

EUdemos Contest

Future Challenges faced by the European Union

The Royal University Institute of European Studies, in collaboration with EUdemos partner schools, announces the competition: *Future Challenges faced by the European Union*. This initiative aims to foster dialogue and engagement among school students regarding the future of the European Union and its potential reform.

EUdemos is an Erasmus + network of seven educational entities from five European countries. The group is composed by the Royal University Institute of European Studies (Spain), Institute L. da Vinci-Fascetti (Italy), JV Liceum Ogólnokształcące im Adama Mickiewicza (Poland), Colegio San Pablo CEU Montepíncipe (Spain), Colegio San Pablo CEU Sanchinarro (Spain), Escola Secundária de Amarante (Portugal), 11th Geniko Lykio Irakleiou (Greece) and CESUE (Italy). The aim of EUdemos is to allow teachers and trainers to engage in curricular and extracurricular activities that allow for their own professional development regarding the European dimension of teaching. Students from participating schools are also invited to participate in the project activities. Through EUdemos project, we seek to empower students by providing educational opportunities such as classes and workshops focused on European affairs and the integration process.

This competition is focused on students' contributions, recognizing the role of young minds in shaping the European Union. By engaging with school students, we aim to empower the next generation of leaders and policymakers with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to actively participate in European affairs.

Competition rules

Eligibility

The competition is open to all students enrolled in any EUdemos partner school. Students must submit a proposal related to the theme of the contest before April 19th to be considered eligible.

Topic

Participants are invited to submit a proposal addressing any of the future challenges faced by the European Union. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Economic integration and sustainability
- Social cohesion and inclusivity
- Environmental protection and climate change

- Digitalization and technological advancements
- Global security and diplomacy
- Governance and institutional reform

Proposals

The competition themed “Future Challenges faced by the European Union” is open to two categories of proposals:

Essays

All essays must be written in English and submitted electronically. Please use Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. Essays should not exceed a maximum of 800 words.

Videos

Please note that multimedia content is accepted for submission. However, videos must not exceed a duration of five minutes. This ensures that all submissions are concise and can be reviewed effectively within a reasonable timeframe. We encourage creativity and clarity in your video presentations while staying within the specified time limit.

Submission Guidelines

Entries that have been selected or awarded prizes in other competitions or that are not original will be excluded from the competition. Entries must contain the participants name, surname and school. Those wishing to take part in the competition must submit their proposal by uploading it [here](#) before 19 April.

Deadline

All entries must be submitted ([here](#)) no later than April 19 in order to be considered eligible.

Evaluation Criteria and Resolution

Entries will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Relevance to the topic and depth of analysis.
- Originality and creativity in addressing the challenges.
- Clarity of expression and coherence of arguments.
- Potential for contributing to constructive debate on the future of the European Union.

The jury will be composed of four members belonging to the governing bodies of the institution. The jury's decision will be adopted by a majority vote of its members and will be communicated to the prize-winners, as well as being published on the blog of the Royal Institute of European Studies.



Award

The most excellent proposals will be used for selecting participants for the Eudemos Summer School that will take place in Sardinia at the beginning of September.

Additionally, the top overall proposal from each category among all participating schools will be granted a tablet device.