

The Europe of knowledge... for everyone

Towards a European education area



European Summer University

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Cluny Abbey, Burgundy, France



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Since 2001, more than 300 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 the reflections about a **European education area**. The work will thus be centered on the Europe of knowledge and its implications for the education sector. We will furthermore discuss and express our opinions on topics such as information and communication, education and research, as well as knowledge and know-how. The aim is to find concrete and useful models for imagining a new European education area.

COME AND LIVE A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE !

With participants from all over Europe...

Live multiculturalism, diversity, interdisciplinarity...



... using an innovative 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.

■ Sunday 8 July 2007

- ♦ Arrival, presentation of the organization team, « ice breaking games» aimed at getting to know each other
- ♦ Presentation of the previous European Young Citizens' Conventions (2001-2006) by former participants

■ Monday 9 July 2007

- ♦ Presentation of the participants
- ♦ From the European Community of Steel and Coal to the Europe of knowledge: history and current functioning system of the European institutions, animated by **Jean-Luc Delpeuch**
- ♦ Simulation workshop « European Parliament resolution on the Europe of knowledge» animated by **Jean-Luc Delpeuch**

■ Tuesday 10 July 2007

- ♦ Simulation workshop « Conclusions of the European Council on the Knowledge Society » animated by **Jean-Luc Delpeuch**
- ♦ Guided tour of the abbey.
- ♦ Continuation of the simulation workshop.
- ♦ Evening conference **Nikolaos Sifunakis and Jean-Marie Cavada**, Members of the European Parliament, Culture and education commission.

■ Wednesday 11 July 2007

- ♦ Introduction and start of the “open space” with the animation team
- ♦ Work in commissions and writing of reports
- ♦ Conference on «**The role of Benedictine abbeys in the spreading of education in Europe in the Middle Ages**” with **Dominique Iogna-Prat**, research director at the CNRS Auxerre-Dijon.
- ♦ **European Evening**: The participants present their countries - Buffet.

■ Thursday 12 July 2007

- ♦ Debriefing of the work in the general assembly and continuation of the open space, work in commissions.
- ♦ « **The Europe of knowledge through lifelong learning** » with **Jan Figel** – European Commissioner responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism – Open to the general public
- ♦ “Soirée expression artistique” / jam night

■ Friday 13 July 2007

- ♦ Dialogue with the citizens of South Burgundy : visiting companies, associations and cultural sites of the region in small groups.
- ♦ Evening: possibility of joining local celebrations of the Bastille Day

■ Saturday 14 July 2007

- ♦ Introduction to mediation and negotiation training with **Andreas Görgen**, **Stephen Goldberg** and **Stefan Breidenbach**.
- ♦ Conference on « **Culture and the spreading of knowledge** », with **Jan Sokol**, former Minister of National Education of the Czech Republic, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the Charles University in Prague, philosopher.
- ♦ “Soirée expression artistique” / jam night

■ Sunday 15 July 2007

- ♦ Continuation of the work in commissions. First outline of the perspectives concerning the final product in the plenary assembly
- ♦ Debriefing with the animation team.
- ♦ Workshop on «**Education system in Europe : ERASMUS and other programs**», with **Amélie Antoine**, specialist on European education and research and **Francesco Marchi**, PhD student at the Centre d'Etudes Européennes, Sciences-Po, Paris.
- ♦ Working on the adoption of a final product
- ♦ Conference « **The role of new technologies in the creation and spread of knowledge (application in the field of Cultural Heritage)**», with **Christian Père**, teacher and researcher at the ENSAM

■ Monday 16 July 2007

- ♦ Summing up of discussions of each commission in the plenary assembly and working on the adoption of a final product
- ♦ Film « **Sandra Kalniete** » by **Dominique Blanc** with **Sandra Kalniete** – Member of the Convention for the Future of Europe, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, European Commissioner in the Prodi Commission. Debate open to the public.
- ♦ Continuation of the work for the adoption of the final product

■ Tuesday 17 July 2007

- ♦ Continuation of the work in commissions.
- ♦ General assembly and work on the final product
- ♦ Presentation of the Convention's results of the participants to companies, associations and inhabitants of the region, in free form. Evening open to public.

■ Wednesday 18 July 2007

- ♦ Departure from Cluny

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The **candidates** must be:

- born before 1st January 1987,
- 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 transferring the sum of :

- 100 € for citizens of : Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Sweden.
- 50 € for citizens of : 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 2007**, by e-mail, to europa@cluny.ensam.fr or by post, to "Institut Européen de Cluny, rue Porte de Paris, F 71250 CLUNY."

The selected candidates will be informed by email before **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 2007 are:

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Many well-known politicians support the Convention of Young European Citizens: **Vladimir Spidla**, European Commissioner, **Bronislaw Geremek**, European Deputy, **Michel Rocard**, European Deputy, **Rolands Lappuke**, Ambassador of Latvia in France, **Pavel Fischer**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in France, **Viviane Reding**, 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.