Which European identity (ies) ?

Who am I ? Who are we ?



European Summer University 10 – 20 July 2008 Cluny Abbey, Burgundy, France



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Since 2001, more than 400 young people from more than 30 different countries have come together at the Convention of Young European Citizens in Cluny which is also labeled as a European Summer University by the French Ministry of Education.

This year's **working objective** focuses on a dimension which is important for everyone of us, as individuals or belonging to a group: our identities. How do we identify with our roots? Is Europe part of our heritage? Does history shape us? How does it go about? Which history? Does identity contribute to mutual understanding with our neighbours or on the contrary, does it separate "us" from "others"?



With participants from all over Europe... come and live a unique experience: multiculturality, diversity, interdisciplinarity...





... using an innovative and active working method Open space – participative method based on mutual learning. Negotiation and mediation training. Simulations of the decision-making processes in the European institutions.

... with protagonists from politics and associations





... in the working environment of the historic Cluny abbey Discover the cultural heritage of a region and get in contact with the inhabitants of the region.

■ Thursday 10 July 2008

- + Arrival, presentation of the organization team, « ice breaking games» aimed at getting to know each other
- Presentation of the previous European Young Citizens' Conventions (2001-2007) by former participants

■ Friday 11 July 2008

- Presentation of the participants
- Introduction and start of the "open space" with the animation team
- "History and current functioning system of the European institutions", animated by Jean-Luc Delpeuch
- Opening lecture by Bronsilaw Geremek

Saturday 12 July 2008

- Debriefing Continuation of the open space
- Visit of the Abbey
- Work in commission and writing of reports
- · Conference with Lucja Piekarska-Duraj on « Les itinéraires culturels / Cultural itineraries »
- European Evening: Particpants present their countries Buffet

■ Sunday 13 July 2008

- + Introduction to mediation and negotiation training with Andreas Görgen
- Debriefing of the work in the general assembly and continuation of the open space, work in commissions.
- Evening: possibility of joining local celebrations of the Bastille Day

■ Monday 14 July 2008

- Simulation preparations
- Simulation workshop « European Council » animated by Jean-Luc Delpeuch
- Film evening

■ Tuesday 15 July 2008

• <u>Dialogue with the citizens of South Burgundy</u> : day out, visiting companies, associations and cultural sites of the region in small groups.

• « Hungarian and French itineraries in music and poetry throughout the centuries», with the Hungarian ensemble KALÁKA

■ Wednesday 16 July 2008

- Continuation of commission work.
- Conference with Aziliz Gouez and Nadège Chambon on « Traditions and festivities in Europe»

■ Thursday 17 July 2008

- + Continuation of work in commissions. First outline of the perspectives concerning the final product in the plenary assembly
- Debriefing with the animation team.
- Working on the adoption of a final product
- Conference with the CIMADE on «Migrations»
- Film evening

■ Friday 18 j July 2008

- + Summing up of discussions of each commission in the plenary assembly and working on the adoption of a final product
- Continuation of the work for the adoption of the final product
- · Conference with Amin Maalouf on « Languages and literatures»

■ Saturday 19 July 2008

- · Continuation of the work in commissions
- General assembly and work on the final product.

• <u>Presentation of the Convention's results</u> of the participants to companies, associations and inhabitants of the region, in free form. Evening open to public.

■ Sunday 20 July 2008

Departure from Cluny

This programme is subject to last minute changes, depending on possible obligations of different persons.

CANDIDATES SELECTION

The candidates must be:

- born before 1st January 1988,
- able to communicate both in French and English.

Apart from these language skills, no other academic or professional qualifications are required. The organization committee will establish a list of participants on the basis of the candidates' personal motivation, trying to reach a balance between male and female participants.

Each **application**, preferably written in French, must contain:

- a letter of motivation,
- a CV.

The selection of candidates according to countries will be as follows :

- 3 participants per country from Member States of the EU member states and the candidate countries (Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey)
- 1 participant per country from other countries

REGISTRATION CONDITION

Registration fees

The selected candidates must confirm their participation by transfering the sum of :

- <u>100 € for citizens of</u> : Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Sweden.
- <u>50 € for citizens of</u> : Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and third countries.

During the entire stay, the costs for accommodation, working materials and meals will be taken in charge by the European Institute. Travelling costs will be at the expense of the candidates.

The Summer School is recognised by the École Nationale Supérieure d'Arts et Métiers as a valuable unit for degrees and grants **4**, **5 ECTS** (a certificate of participation is sent to the participants after the approval of a final report).

Applications must be sent before **15 April 2008**, by e-mail, to <u>europe@cluny.ensam.fr</u> or by mail, to *"Institut Européen de Cluny, rue Porte de Paris, F 71250 CLUNY."*

The selected candidates will be informed by email by 5 May 2007

PARTNERS AND SUPPORT

The Convention of Young European Citizens has been awarded with the label "European Summer School" every year since 2001 by the Ministry of Youth, National Education and Research. The partners called for the Convention 2008 are:



Many well-known politicians support the Convention of Young European Citizens: Jan Sokol, Ex-minister of Education in the Czech Republic, Vladimir Spidla, European Commissioner, Bronislaw Geremek, European Deputy, Michel Rocard, European Deputy, Rolands Lappuke, Ambassodor of Latvia in France, Pavel Fischer, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in France, Viviane Reding, former Member of the European Commission, Pascal Lamy, Member of the WTO, Vaclav Havel, former president of the Czech Republic, Elmar Brok, European Deputy, Pervenche Berès, European Deputy.