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EUDEMOS PROJECT

Brussels Summer School Experience (5-12 July 2025)

I had the opportunity to participate in a Jean Monnet project called EUDEMOS, which concluded with the "Brussels Summer School".

This final stage took place in the heart of the European Union and brought together students from schools across the continent.

While I had already taken part in similar international projects, this was my first experience with the Eudemos initiative, and it offered me a deeper insight into the functioning and values of the EU.

The academic program was strongly connected to the European Union's institutions and political framework. We attended short lectures and visits that focused on the European Parliament, decision-making processes, and the broader mechanisms of EU governance.

Although I had studied these topics at school, engaging with them directly in Brussels allowed me to better appreciate the scale, complexity, and importance of the Union's structures. The experience demonstrated how the EU is not only a political system but also a long-term project rooted in cooperation, dialogue, and the promotion of common values.

Equally important was the intercultural dimension of the project, which reflected the EU's motto, "United in diversity." Working alongside students from different European countries reminded me of the richness that diversity brings. Communication was easy since most participants spoke English, and the collaborative activities encouraged us to exchange ideas, share perspectives, and build friendships across borders. This atmosphere embodied the spirit of European citizenship — showing how dialogue and cooperation are at the heart of the EU's identity.

If there is one aspect I would suggest improving, it would be the accommodation and meal arrangements. They do not need to be luxurious, as inclusivity and accessibility are crucial, but ensuring that participants can share these everyday experiences together would strengthen the sense of community even further.

Overall, my experience with the Eudemos project and its Brussels Summer School was extremely positive. It not only deepened my academic understanding of EU institutions but also gave me a stronger awareness of what it means to be part of the European Union.

I would gladly participate again, as I believe this kind of initiative contributes directly to the development of an informed, engaged, and connected generation of young Europeans.

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