



Welcome to our Pan-European
Discussion Community

Hey Europe,
can we talk?

JOIN US!

Let's meet MeetEU! Your Pan-European Discussion Forum

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What is MeetEU?

A non-profit, non-partisan, cross-generation and cross-border online project in order to strengthen European unity and identity.



It is a place for European citizens to come together to:

- share differing perspectives and ideas,
- reflect on current events and
- find common ground.

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What is MeetEU about?

We organize a weekly transnational Workshop or Discussion. Our events cover a wide range of topics...



...from issues that directly affect our lives, such as:

Conspiracy Theories on Social Media – Coronavirus Apps – Internships in EU Institutions – BREXIT

...to even more political ones:



Green-Deal – MFF (Budget) – Africa politics – EU Enlargement – Strategic Autonomy

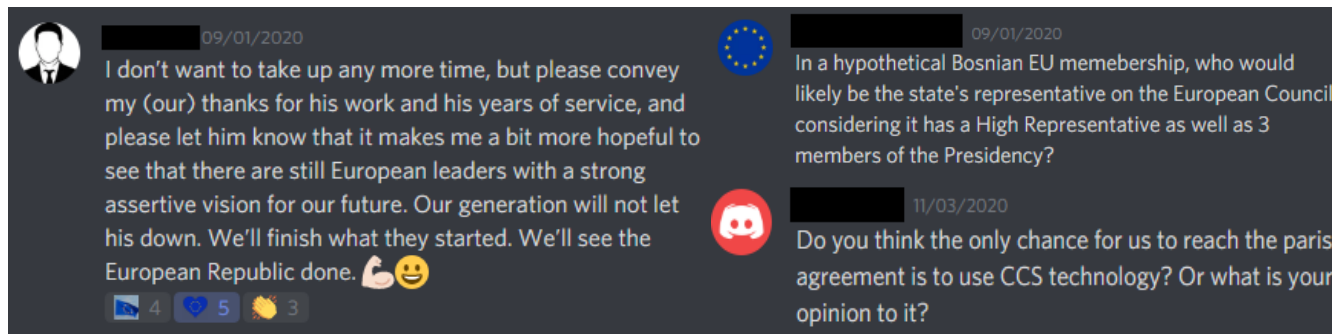
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Events? With whom

The guests and speakers invited to our events are as diverse as the participants:

-  Ordinary citizens
(ERASMUS students, IT specialists, high school students etc.)
-  Members of the European Parliament
(to create a mutual Feedback between citizens and elected politicians)



-  Employees and representatives of EU institutions
(To get an insight into current issues of the Union and to understand how the EU works)

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- 🇪🇺 EU experts (e.g., Prof. Dr. Michael Butter, Dr. Sebastian Gerhard)
(To gain scientific insight into current topics)
- 🇪🇺 EU Activists (e.g., Madeleina Kay)
(Which report on their commitment, motivation and experience)

🇪🇺 *See, there's still plenty of room for you on this page.
Help us to fill it!*

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Our Events so far...

Apr. 19 **What bothers you most about Corona?**  Apr. 21 **ERASMUS and Covid-19 — Your questions please!** Michel Boehm from ERASMUS Student Network Germany (ESN)  Apr. 26 **How European do you feel?**  Apr. 28 **The pandemic as a fresh start for a more climate-friendly Europe?** Lars, Bachelor student European Studies, the Netherlands  May 5 **Coronavirus app — what's going on in your country?**  May 7. **See and Change, Book Reading** with Leonhard Hepermann  May 12. **The Challenge of Mastering the Pandemic and its Economic Impact jointly**  May 19. **Factual overview on the EU's financial response to the Corona crisis,** Willemijn de Jong, PR Officer and former official at the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) Secretariat of the European Parliament  May 26. **How can the European Union provide equal education for all?** Moritz Wille, high school student in Germany  Jun. 2 **The Franco-German recovery fund initiative. Helpful or divisive?** Klaus, Pulse of Europe Germany  Jun. 9 **Career opportunities within the European institutions,** Jill, Astrid and Annika from the European Parliament Liaison Office in Berlin  Jun. 16 **The EU Immune System: The Infringement Procedure How does it work? Does it work?** Klaus, Pulse Of Europe  Jun. 23 **Situation Of the Judiciary in Poland, Let's analyze together: Where do we stand? How did we get there?** Klaus, Pulse of Europe  Jun. 30 **First generation academics as European bridge builders? — Why social diversity in EU institutions matters,** Benedikt from the initiative "ArbeiterKind Brüssel"  Jul. 7 **German Presidency of the Council of the EU,** Thilo, Press Officer at the European Parliament Liaison Office in Berlin  Jul. 14 **What you need to know about the Columbus laboratory and other ESA projects** Lucas, German Aerospace Center (DLR)  Jul. 21 **Understanding EU Jointly: Assessing the European recovery and budget package — A glass half full or half empty?** Klaus, Pulse Of Europe  Aug. 4 **Brexit Talk with #EU supergirl Madeleine Kay**  Aug. 11 **Workshop: Introduction to the EU institutions,** Frank Burgdörfer, European Parliament Liaison Office in Germany  Sept. 1 **The Western Balkans: EU members of tomorrow?,** Michael Gahler, MEP & Foreign Policy Spokesman of the EPP  Sept. 9 **Conspiracy Theories in the Coronavirus Pandemic,** Prof. Michael Butter  Sept. 15 **The State of the Union speech of Ursula von der Leyen in front of the European Parliament,** European Parliament Liaison Office in Berlin & European Commission  Sept. 22 **Let's meet, MeetEU!**  Sept. 29 **European HomeParliaments by Pulse of Europe,** Hendrik Michel, Pulse of Europe Frankfurt  Oct. 6 **Child Rights and Germany's EU Council Presidency,** Lydia Berneburger from UNICEF-Germany  Oct. 14 **Will the pandemic turn out green?,** Delara Burkhardt, MEP S&D  Oct. 20 **Transnational European HomeParliament**  Oct. 28 **Lasst uns um Europa kämpfen,** Nini Tsiklauri  Nov. 3 **Live Report from Brussels: the new EU Climate Law,** Michael Bloss, MEP Greens EFA  Nov 10. **Freedom of Speech - a predetermined breaking point for our society?** Klaus, Pulse of Europe  Nov 17. **Africa and the EU – Together towards a better future?,** Hildegard Bentele, MEP EPP  Dec. 1 **The European contribution to the climate crisis - Will the EU mitigate emissions at the necessary rate?,** Martin Hojsík MEP Renew, Timothée Galvaire (MEP-Assistant of Pierre Larrouturou S&P)  Dec. 8 **European Stories, our Adventures!**  Dec. 15 **MeetEU Christmas Quiz - Prove your knowledge and win great EU merch**  Dec. 22 **On ERASMUS in Lithuania – my adventure in the Baltics,** Lars Berndt  Jan. 12 **Strategic Autonomy – can a united Europe do without it?,** Klaus, Pulse of Europe  Jan. 19 **Let's watch Europe! BIG TECH In the EU**  Jan. 26 **The Situation in Belarus – What Significance Does It Have for the EU,** Sebastian Gerhard, Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU  Feb. 2 **The German Council Presidency – Enormous Challenges, Historic Solutions?** Michael Gahler, MEP EPP

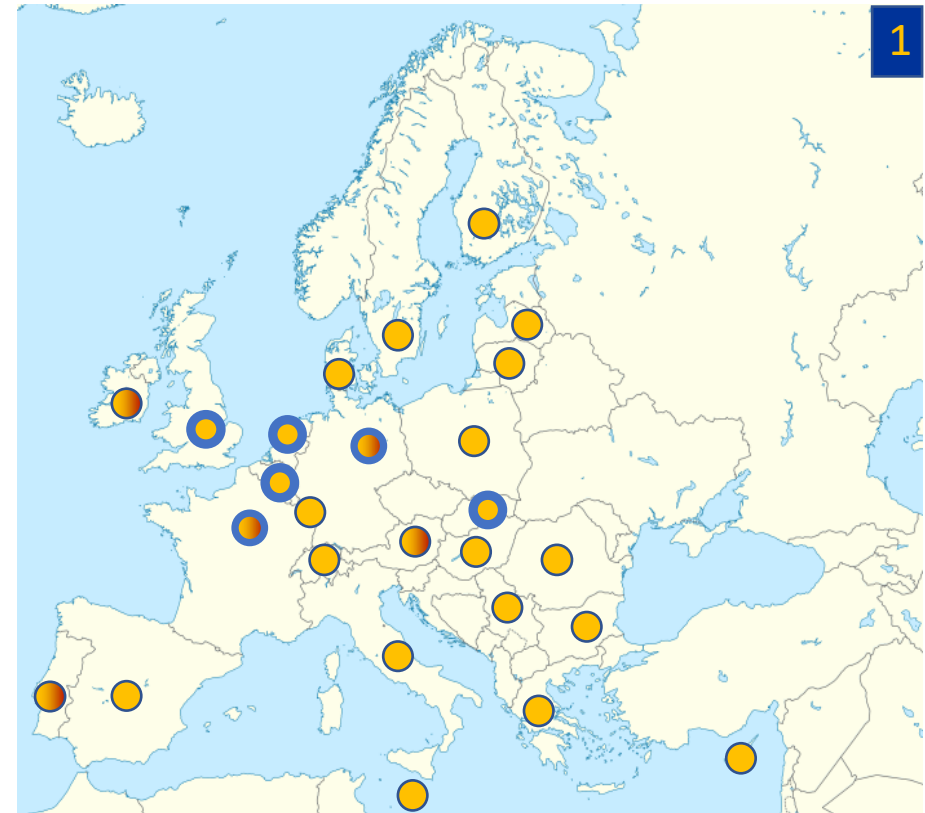
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MeetEU is Europe!

-  More than **27** nationalities on one platform
-  Speakers from different EU countries
-  MeetEU events across three time zones
-  A team that knows no (national) borders!
-  A team that reflects society, participants from school age to retirement

 Members  Speakers  MeetEU-Team






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MeetEU for European Integration

MeetEU is a transnational European discussion community:

-  MeetEU promotes a united and inclusive Europe.
-  MeetEU brings together people from all over Europe. At our weekly discussions, attendees from Sweden to Malta, from Portugal to Serbia talk about current European topics: Green Deal, rule of law, digital rights, European space policy, Brexit, EU's enlargement plans, conspiracy theories, State of the Union speech by Ursula von der Leyen and many more.
-  MeetEU brings the members of European Parliament (MEPs) closer to citizens. So far, six MEPs and several EU institution representatives were our guests - more MEPs are interested in talking with our community.

The biggest perk of MeetEU is that we connect people. Through our online activities, we have established links between pro-Europeans from different member states, from various civil society organizations, from various backgrounds and stages of life.

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The Platforms behind MeetEU

We meet mainly on the free platforms Discord and WebEx.



A large part of our events takes place on the free platform Discord. Here we talk in audio channels with our invited guests to the Tuesday events and maintain discussions and exchanges via chat throughout the week. [Join us!](#)



Events with many participants and official guests often take place on WebEx. The platform gives us many technical possibilities and is accessible without registration. With this we want to reach new MeetEU-interested people, who we will welcome later on Discord.

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The Big Tuesdays Events

We host a variety of event types, not only discussions with politicians:

Workshops

In Workshops we inform ourselves about a comprehensive topic and develop an opinion based on the experience gained, which we discuss afterwards. At the beginning and at the end of our discussion, we always make a [poll](#) among the participants to find a common point of view. Those are organized by members of the community, for example Klaus (Pulse of Europe).

Seminars

In the past we have also had representatives from the European Parliament or volunteers from Arbeiterkind.de who have informed us about career opportunities in the EU. They told us about the application process, the requirements and the possibilities for internships.

Our European Adventures

Sometimes we simply share our experiences in Europe with each other, telling stories and sharing pictures. This is an important exchange, besides the many serious topics.

Book Lectures

Most recently, the young Georgian book author Nini Tsiklauri presented her book "Let's fight for Europe" on MeetEU in October and read a bit from it. This was a great opportunity to ask questions directly to the author.

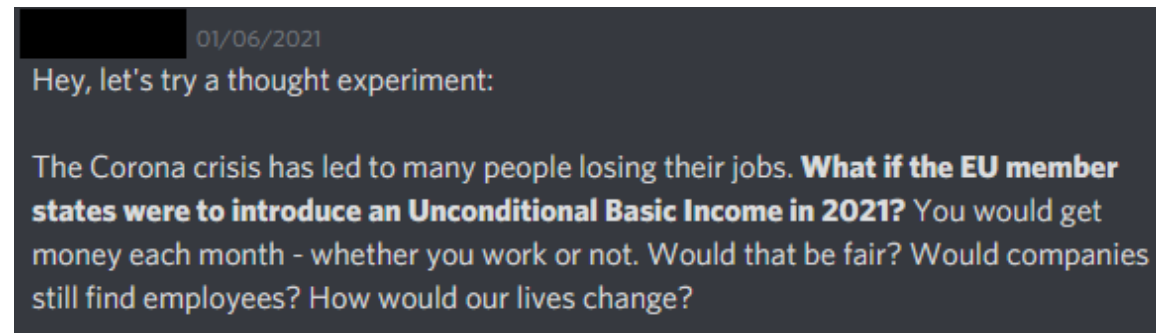
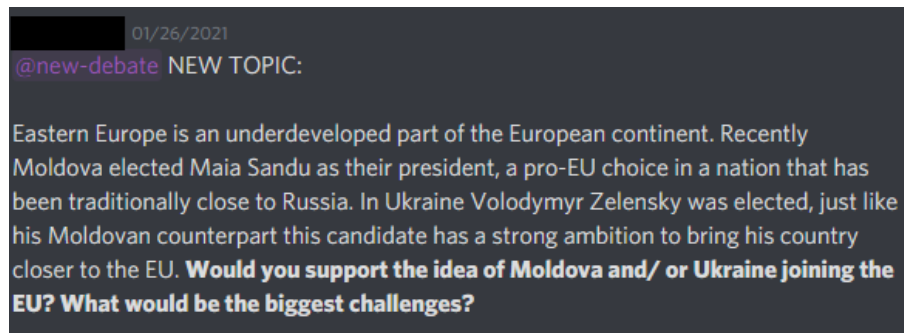
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A never-ending Exchange

MeetEU is a project that promotes European exchange every day.

On Discord, our participants exchange information in various text channels. Some of them are moderated, for example #debate-eu. Topics are suggested there, which can then lead to extensive discussions.



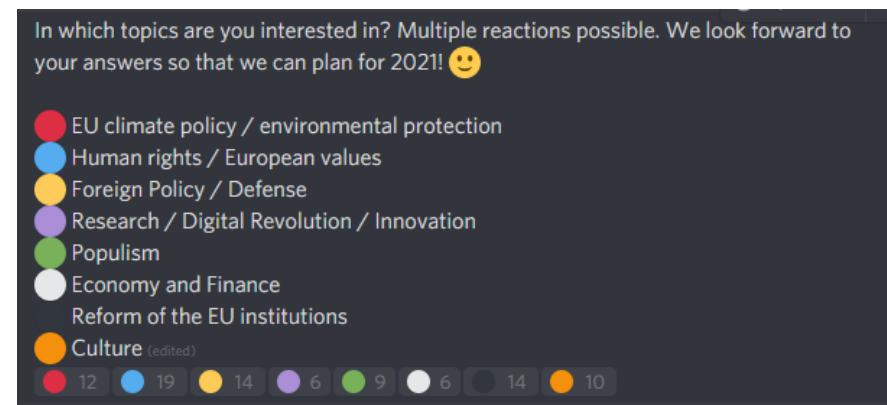
Through surveys and feedback, we are constantly adapting our platform, the establishment of a proposed podcast is currently being discussed.

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A view in the Future

- Include more members from Eastern and Southern European countries. For the time being, most of our community members come from Northern and Western Europe.
- Increase outreach to the older and middle generation to intensify our dialog across generational boundaries.
- Keep the balance between WebEx and Discord
- Attract new team members to diversify our team.
... Continue to involve participants in developments



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Picture Source: European Parliament, liaison office Berlin

Many of the MeetEU founders came from the European Parliament's thistimeiamvoting.eu campaign, the predecessor of together.eu. We are very pleased to be working with together.eu for a united and connected Europe.

Our friends in the Berlin liaison office share some of our events on their social media channels and provide us with a WebEx account occasionally.

Thank you!

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If you have any questions, please contact niceto@meeteu.eu

More information on <https://meeteu.eu/>

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