

Art. 16 Data Protection and Privacy

Personal data collected will be processed in full compliance with GDPR regulations and used exclusively for purposes related to the event.

Art. 17 Risk Management

- Incident Reporting: All emergencies or incidents will be documented and reviewed by EucA to improve safety and prevention protocols for future editions.
- Emergency Procedures: Participants are expected to follow the venue's procedures, which will be shared in advance, and comply with local regulations and guidance from relevant authorities.

Art. 18 Post-Event Feedback and Mobility Certificate

At the conclusion of the event, participants will be invited to complete a Feedback Form to help enhance future events. Upon successful participation, students will receive an Official Certificate of Participation by EucA and Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro, recognizing their full engagement in the program.

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