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« How can we build Europe
if young people do not see it
as a collective project and
as a reflection of their own
future ? »



Jacques Delors

Speech in front of the European Parliament (January 17, 1989)



WE EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION

For the past 10 years, the Académie Notre Europe has offered a unique, free and inclusive programme in European citizenship education. Our aim is to equip young people with the tools they need to better understand, shape and embody Europe's future. Each year, **100 participants** from 25 to 30 different nationalities and a wide range of backgrounds take part in a programme combining public policy learning, civic engagement and personal development.

Over the course of **9 monthly sessions**, participants explore Europe's major challenges, from the ecological transition to social cohesion and competitiveness, guided by leading experts, policymakers and practitioners. The Académie stands out for its innovative, inclusive and multiplier approach. Some sessions are accessible online, enabling young people from countries and regions across Europe to participate and helping to overcome financial and geographical barriers.



Our Académie strives to be as diverse as possible: some participants are aspiring diplomats or journalists, while others work in AI, construction, hospitals or as entrepreneurs. What they all have in common is a desire to take action and make a positive contribution to society. The Académie's impact, however, extends far beyond its annual programme: we have **more than 700**

alumni who form a network of active European citizens who continue to engage in their communities and share their experiences with the next generation.

Beyond its annual programme, the Academy reaches across Europe by creating spaces for dialogue, learning and collective action.

Each year, we organise flagship events as the **Jacques Delors Conference**, which brings together more than 200 young people in Paris, as well as the **Jacques Delors Agora**, a four-day summer university held in a European capital each year (Lisbon in 2024, Barcelona in 2025 and Rome in 2026).

The Académie Notre Europe is both a learning space and a community united by a shared goal : a living example of what non-formal education can achieve.

Over the past 10 years, the Academy has trained more than 700 young people in a spirit of openness, excellence and shared learning.



**By collaborating with the
Académie Notre Europe,
you are helping to give a
voice to a generation that
is engaged, informed, and
ready to build a more
united, fairer, and resilient
Europe.**

AT THE ACADÉMIE, YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT SIMPLY LEARN FROM EXPERTS, THEY BECOME EXPERTS THEMSELVES...



NEGOCIATORS

By learning the importance of listening and mutual understanding, despite differences in perspectives.



INNOVATORS

By developing innovative policy initiatives during citizen assembly simulations.



TRAINERS

By visiting educational institutions to inspire younger audiences and spark their curiosity about Europe and other cultures.



CREATORS

By creating social media content that reflects young people's expectations and ways of taking action.



MODERATORS

By leading discussions with policymakers and experts, they take ownership of the public debate.

A YEAR AT THE ACADEMIE : WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE ?



At the start of each session, participants gather for a “**Café-actu**” to discuss a current topic : trade agreements, international conflicts, geopolitical issues... It’s a relaxed opportunity to exchange views on the major issues of the day.

Throughout the year, young people take part in discussions with **policymakers** (ministers, commissioners, ambassadors, etc.) to engage directly with those shaping Europe. These meetings provide an opportunity to gain a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities.



Each month, **an expert** specialising in the topic being explored is invited to engage in a discussion with young people. These meetings provide an opportunity to delve deeper into the subject, understand its different dimensions, and compare different perspectives and analyses.



INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

The Académie also offers interactive and educational activities that provide a different way of engaging with European topics. Inspired by the **Citizens' Convention on Climate**, organised in partnership with the Energy Centre of the Jacques Delors Institute, these formats encourage participants to reflect, debate, and collectively develop proposals.

Young people also take part in **role-playing activities at Europa Experience**, the European Parliament's interactive space in Paris. By taking on different roles, they gain hands-on experience of the European Union's decision-making processes and develop their ability to debate and negotiate.



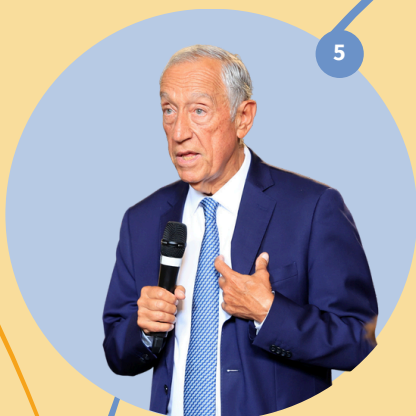
ROLE PLAY



TRIP TO BRUSSELS

Finally, the Académie organizes an **annual trip to Brussels**, offering participants a two-day immersion at the heart of Europe. The programme includes visits to the European institutions, meetings with European stakeholders, exchanges with Members of the European Parliament and European Commissioners, as well as exploring the city.

BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE CLOSER TO THOSE SHAPING EUROPE



1. **Stéphane Séjourné**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission.
2. **Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament.
3. **Frans Timmermans**, Former Executive Vice-President of the European Commission
4. **Josep Borrell**, Former High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.
5. **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa**, Former President of the Portuguese Republic.



For nearly 30 years, the Jacques Delors Institute has developed recognized expertise in the field of European affairs, relying on a vast network of experts, researchers, and high-level decision-makers. The Académie Notre Europe builds on this legacy by offering young people direct access to the actors and ideas shaping Europe today.

Each year, participants meet with members of European institutions and national governments, researchers, and civil society representatives, with whom they can freely exchange views. **These meetings enable them to better understand European policies, compare their perspectives, and build connections with different generations of actors involved in the European integration process.**



The Académie serves as a space for dialogue and learning, fostering exchanges between young people and European officials while enabling participants to develop their networks and projects.

6. **Teresa Ribera**, executive Vice-President of the European Commission.

7. **Mariya Gabriel**, former European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth.

8. **François Villeroy de Galhau**, former Governor of the Bank of France.

9. **Dubravka Šuica**, European Commissioner for the Mediterranean.

10. **Elisa Ferreira**, former European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms.

11. **Thierry Breton**, former European Commissioner for the Internal Market.

12. **Clément Beaune**, high Commissioner for Strategy and Planning.

13. **Roxana Mînzatu**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission.

14. **Aurore Lalucq**, chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs in the European Parliament.



ENRICO LETTA, FOUNDER OF THE ACADEMIE NOTRE EUROPE

*The time has come not only to
study Europe, but to defend
it.*

« Our continent is under pressure and undergoing profound transformation : national reflexes are resurfacing, even though our most essential public goods can only be preserved together ;

The Académie Notre Europe is an extraordinary success, but above all, it is a call to action, to passion, and to intelligence, to build a stronger, more united Europe, better prepared for the world of tomorrow. »



AN INITIATIVE OF THE JACQUES DELORS INSTITUTE

The Jacques Delors Institute is a European think tank created by Jacques Delors in 1996. Relying on its expertise and vast network of academics, political leaders, and private sector experts, the Institute strives to pursue the objectives of its founder: promoting a Europe that is both prosperous and democratic.

Through its high-level events as well as its policy analyses and proposals aimed at political decision-makers, the Jacques Delors Institute informs, advises, and helps shape the decisions of today that will define the world of tomorrow. Since 2016, the Jacques Delors Institute has been chaired by **Enrico Letta**, former Prime Minister of Italy and

author of the 2024 report "*Much more than a market*".

The Jacques Delors Institute is an independent, non-profit organization whose freedom of expression and analytical excellence guarantee partnerships built on trust and a common European interest.



TESTIMONIES

« This year has been a deeply meaningful experience for me. Even though I am not European, I grew up and have lived in France, and this experience has strengthened my sense of belonging to Europe and my attachment to its values. »

Hichta Piry,
2025/2026 year group

« By offering a program accessible to science students, the Academy allowed me to fulfill my wish to become a young engineer committed to the major challenges of our society ! »

Jules Coeuillet,
2022/2023 year group

« Despite its decades of existence, the EU continues to evolve and adapt to contemporary challenges. The Académie Notre Europe brings together those who wish to contribute to this process, offering them a space to move forward and grow together. »

Pia Dolesch,
2024/2025 year group

« For anyone interested in the future of Europe, the Academy offers an exceptional framework to learn, meet others, and look ahead. »

Lucas Spierenburg,
2023/2024 year group



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