



## Invitation to participate in the SIMULATION

# MODEL EUROPEAN UNION 2018/19

The “Model European Union”, which will be held in Florence in March 2019, 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 Scienze 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;
- Pass the oral English test at James Madison University between 14 and 15 November. (Further details on the test will be communicated to the applicants in 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 Monday 5 November 2018, 5.00 pm.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScli4IPDjqCFis2lfgFw45LbLhptDK8AzzPX5PNhZzwY8shvA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScli4IPDjqCFis2lfgFw45LbLhptDK8AzzPX5PNhZzwY8shvA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Once admitted a fee of € 30, 00 has to be paid by November 20.

## MEETINGS CALENDAR

I meeting: Tuesday 20 November 2018, 18.00-19.30 – Preliminary organizational meeting

II meeting: Friday 23 November 2018, 16.00-19.00 – Introductory meeting- Assignments distribution

III meeting: Tuesday 5 March 2019, 18.00-19.30 – Teamwork Hand-in assignments

IV meeting: Tuesday 12 March 2019, 18.00-19.30 – Teamwork Hand-in assignments

V meeting: Tuesday 19 March 2019, 10.00-13.00; 14.00-17.00 – Training Day

VI meeting: Wednesday 20 March 2019, 10.00-13.00; 14.00-17.00 – Training Day

VII meeting: Thursday 21 March 2019, 10.00-13.00; 14.00-17.00 – Training Day

Model European Union **final simulation**: Friday 22 March 2019, 9.00-18.00

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

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