



Greater Europe: Time for relaunch?

Four-day EU-EAEU Diplomatic School for creating a peaceful future in Europe from Lisbon to Vladivostok through cooperation and dialogue between young leaders



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About us

Youth Association for a Greater Europe was founded by students from the leading European universities such as Sciences Po Paris and MGIMO (Moscow) in 2012 to promote exchange and contribute to mutual understanding between youth representatives in Greater Europe. We support their cooperation through projects in the field of culture, science, sports, education and entrepreneurship.

The main project of the Association is the international summer youth forum «Greater Europe Meetings» which has attracted 251 participants from more than 35 countries since 2013. Such organizations as the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights, UNESCO, Ecole des Mines, Académie Diplomatique Internationale in Paris and other leading European institutions contributed to the success of our events.

Idea and goal in 2018

Despite the deteriorated state of relations in Greater Europe, we stay committed to our goal and keep gathering bright minds of the European continent in the framework of our annual Forum. The heart of the 2018 Forum will be the EU-EUAU Diplomatic School which aims at provoking students to rethink the state of affairs in Greater Europe and to elaborate means of resolving the current crises.

The Diplomatic School consists of 3 modules: Lectures – Workshops – Negotiations. Each module includes intensive knowledge-sharing and development of communication and negotiation skills.

The main goal is to work on the possibility of the EU-EAEU cooperation through joint preparation and signing of written «Memoranda of Understanding (MoU)» by representatives of different countries.

Official program

DAY of ARRIVAL July, 22nd

Time	Event	Partners/Speakers
21.00	Dinner	
21.30	Informal opening and getting to know each other	Gianni Perri and Kirill Zarifulin , Youth Association for a Greater Europe

DAY 1 UNESCO - OPENING July, 23rd

Time	Event	Partners/Speakers
	Location: UNESCO Headquarters 7, place de Fontenoy 75007 Paris	
7.00-8.00	Breakfast	
8.00-9.30	Transfer to UNESCO	
9.30 – 10.30	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Words of gratitude to partners and participants</i>• <i>Presentation of the Association</i>• <i>Presentation of the EU-EAEU Diplomatic School</i>• <i>Presentation of the Greater Europe Youth Theater</i>• <i>Presentation of the Greater Europe Peace Orchestra</i>	Diana Radjib , President; Anastasia Zemlyanaya , Vice-president; Philippe Lefèvre , Greater Europe Youth Theater founder; Benoit Odille , Greater Europe Peace Orchestra founder.
10.30 – 12.00	Welcoming panel “Greater Europe. Time for relaunch?” <i>Discussing the ways of overcoming current crises in Greater Europe through political and societal cooperation</i>	Mr. Alexander Schischlik , Chief of Youth and Sport Section, UNESCO; H.E. Mr. Alexander Kuznetsov , Permanent Delegate of the Russian Federation to UNESCO; Mr. Artem Studennikov , Minister-counsellor in the Russian Embassy in France; Mr. Nicolas Chibaeff , Executive Secretary of the Dialogue de Trianon, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs; H.E. Mr. Claude Blanchemaison , French diplomat, former Ambassador to Russia, Spain, Vietnam.

12.00 – 13.30	Cocktail/networking	
13.30 – 15.00	Discussion “Economic cooperation in Greater Europe: current principles, future benefits” <i>Exchanges of officials and companies’ CEOs on how to enhance business and economic ties for mutually efficient outcomes</i>	Mr. Emmanuel Forest , Vice-president of Bouygues Group; Mr. Olivier Grizard , Director Expert and Trade Finance CEE & CIS in Crédit Agricole.
15.00-18.30	Free time in Paris	
18.30	Meeting at UNESCO (7, place de Fontenoy 75007 Paris)	
19.00	Transfer to Mantes-la-Jolie	
20.30	Dinner	
21.30	Comfy group	Gianni Perri and Kirill Zarifulin , Youth Association for a Greater Europe

DAY 2 LECTURES July, 24th		
Time	Event	Partners/Speakers
Location: Maison de l’Europe in Paris 29, avenue de Villiers, 75017 Paris		
7.30 - 7.45	Optional morning yoga	Gianni Perri and Amelie Bischoff , Youth Association for a Greater Europe
7.30 – 8.30	Breakfast	
8.30-10.00	Transfer to location	
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome speech from organizers	
10.15–11.30	Panel 1. Discussing foundations for the EU-EAEU dialogue	Miriam Teschl , Maîtresse de conférences, EHESS; Stéphane Luchini , Researcher, CNRS
11.30 – 11.50	Coffee Break	
11.50 – 12.50	Panel 1 (cont.). Discussing foundations for the EU-EAEU dialogue	Miriam Teschl , Maîtresse de conférences, EHESS; Stéphane Luchini , Researcher, CNRS
12.50 – 14.00	Cold lunch	

14.00 – 15.15	Panel 2. Spheres that impede or improve capacities of EU and EAEU societies to cooperate: MASS MEDIA Q&A session 30 minutes.	Diana Bologova - Board member, European Youth Press ; Pavel Koshkin - research fellow, Institute of the U.S. and Canadian Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (ISKRAN) with former experience at RBC daily, Russia Direct, Forbes ; Jérôme Quéré - Responsable du Centre d'Information Europe Direct, Maison de l'Europe
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 16.30	Panel 3. Spheres that impede or improve capacities of EU and EAEU societies to cooperate: ENERGY RELATIONS & GEOPOLITICS Q&A session 30 minutes.	Florent Parmentier , founder of EurAsia Prospective and professor at SciencesPo Paris
16.30 – 18.00	Interview with a special guest A former ambassador tells about his/her professional life experience and answers personal questions (Proust's questionnaire) at the end of the talk	H.E. Mr. Claude Blanchemaison , French diplomat, former Ambassador to Russia, Spain, Vietnam
18.15	Transfer to Mantes-la-Jolie	
20.00	Dinner	
21.00	Comfy group	Gianni Perri and Kirill Zarifulin , Youth Association for a Greater Europe

DAY 3 WORKSHOPS

July, 25th

Time	Event	Partners/Speakers
Location: summer residence in Mantes-la-Jolie 20, rue du Docteur Vinaver, 78520 Limay, France		
8.00 - 8.15	Optional morning yoga	Gianni Perri and Amelie Bischoff , Youth Association for a Greater Europe
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	
9.00 – 12.30	Workshop 1. Upgrade your public speaking and debating skills	Eef Van Der Berg, Alexandra Wishart , Dunamis team, the Netherlands
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.00	Debates - Round 1 Topic 1. What are the reasons for the EU and the EAEU to cooperate? What are possible spheres of such cooperation?	Youth Association for a Greater Europe/Gorchakov Fund/Sorbonne ONU/Dunamis
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break	

15.30 – 17.30	Debates - Round 2 Topic 2. What are the practical steps or potential measures to enhance cooperation in designated spheres?	Youth Association for a Greater Europe/Gorchakov Fund/Sorbonne ONU/Dunamis
17.30 – 18.00	Comfy group	Gianni Perri and Kirill Zarifulin , Youth Association for a Greater Europe
18.00 - 18.30	Free time	
18.30-19.30	Dinner	
19.30 – 21.00	Cultural evening	

DAY 4 NEGOTIATIONS

July, 26th

Time	Event	Partners/Speakers
Location: summer residence in Mantes-la-Jolie 20, rue du Docteur Vinaver, 78520 Limay, France		
8.00 - 8.15	Optional morning yoga	Gianni Perri and Amelie Bischoff , Youth Association for a Greater Europe
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	
9.00 – 11.30	Workshop 2. Upgrade your public negotiations skills	Eef Van Der Berg, Alexandra Wishart , Dunamis team, the Netherlands
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.00	Grand Negotiations – Round 1 Making EU and EAEU countries closer for Greater Europe Discussing and amending the proposals/measures from the previous day	Youth Association for a Greater Europe/Gorchakov Fund/Sorbonne ONU/Dunamis
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 17.00	Grand Negotiations – Round 2 Making EU and EAEU countries closer for Greater Europe Concluding the negotiations and official signing of MoU, taking a photo, feedback session	Youth Association for a Greater Europe/Gorchakov Fund/Sorbonne ONU/Dunamis

17.00 - 17.30	Comfy group	Gianni Perri and Kirill Zarifulin , Youth Association for a Greater Europe
17.30 – 19.00	Free time	
19.00-20.00	Dinner	
20.30 – 22.00	Summer Party	

DAY of DEPARTURE July, 27th		
Time	Event	Partners/Speakers
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	
9.30	Departure to Paris	

PERFORMANCE of GREATER EUROPE YOUTH THEATER July, 28th Le Pavé d'Orsay 48 rue de Lille, 75007 Paris		
Time	Event	Note
18.00-20.00	Performance “Romeo and Juliet: Fast and Kind of Furious”	<p><i>All participants and partners of the Forum are invited to a wonderful adaptation that brings the Shakespearean classic kicking, screaming and laughing into the modern age.</i></p> <p><i>Our actors come from across Greater Europe and will be putting on this performance in the name of the Youth Association for a Greater Europe.</i></p> <p><i>If you have any questions, or want to reserve seats please email us at GEYouththeatre@gmail.com</i></p>