



Eligibility...

- **Can students from non-EU countries participate?**

Yes, as long as their university is part of a European Universities Alliance.

- **Do I need to be a European citizen to apply?**

No, citizenship is not a selection criterion.

- **Can first-year Bachelor students apply?**

No, ESA26 requires students to be at least in their second year. First-year students are encouraged to apply for the next year edition.

- **Does my field of study matter?**

No, all fields are welcome—politics, engineering, languages, etc.

- **I have dual nationality. Does applying with an EU nationality improve my chances?**

No, nationality does not affect selection.

- **Is there an age limit?**

Yes, applicants must be under 30 years old at the time of application, even if they are currently pursuing a PhD.

Application Process...

- **How are candidates selected?**

Based on the application form and motivation answers.

- **Can I apply for both participant and coordinator roles?**

Yes, but you will only be selected for one.

- **How are panels chosen?**

Students rank their top three panels in order of preference and provide motivation for each.

- **Does prior EU experience affect my chances?**

No, motivation and interest are more important than prior knowledge.

- **I wasn't accepted last year. Can I apply again?**

Yes, you can reapply.

- **Can the application form be made fully visible?**

Not this year, but the suggestion may be considered next year.

- **Can students modify their application after submitting it?**

No, students cannot modify their application after it has been submitted.

- **How can I get help with the application process?**

Application links are available via the EUC Voices website, Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn platforms. Participants can also message the ESA team directly for assistance.



Communication & Results....

- **Will I receive a confirmation email after submitting my application?**

No, check the on-screen submission message.

- **How will I be informed about selection results?**

All candidates receive an email notifying them whether they were selected.

- **Can I quit after being selected?**

It is strongly discouraged after the project starts. If you ever need to step back after being selected, please let us know early so we can give someone else the chance to participate.

Preparation & Support...

- **I am a joint program student studying at two universities. Which alliance should I list?**

If you are enrolled in a joint program at two universities, list the alliance associated with your home university – the one designated as your primary institution in the program.

- **I am on Erasmus. How does this affect participation?**

Participation is not affected. Coordinate your travel and logistics with your alliance.

- **What do coordinators do?**

Coordinators lead panels and guide the drafting of policy recommendations.

- **How much help do participants get in preparing their research?**

Participants receive continuous support throughout the entire process. Research is conducted within panels of about 25 participants, each guided by two coordinators. Panels may also invite experts to provide additional assistance. Furthermore, coordinators receive guidance from advisors alumni, and the organizing team, ensuring that participants are well supported at every stage of their research

- **Are there follow-up resources and trainings after selection?**

Yes. After selection, participants receive previous years' policy recommendations and access to a database with information from past editions.

- **Will there be supervision during policy work?**

Yes, students receive guidance from an alumni advisor group and ongoing support from the organizing team, with additional assistance provided at each milestone.

Preparation & Support...

- **Will students from the same alliance work together?**

Teams are mixed with participants from across Europe. Students from the same alliance may occasionally be together, but this is by chance.

- **How many hours per week are required for online preparation?**

Participants are expected to spend approximately 1.5 hours per week on online preparation, while coordinators in leadership positions may require slightly more time.

- **Who attends ESA, and how are recommendations used?**

ESA brings together guest speakers, alumni, and organizers. Student recommendations are submitted directly to the European Commission and MEPs, and both participants and coordinators are encouraged to actively engage with institutions to promote their policy proposals.

- **Will I have the opportunity to meet Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)?**

ESA actively invites MEPs to participate in the events and may involve them during the preparation phase, offering participants valuable opportunities to engage with policymakers, though their attendance cannot be guaranteed.

Costs & Funding...

- **What costs are covered by ESA?**

ESA covers three nights of accommodation (April 20-21, 21-22, and 22-23) in youth hostels and three days of meals in Strasbourg.

- **Who covers travel costs?**

Transportation costs are suggested to be covered by the student's alliance or home university. Green travel is encouraged.

- **Are meals and accommodation provided?**

Yes, ESA covers meals. Allergies are considered.



Use this QR Code to apply!
Other questions?
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