EUTOPIA MORE
"Ideas Club"
Call for Selection – 2ⁿᵈ Session 2024

CLIMATE CHANGE

PREAMBLE

EUTOPIA launches the second edition of the "Ideas Club", a student-led debate program to raise awareness of European values through knowledge and awareness about intercultural differences, transcending local and regional and national identity-pegs, with the objective of developing and training European identity and inclusive citizenship competence and skills through knowledge about values, human rights, models of representation and participation.

Art. 1 PURPOSE OF THE CALL AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1 This call aims to select a total of 2 students per each partner university of the Eutopia Alliance, namely: Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Bruxelles, Belgium), Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Venice, Italy), CY Cergy Université Paris (Paris, France), Technische Universität Dresden (Dresden, Germany), Göteborgs Universitet (Gothenburg, Sweden), Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal), Univerza v Ljubljani (Ljubljana, Slovenia), The University of Warwick (Coventry, United Kingdom), for the first meeting in presence of the "Ideas Club", as part of the activities developed by the "EUTOPIA MORE" project, co-funded by the European Commission within the "European Universities Initiative". The second edition of the "Ideas Club" will be in person on the **23ʳᵈ of April in Venice** (Italy), hosted by Ca' Foscari university and will be co-organised with the EUSTT (Eutopia Student Think Tank).

1.2 EUTOPIA MORE commits to promote and defend the European dimension in HE, developing and implementing a model of EUTOPIA's integration of European citizens and providing tools to improve the knowledge of European Cultures, Languages and Values. To achieve these objectives, the alliance supports a student-led and student-centred program on European identities called "Ideas Club".

1.3 The "Ideas Club" is a facilitated debate, and the second session will delve around the topic of "CLIMATE CHANGE".

Art. 2 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Applicants must be **undergraduate students (BA) from all degree disciplines**, regularly enrolled at one of the 10 EUTOPIA Alliance universities. Prior knowledge or experience of a specific topic or sector is not necessary.

2.2 The selected candidates must hold the above-mentioned status at the moment of application and when the "Ideas Club" session takes place. The International Office and the EUTOPIA office of each institution must be informed timely of any possible change in their status.

2.3 Applicants must write a motivation letter for their participation in the "Ideas Club" session which describes the reasons for their interest in participating, the expected outcomes of their participation and the strengths of their candidature.

2.4 Ineligibility: if, at any stage in the application procedure, it is established that the information provided by the applicant has been knowingly falsified, the candidate will be disqualified from the selection process.

Art. 3 ADMISSION PROCEDURE

3.1 Applications should be sent by email to eutopia@unl.pt - subject line "Call for selection of the Ideas Club" - accompanied by a Letter of Motivation in English (max. 1500 words) describing the reasons for your interest in the event, the strengths of your application and the results we can expect from your participation. Deadline: 10th of March 2024. Any application received after the deadline will not be considered.

3.2 Applications will be rejected ONLY in the following cases:
- submission after the deadline set by art. 3.2;
- missing Motivation Letter;
- student not regularly enrolled.

Art. 4 SELECTION PROCESS

4.1 Selection

4.1.2 A selection committee will be established at each partner University who will assess the candidate's motivation and knowledge of English. As part of the selection process, an online interview may be scheduled.

4.1.3 The final ranking will be published on each partner's university EUTOPIA website on, and selected students will be contacted via email by to confirm their participation according to the calendar established in 4.2. Candidates who fail to confirm according to the deadlines and procedures forfeit the right to participate. A repechage procedure shall be scheduled for any places still available.

4.2 Calendar

4.2.1. Deadline for applications: 10th of March 2024.
4.2.2. Publication of selected candidates: 11th of March, 2024.
4.2.3 Deadline for appeals: 13th of March, 2024
4.2.3. Deadline for acceptation and confirmation of participation: 15th of March, 2024.

4.3 Appeal Procedure

4.3.1 Rejected applicants who feel that a mistake has been made in the process or that their application has not been fairly evaluated can file a complaint to their universities' EUTOPIA contact emails (see below) not later than 2 days after the notification e-mail, explaining their reasons.

4.3.2 Complaints from applicants who have failed to satisfy all the eligibility criteria (e.g. who have not produced the required documentation or have applied for a scholarship but do not meet the requirements, etc.), or have failed to satisfy them within the established timeframes, will not be taken into consideration.

4.3.3 The appeal procedure can only come into play if a candidate feels that the Selection Committees have not handled his/her own application in line with the principles and procedures described in the call. In other words, the appeal cannot concern the decision itself, but only an alleged error made in the process.

Art. 5 SELECTION CRITERIA

Each university selection committee will select students according to the following criteria:

- quality of the motivation letter, which must include: a presentation of the candidate and critical spirit in the face of social and contemporary challenges (0-20 points);
- relevance of the chosen Ideas Club theme in the candidate's journey and personal development (0-20 points);
- knowledge of the EUTOPIA Alliance and its role for a better Europe (0-20 points);
- fluency in English (20 points) being the minimum a B2. Each additional level will add 0,5 points.
- student's CV, including activities related to social activism, citizenship, and volunteering (0-20 points)

,Art. 6 OBLIGATIONS OF SELECTED STUDENTS

Selected students will have to:
- Write a short essay (1-3 pages) on the topic of the event, following the guidelines established by professors (see annex 1) and hand it no later than March 30^h.
- Attend and actively participate in the Ideas Club discussion session hold in Ca' Foscari on April 23rd.
- Participate in any other EUTOPIA-related activities that take place in conjunction with the event and related to the event topic on April 24th.

Art. 7 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

7.1   To attend the event partner universities will provide the selected students with a return travel ticket, accommodation and meals, based on their own regulations.

7.2   All these costs will be covered by each partner university using the EUTOPIA MORE funds.
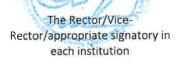
Art. 8 DATA PROTECTION

Information relating to individuals (personal data) is collected and used in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) n. 2016/679 of the European Commission, with regard to the processing of personal data by European institutions and organizations and the unrestricted circulation of such data.

MORE INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal): eutopia@unl.pt

Date and place   _Lisboa, February 26th, 2024_

The Rector/Vice-Rector/appropriate signatory in each institution

ANNEX 1: Structure of the session and mandatory essay

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Subtopics: Extreme Weather Events, Impacts on Biodiversity, Impacts on Health, Social Justice and Equity, Policy and Governance.
Keywords: sustainability, emergency, zero waste, fast fashion, natural resources, impact, society, cities.

Structure of the event

Pre-session paper:
Each participant must send a "short paper" by the 30th of March 2024 to carlotta.pisano@unl.pt. The document must follow the rules below:
- Word Format
- Line spacing: 1,5
- Spacing between paragraphs: 2
- Font: Times New Roman
- Size: 12
- Text: justified
- Authorship: author's name must appear in the essay and the essay file, located on the top of the page, on the left, before the title.
- Title: it must be indicated at the beginning of the essay, in bold, and it must be original (Size 14).
- Minimum 1 page (without bibliography), maximum 3 pages (without bibliography).

The bibliography must start on the first page after the end of the body text. It can follow the MLA, APA or Chicago Style formats. The title "Bibliography" must be in bold after the conclusion in the upper left corner. The spacing rule remains. The cited author's surname must appear fully and first; the rest of the name must be indicated by initials. It must be written in alphabetical order based on the surnames.
Example in MLA:
Author surname, Author first name, (year of publication), Book title, Publisher, Place of publication, number of pages consulted
Internet sources follow the same rules. You must add the date of the last online consultation and the link for reference.
Example:
Author Surname, Author first name, Article's Title, Website name, Link, last accessed date
For the quotes in the papers, please check this useful link: https://www.scribbr.com/working-with-sources/how-to-quote/

The students are encouraged to use films, documentaries, songs, and TedEX Talks as a bibliography to be inspired and inspire their colleagues.

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The students must identify their idea on the given topic. Here are some useful tips:

- Make a structure
- Write in a simple way
- Be clear when exposing a personal opinion
- Be clear when using a quote
- Mention what is essential
- Read again the essay to critically evaluate it

Please, bear in mind that plagiarism is a crime.

Discussion session on-site:

One student will be invited to present his essay in 5 minutes to start the debates. All the students must participate, sharing their ideas on the topics, based on their previously written papers. The debate is planned to last 2 hours.