EUROPEAN STUDENT CONFERENCE

RETHINKING TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION
NEW APPROACHES TO TODAY'S CRITICAL CHALLENGES
COLLEGE OF EUROPE, BRUGES | 18 - 20 APRIL, 2024
OUR MISSION

European Horizons is a global youth-led policy incubator with the mission of fostering a stronger transatlantic bond and a more united Europe — which we believe are the cornerstones of a future underpinned by democracy, equality, and freedom.

To do so, we deal in ideas. Our programmes empower our members with the knowledge, experience, and confidence needed to voice their ideas; our growing network of chapters, partners, and alumni enhance them; our policy outputs provide the key instruments for these ideas to be heard.
CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The European Student Conference (ESC) is the flagship event of European Horizons. Every year, we gather around 100 exceptional students from across Europe and the United States to discuss the most pressing challenges facing the transatlantic community.

After nine editions of the conference hosted at Yale University, ESC 2024 will be the first to be held on European soil. Hosted between Bruges and Brussels, at the heart of European politics, the ESC will be the final event of our brand-new Transatlantic Leaders Fellowship Programme - a transformative vocational journey for 80 exceptional undergraduate and graduate students, from Europe and North America, set to equip them with crucial policymaking skills.

From 18 to 20 April 2024, our fellows will gather at the heart of European policymaking, at the College of Europe in Bruges, to present their policy ideas.

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My first ESC was life-changing: real thinking, unvarnished discussion, and the chance to build and expand my worldview.

A unique opportunity not just for undergraduates but for emerging leaders and thinkers in the transatlantic space.

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LAURENT BÉLANGER-LOWE

Former Executive Director
01 ADVANCING INTERGENERATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE

ESC 2024 will ignite critical conversations on Energy & Environment, Transatlantic Security, and Democratic Technology, bridging the insights of field experts with the innovative ideas of young leaders.

02 BRIDGING NETWORKS WITH PROFESSIONALS AND ACADEMICS

The event facilitates connections between participants and a diverse array of global professionals and academics, enriching the learning experience with varied perspectives.

03 INCUBATING YOUTH-GENERATED POLICY PROPOSALS

The conference will incubate 20+ high-quality policy proposals, the best of which our organization will publish and amplify through our network of partners.

04 EMPOWERING FUTURE POLICY LEADERS

Our Fellowship culminating in ESC equips participants with lasting skills and insights, preparing them to actively shape global policy discussions in their future roles.

ESC 2024
BRUGES | 18-20 APRIL
THEMES AND TOPICS

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
How can transatlantic partnership bolster energy autonomy and advance critical climate objectives in the face of geopolitical and environmental crises?

TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY
Where must transatlantic security cooperation adapt to the changing realities of world order?

DEMOCRATIC TECHNOLOGY
How can policymakers and corporate leaders drive innovation in emerging technologies while protecting liberal democracy?
### Day 1 - Thursday, 18 April 2024 - Brussels, European Parliament

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