

Invitation to participate in the SIMULATION

MODEL EUROPEAN UNION 2019/20

The “Model European Union”, which will be held in Florence in March 2020, will consist of the simulation of a decision-making procedure of the European Union. This simulation is organized by James Madison University’s MA in EU Policy Studies (EUPS) with the collaboration of Scuola di Science Politiche “Cesare Alfieri” dell’Università degli Studi di Firenze and the European Parliament.

The EU simulation is open to students from Università degli Studi di Firenze, preferably from the Master course in International Relations and European Studies (RISE) and Bachelor course in International Studies (third year students only).

The simulation requires participating students to interpret the roles of Members of the European Parliament, Ministers of the Member States, policy advisors, the President of the Commission, external observers, the press and other institutional figures (if numbers allow so).

The simulation will be carried out entirely in English. There will be several preparatory meetings, led by professors from James Madison University and Università degli Studi di Firenze, as well as European Union officials from Brussels and experts in negotiation and rhetoric.

The aim is to help students understand the intricacies and difficulties of policy-making at the international level, familiarizing them with the complexity of EU decision-making and testing their negotiation skills. This is also an opportunity of cross-cultural exchange, developing a collaboration between European and American students.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Good knowledge of English;
- Come for an interview at James Madison University on 5 or 6 November.
- Good knowledge of EU institutions and decision-making procedures;
- Being available to study and work on group projects that will be presented during the meetings;

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

University of Florence students need to apply by filling out the form that you find at the link below before Friday 31 October 2019, 5.00 pm.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScli4IPDjqCFis2IfgFw45LBLhptDK8AzzPX5PNhZzwY8shvA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The 5 and 6 November the interviews will take place from 4pm to 7pm. You will receive a communication of admission by November 7.

Once admitted a fee of € 30, 00 has to be paid on November 8.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

I meeting: Friday 8 November 2019, 16.00-18.00 – Preliminary organizational meeting

II meeting: Friday 15 November 2019, 16.00-19.00 – Introductory meeting with EU practitioners – Assignments distribution

III meeting: Friday 6 March 2020, 17.00-19.00 – Training day / Hand-in assignments

IV meeting: Friday 13 March 2020, 17.00-19.00 – Training day / Hand-in assignments

V meeting: Tuesday 17 March 2020, 10.30-13.30; 15.30-17.30 – Training day

VI meeting: Wednesday 18 March 2020, 10.30-13.30; 15.30-17.30 – Training Day

Thursday 19 March 2020, 9.00-17.00 - Model European Union **final simulation**

All meetings, unless otherwise announced, will take place at:

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