# MASTER EUROPE



# STUDY TRIP TO BRUSSELS

9 - 13 January 2024





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# **INTRODUCTION**

Atelier A, which is responsible for organising the trip to Brussels, is pleased to present the programme of presentations and visits. We wish you an excellent stay, full of encounters and exchanges!

The organising team

The Master Europe's 2024 study trip to Brussels begins with a conference on the EU's Artificial Intelligence Act on Tuesday 09 January 2024 at 2pm and officially ends on Friday 12 January 2024 at around 9pm with the Master's 30th anniversary afterwork. Saturday 13 January 2024 is reserved for students to make independent visits.

**Visits that are compulsory to all students** are marked in green on the schedule available on the next page. These are: the conference on the AI Act at the Parliament, the speech by the Parliament working group, the visit to the EEAS, the visit to the Commission and the Council, the conferences at the EESC and the afterwork to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Master's degree.

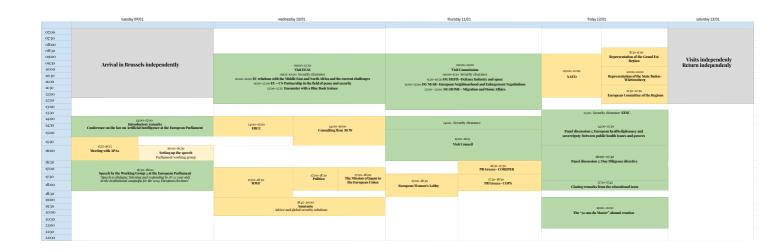
The students are also divided into **sub-groups for parallel visits**, which are shown in yellow on the timetable. These visits are as follows: the meeting with the APAs, the visit of the consulting firm BCW or the visit of the ERCC, the visit to the Mission of Japan to the European Union or the visit to Politico or WWF, the visit to Amarante, the visit to the European Women's Lobby or the visit to the PR Greece, the visit to NATO or the representation of the Grand Est Region, Baden-Württemberg and the European Committee of the Regions.

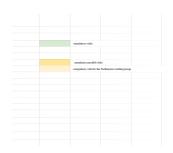
Students are asked to **arrive 15 minutes early for each visit** and to inform the organising team in case of unforeseen circumstances.

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# **SCHEDULE**









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#### ARRIVAL AT BRUEGEL HOSTEL

11:00



Rue du Saint-Esprit 2, 1000 - Brussels

#### **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**



Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 - Brussels, entrance via the Zweig Visitors' Centre, rue Ardenne

14:00 - 15:00

Conference on the EU Artificial Intelligence Act (IA Act)

**Axel Voss** - Member of the European People's Party (CDU/CSU in Germany) in the European Parliament for the electoral district of Middle Rhine, North Rhine-Westphalia. EPP Rapporteur on the issue of air passenger data (PNR), on the revision of the European Data Protection Regulation and on the AI Act. Rapporteur for the European Parliament for the reform of EU copyright law

15:15 - 16:15

Discussion with accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs)

**Giuseppe Giglio** - APA of Daniela Rondinelli, member of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D). Questions relating to COM AGRI (Agriculture and Rural Development) & COM EMPL (Employment and Social Affairs). Former student of the Master Europe, European Politics and Public Affairs (PEAP)

**Charlotte Izard** - APA of Marie Toussaint, member of the Greens/European Free Alliance (Greens/EFA). Questions relating to COM ITRE (Industry, Research and Energy) & COM ENVI (Environment, Public Health and Food Safety)

**Antoine Tifine** - APA of Caroline ROOSE, member of the Greens/EFA. Questions relating to COM PECH (Fisheries) and COM REGI (Regional Development). Former student of the Master Europe, PEAP

**Léna Vidberg** - APA for Christophe Grudler, member of Renew Europe. Questions relating to COM ITRE (Industry, Research and Energy). Former student of the Master Europe, PEAP

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16:30 – 18:30 Speech by the European Parliament working group

**Isabelle Gaudeul-Ehrhart**, Members' Research Service, European Parliament, working group supervisor.

As part of UE 13 of the M2 Europe Master's, students are divided into 12 working groups for professional purposes. The aim of the working group is to give a speech to the European Parliament on the following theme: "Speech as dialogue: listening to and responding to 18-25 year-olds in the institutional campaign for the 2024 European elections".

#### Student members of the working group:

European Policies and Public Affairs (PEAP):

Léa Apelroit Quentin Choulet Esteban Gas Sergi Pérez López

European and Franco-Germanic Policies (GER):

Max Chabert Mathilde Rose

European Security and International Stability (SESI):

Thomas Heap Cameron Touati

19:30 Dinner at the hostel



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# Day 2: Wednesday 10 January 2023

#### EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



Rond Point Schuman 9A, 1040 - Brussels

Press briefing room (PARC, ground floor)

09:15 - 10:00 EEAS security clearance

Welcome by Nicole Meijer

EU relations with the Middle East and North Africa and the current challenges 10:00 - 11:00

**Anouar El Anouni,** Policy Officer advising the Managing Director for the

Middle East and North Africa

EU - UN Partnership in the field of peace and security 11:00 - 12:00

Rafael Osorio, Policy Officer, Values and Multilateral Relations Directorate

12:00 - 12:15 Meeting with a Blue Book trainee at the EEAS

> **Nicolas Schmidt**, Blue book trainee in the Strategic Communication and Foresight Directorate

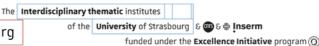
12:15 - 13:45 **LUNCH BREAK** 



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# OPTION 1: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION CENTRE



Rue Joseph II 79, 1000- Brussels

14:00 – 15h00 Introduction to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and a visit of the ERCC of the European Commission's DG ECHO (European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations)

Monika Lazar

# OPTION 2: CONSULTING FIRM BURSON COHN & WOLFE (BCW)



Square de Meeûs 37, 1000 - Brussels

14:00 – 16:00 Presentation of the firm and networking over refreshments

Andrew Cecil, CEO (tbc)

Jillian Gaborieau, Account Director- Tech and the Digital economy
Ray Southward, HR Director

Julie Valente, Team Lead - Tech and the Digital economy (tbc)

Colleagues from other teams

16:00 - 17:00 BREAK







#### **OPTION 1: WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (WWF)**



Rue du commerce 123, 1000- Brussels

Discussion on European environmental policies (Nature Restoration Law, 17:00 - 18:30 Fisheries and Farming policies, Fit for 55 package)

Florian Martinez-Buathier, EU Advocacy Officer

#### **OPTION 2: POLITICO EUROPE**



Rue de la Loi 62, 1040- Brussels

Presentation of the newspaper and visit of the offices 17:00 - 18:00

**Antonia Zimmermann,** sustainability reporter

### OPTION 3: THE MISSION OF JAPAN TO THE EUROPEAN UNION



Rue Van Maerlant 1, 1040- Brussels

Discussion on relations between Japan and the EU 17:00 - 18:40

**Tasmin Akbar**, Second Secretary

#### **OPTION: AMARANTE INSTITUTIONS INTERNATIONALES**



Rue de la Loi 227, 1040- Brussels

Presentation of Amarante, FAQ, and networking over a snack

18:45 - 20:30

**Juliette Deman, Head of Administration and Finances Department** Camille Ribet, Project and Business Development Manager - AMARANTE Académie. Former student of the Master Europe, SESI programme Six junior project managers and three business development managers



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#### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



Rue de la Loi 170, 1000 - Brussels

#### Meeting room CHAR DURI- Charlemagne Building - rue du Taciturne entrance

09:00 - 09h30 Security clearance

09:30 – 10h30 DG DEFIS - Defence Industry and space

**Christophe Morand**, Adviser on information security and synergies between space, defence and civil industries

10:30 - 11h30 BREAK

11:00 - 12h00 DG NEAR - European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

**Jean-Baptiste Kastel,** Policy Manager - Connectivity, climate and environment

12:00 – 13:00 DG HOME – Migration and Home Affairs
Presentation of the new pact on migration and asylum

**Olivier Bergeau**, Deputy Head of Unit - Unit A1: Policy Coordination and Inter-institutional Relations

13:00 – 13:45 LUNCH BREAK





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#### COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 - Brussels

**Meeting room (Justus Lipsius building)** 

14:00 - 15h00 Security clearance

15:00 - 16h15 Meeting with a Head of Unit from the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU

> **Eric Thoraval**, Head of the French Language Unit in the Translation 2 Directorate of the Translation Service of the General Secretariat of the

Council of the EU

#### OPTION 1: PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF GREECE TO THE EU



Rue Jacques de Lalaing 19-21, 1040 - Brussels

COREPER - Discussion of European neighbourhood, energy, environment, 16:30 - 17:30 migration, agriculture, civil protection and humanitarian aid policies

COPS- Discussion on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the 17:30 - 18:30

Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

#### **OPTION 2: EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY**



Rue Hydraulique 18, 1210- Saint- Josse-ten-Noode

17:00 - 18:30 Presentation of the EWL

Alexia Fafara, Policy and Campaigns Officer





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# Day 4: Friday 12 January 2023

#### **OPTION 1: NATO**



NATO Headquarters/IS Avenue Leopold III, 1100 - Brussels

7:45 Students picked up at the hostel by a NATO-chartered bus

9:00 – 12:45 Presentation on NATO's political agenda

Meetings with speakers specialist of the Balkans

NATO's response to terrorism



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#### **OPTION 2: EUROPE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

#### REPRESENTATION OF THE GRAND EST REGION



Rue du Luxembourg 15, 1000 - Brussels

8:30 – 9:30 Presentation of how the delegation works, the issues and challenges facing the region, the use of European funds and their impact on the region, the delegation's work within the Committee of the Regions

# REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG



Rue Belliard 60/62, 1040 - Etterbeek

10:00 –11:00 Presentation of how the delegation works, the issues and challenges facing the State, the use of European funds and their impact on the State, the delegation's work within the Committee of the Regions

#### **EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**



Rue Belliard 101, 1040 - Brussels

Room: JDE 70

11:30 –12:30 Presentation of the CoR's missions and structure

**Klaus Hullmann,** Administrator in Directorate A (Members, plenary sessions and strategy), unit A.3 (Protocol and institutional correspondence)





#### EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 - Brussels

Room: VMA23

13:30 - 14:00 Security clearance

14:00 - 15:30

Panel discussion 1: European health diplomacy and sovereignty: between public health issues and powers

Moderator: **Léa Apelroit**, student of the Master Europe (PEAP)

The issues of European health sovereignty and securing supply chains are at the heart of the political agendas of the EU and its member states. Health threats are now global and take on a strategic dimension, influencing public policy in all other areas. 80% of the raw materials used in the production of European pharmaceuticals are manufactured in China and India, demonstrating the importance of the EU's industrial strategy in the healthcare field.

Although health is only a supporting competence of the European Union (Article 168 of the TFEU), the EU is a forerunner in taking health into account in public policy. The reclassification of European competences in the field of health therefore logically appears to be one of the next major integration themes. Health diplomacy is a major issue, involving power relations between the EU and its trading partners, as well as between the member states themselves. Between diplomacy, economics, politics, security and health, the public health of Europeans is subject to numerous factors that need to be reconciled.

Introduction by: Hélène Michel, Sciences Po Strasbourg

Speakers:

**François Houÿer,** Director of Information and Access to Treatment / Health Policy Advisor at Eurordis

Sean O'hare, S&D advisor to the European Parliament's ENVI Committee

Maggie Saykali, Director of European Chemical Industry Council Chemistry Department

**BREAK** 



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16:00 - 17:30 Panel discussion 2: the due diligence directive

> Moderator: Clémentine Castagné, Master's student in Europe (PEAP) and Chloé Amy, Master's student in Europe (SESI)

> The second roundtable will focus around the directive on corporate sustainability due diligence (CSDDD). It was proposed by the European Commission in February 2022 and voted on in June 2023 by the European Parliament. The directive should be formally adopted in 2024 and requires EU-registered companies, as well as foreign companies with at least one subsidiary within the EU, to apply new sustainability provisions, in line with the EU's climate and human rights objectives.

> These new provisions include more specifically the integration of the duty of care into companies' internal policies, and the introduction of corporate civil liability on these issues. The main aim of this directive is to encourage companies to better identify and avoid the actual and potential negative impacts of their own activities, as well as those of their subsidiaries and supply chains.

> Introduction by Alena Mastantuono, EESC member and Magdaléna Hadjiisky, Sciences Po Strasbourg

Speakers:

Lara Wolters, S&D Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur on CSDDD (tbc) Isabelle Schömann, European Trade Union Confederation Deputy Secretary General **Pedro Oliveira**, Director for Legal Affairs, Business Europe

17:30 - 17:45 Closing remarks from the educational team

17:45 - 19:00 **BREAK** 

## **GINETTE BAR**



Place du Luxembourg 5, 1050 - Brussels

19:00 - 21:00 The "30 ans du Master" alumni reunion



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# THE ORGANISING TEAM

Team responsible for the visit to the European Parliament



**Constance Maly** 

Felix Trojan



Team responsible for visits to the EEAS, NATO and third country representations



Clara Fleury, also in charge of the minimeetings



Masaru Hiroe



**Louis Vitrand**, also in charge of coordination

Team in charge of private sector and NGO visits



Matthieu Gasp, also in charge of the minimeetings and coordination



Anna Benavent Ros, also in charge of the alumni listing



Lena Lopez, also in charge of communications



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Team responsible for visits to the Council and the Commission



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**Ewa Mrowiec** 



**Mathieu Ostermann** 

Team in charge of visits of Europe at the local level



Télio Gaborit



**Thomas Kedras**, also in charge of the visit to PR Greece



Sergi Perez Lopez



Léa Apelroit,

in charge of the panel discussions at the EESC in coordination with Chloé Amy and Clémentine Castagné from Workshop B, also in charge of coordinating the Parliament working group's speech

**Sophia Mouhssine,** in charge of logistics and coordination with the Master Europe association





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**Adam Ffoulkes Roberts** for his close monitoring of the organisation and his wise recommendations based on his experience within the Master Europe and in the organisation of this study trip.

The **various speakers** who are hosting visits and who enthusiastically agreed to meet with us to share their professional knowledge and expertise.

The **alumni of Sciences Po Strasbourg** for their responsiveness to our requests for informal meetings and their participation in the trip's events, thus enhancing the benefits of the Master's network.

**All of the students** who are taking part in this emblematic Master's study visit, full of interesting encounters.

