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## Dear global debating community!

We're sending you best wishes from Stuttgart, Germany and cordially invite you to participate in this year's "EuroOpen 2011" Schools Debating Championship.

The event will once again take place at schools in and around the city of Stuttgart. A number of schools have already shown interest in hosting, and preparations are in full activity.

### >>> Dates <<<

Arrival day: SAT, 5th NOV 2011  
Tournament starts: SUN, 6th NOV 2011, approx. 10 AM  
Grand Final: FRI, 11th NOV 2011, approx. 3 PM  
Departure day: SAT, 12th NOV 2011

### >>> Format and motions <<<

The tournament will be held in the World Schools debate format ([www.schoolsdebate.com](http://www.schoolsdebate.com)). There will be eight prelims, a QF, SF and Grand Final.

These are the MOTIONS for the four prepared preliminary rounds:

- THBT *European interests are best served by an active campaign to promote democracy*
- THW *promote EU citizenship*
- TH *considers that the Commonwealth has outlived its usefulness*
- THBT *the greatest threat to Western society is its ageing*

### >>> Registration, draw and cap<<<

Registration begins on 1<sup>st</sup> JUN and ends 4<sup>th</sup> SEP 2011 and will be done via the website [www.europen-debate.net](http://www.europen-debate.net). Once all teams have signed up, we will send out the draw as quickly as we can, so that teams can prepare their randomly-assigned debate sides (using PlusTab).

If you are interested in attending, please try and keep to this deadline to avoid draw amendments.

Currently, we plan to cap the tournament at 32 teams, aiming at a mix of international and domestic teams. There is a team cap of three teams PER NATION (except Germany).

### >>> Participation fee and accommodation<<<

The tournament will cost 180 EUR per person (speaker/judge). This includes accommodation with breakfast, food at venues, full transportation, entrance fees to sights (in the programme) and health insurance during the tournament days. Unfortunately, we can't include dinner and Internet use at the hostel, which is available at a charge, according to how long you want to use it.

At the moment, we have 100 beds available at a brand new youth hostel in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt, with formidable access to public transport, restaurants, supermarkets and shopping malls - all in walking distance. As of SEP 5<sup>th</sup>, however, we will not be able to make any changes to the reservation, so please stick to the deadline if at all possible.

Additions past this date or this number of beds are subject to availability. If you enter the tournament late, we will try to assist, but cannot guarantee accommodation for you and your teams.

If you choose to find your **own accommodation**, either through private contacts or alternate hostels, the fees are 60 EUR per person (speaker/judge). **Local teams** (without accommodation) pay 20 EUR per speaker (or 40 with a VVS railpass "Netz", if wanted). Local judges participate for free.



### >>> VISA restrictions <<<

Please contact your local, as well as the German authorities in your country for VISA prerequisites. There is nothing we can't provide you with, but occasionally we may be unable to send it in time. Please let us therefore know as soon as possible what you need. Please don't rely on colleagues' experience from other countries, the restrictions vary immensely from country to country. We will try to obtain as much information as possible at our end about what it takes to get citizens of your country into Germany.

### >>> Delegation restrictions <<<

Each team must travel with at least one judge who will be experienced enough to judge at an international level. Some judging experience sent to us in advance would be helpful. Additional judges may be less experienced, but will still need to judge. Please avoid inexperienced delegates as only judges. Teams attending for the first time should contact us in advance if this causes any trouble. We will work to find a solution.

Two teams may arrive with only one judge, three with two etc. (x-1) but we'd welcome more, of course ;)

There can be 3-5 speakers on each team.

### >>> Web reference <<<

Please check this webpage for updates:

[www.euopen-debate.net](http://www.euopen-debate.net)

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Please don't hesitate to send us questions. We will try our best to inform you as quickly and in as much detail as possible.

Best regards from Stuttgart and hoping to see you all this year!



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### >>>BANK DETAILS<<<

Please transfer the participation fee for your group onto this account by SEP 15<sup>th</sup>. We'd kindly ask you to send the total sum of your delegation in one transaction. If you make individual transactions, please make it uniquely identifiable with the affiliated team!

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