

# House of Europe Marienberg

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## Opportunity Europe: International youth seminars about European issues in the House of Europe Marienberg, Germany

Europe has to be built by its citizens because Europe concerns each of us. This is a statement which everybody would generally agree on. The one thing is to approve such statements the other is to be active and to do something for its success. Especially the young people in Europe are in the future even more connected to the European project. Therefore they have to learn how Europe functions, what this is all about and what the benefit is and where the problems are. Europe can be a great opportunity but you have to know about the contents to be able to get constructively involved.

The **House of Europe** founded 1951 as the first House of Europe or European Academy ever is situated in the "Westerwald" in Rhineland-Palatinate 100 km east of Cologne! We have beds for 120 persons, modern seminar rooms of different sizes and up to date equipment.

We do mainly organize **European seminars** for young people from all over Europe. They come here together normally for a week to learn something about the European Union and to learn more about the other nations their culture, their countries to minimise prejudices and stereotypes. We have lively seminars with a programme structure where the participants are highly active by themselves – no boring lecture throughout the week but workshops, small discussion rounds, quizzes, visit of a European gallery, etc.!

The participants gain a lot like more knowledge about Europe, they find new friends in foreign countries, learn about other cultures, they get more self-confident, improve their language skills and social competencies!

The **general conditions** are: 55 Euro (for participants from MEE countries) and 110 Euro (for participants from all other European countries) per person for a one week seminar including accommodation, full board and the complete seminar programme mostly with a half day trip to a larger German city and the visit of e.g. the House of History or the representation of The Commission in Germany. The group has to organize and pay for the travel costs. **Accompanying teachers are free** and don't have to pay the seminar fee.

The age-group differs from seminar to seminar; normally it is between 16 and 25 years. There is no real time table just the free vacancies for 2006. There are two possibilities: If there is a **Hungarian group** who wants to do a European seminar in our house we can give the free dates and look for German and other participants to organize a seminar or we can pass on the times were we have already a German group who wants to meet people from other European countries.

The **free dates** for 2006 are:

13th - 17th February 2006	20th - 24th February 2006
01st - 03rd March 2006	03rd - 06th April 2006
10th - 12th May 2006	15th - 18th May 2006
03rd - 07th September 2006	30th/31st October 2006
02nd/03rd November 2006	13th - 17th November 2006
20th - 24th November 2006	04th - 08th December 2006
11th - 15th December 2006	

Two **German groups** looking for foreign partners for a seminar:

15th May - 20th May 2006	(15-18 participants)
06th June - 09th June 2006	(20-25 participants)

Feel free to contact us for further details! Use the contact details from above.