

First *European week* of the  
« Association universitaire européenne de Louvain »

Debating students

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15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2004

Louvain-la-Neuve

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Presentation file

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**What Presentation file? Who does it concern?**

This Presentation file is a compilation of useful information about the 1<sup>st</sup> *European Week* (hereafter *EurW*) of the “Association universitaire européenne de Louvain” (hereafter AUEL). It provides all details to anyone willing to participate in the *EurW* (see **Practical information and registration**) or offer his or her collaboration or support (see **How can you support us? How can you collaborate with us?**).

In order to ensure transparency and fluidity in the circulation of information we have chosen to join the important points in one Presentation file likely to interest a large and varied public (students, professors, authorities from Belgian or European universities (or equivalent institutions), Belgian or foreign firms willing to show their interest in Europe, Belgian or European politicians, other Europe-linked institutions, etc.) **In any case, if you do not feel concerned by this file, please do not hesitate to forward it to those who you think might be interested.**

This file is being regularly updated (this is 22<sup>th</sup> January 2004 version) and will be replaced before mid-February 2004 par an on-line version available on our Internet site (presently under construction). If you wish an updated version or any other piece of information, always feel free to contact us (see **How can you contact us?**).

**Who are we? Why are we organizing a *European Week*?**

The AUEL is an international non-profit organization in process of constitution (located in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) created and run by students. Its aim is to arouse interest in European matters to the students of the Université catholique de Louvain (hereafter UCL) through different activities and to promote (intellectual and human) meetings between students of Europe<sup>1</sup>.

In that scope the AUEL has already organized many European forums that attracted students coming from several countries (even from Belarus!). After these decisive past experiments, the AUEL is now going to carry out an even farer-reaching project: the *European week* (which is going to be held this year from 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March).

Indeed the AUEL plans this time to achieve a new quantitative and qualitative stage by hosting an even higher number of foreign students (between 50 and 100 students should participate in the *EurW*<sup>2</sup>) and by proposing a still more complete program of varied activities (see **Program of activities**).

### **Who is going to participate in our *European Week*?**

Participation is open to any adult student from a European university (or equivalent institution). If you are interested, you can already apply (see **Practical information and registration**).

For this first edition of the *EurW* we count on 50-100 participants (UCL students and foreign students included).

### **Support (moral, financial) and Collaborations**

The first AUEL *European week* is sponsored by Professor Xavier Renders, Vice-rector of the UCL in charge of students matters and by Mr. Melchior Wathelet, ordinary Professor at the International Law Department of the Faculty of Law of the UCL, former judge at the Court of Justice of the European Communities and former Belgian minister. Through the trust they put in the AUEL, our project is gaining the necessary credibility to become attractive. We thank them for their moral support.

From the financial point of view the *EurW* matches the criteria to be granted subsidies by the UCL (ANIM subsidies). Nevertheless, we hope that this pay out will be completed by private and public sponsorship, especially in order to reduce the costs of the participants coming from abroad.

We are also proud to have collaborators, such as the *Cinéforum*, for instance, which is going to give us the necessary help to organize Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Film evening.

Do you wish to offer us your moral or financial support? Do you wish to collaborate with us? Then look some pages farther in this file (see **How can you support us? How can you collaborate with us?**).

### ***European Week* Theme**

The theme of the first AUEL *European Week* is headed ***Debating students in constituting Europe***.

Therefore the proposed activities will intend to stress the importance of the places of debate in Europe, to point out the great European challenges in a close future (enlargement, European elections) and farther future (European Constitution) and to question the condition and the role of European students with respect to that new Europe.

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<sup>1</sup> Also according to article 2 of AUEL Statute.

<sup>2</sup> Don't forget that, whoever you are, maybe you do have (at least indirectly) an influence on this number.

## Program of activities

AUEL activities have always distinguished themselves from other similar by their both formal and informal nature. So the *EurW* is not only proposing a high quality intellectual program but also offering many opportunities to relax and have a lot of fun.

These are the activities organized during the *EurW*<sup>3</sup>:

### - **Model European Parliament:**

The AUEL proposes to the participants of the *EurW* an original formula to promote debating about Europe: a simulation of European parliamentary work. To this end, students will be divided into European political groups and will have to act as real European MP's, giving their opinion, their assent or « codeciding » on an imaginary proposal, or formulating recommendations (depending on the topic).

The simulation will cover three different stages: the work in parliamentary commissions, the meeting in political groups and the sitting in plenary assembly.

More information (particularly about the allocation into political groups, about the topics discussed, etc.) will be available on AUEL Internet site by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

### - **Visiting the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council of Ministers**

Due to its high symbolic importance, the European Parliament will be the perfect place for the inauguration of the *European week* in Brussels. So the participants will have the opportunity to discover this European site of democracy and to listen to specialists giving talks about their jobs. A few days later, the participants will visit the Commission and the Council of Ministers and be able to collect new memories and interesting testimonies.

Unfortunately, places are limited for these activities. Priority will therefore be given to students coming from abroad and only for the first registered (see **Practical information and registration**).

### - **“Café européen” and Conference**

AUEL debates in the relaxed atmosphere of a pub have already had favourable issues in the past. The “Café européen” held during the *EurW* is going to question the so-called « Bologna Process » and its implications on the condition and the role of the European student.

Another evening is going to be devoted to a Conference on the challenges of next European elections. European MP's or political advisors from different European political groups will present their views

### - **Cultural activities and fun**

Europe cannot be built only by exchanging political views. It is also important to understand the other cultures, which can best be achieved by entertainment. For that purpose, participants in the *EurW* are going to have the opportunity to visit Brussels together, to get better to know each other and Louvain-la-Neuve through a special team game, to watch a quality European film (projected by the *Cinéforum*), to enjoy a farewell party and to take part in the numerous regular activities proposed by the University town of Louvain-la-Neuve during that week.

### - **Language of activities**

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<sup>3</sup> See also the recapitulatory board hereunder.

In order to keep at one and the same time the international and local importance of the *EurW*, the AUDEL will do its best to ensure the bilingual French-English nature of the activities. Nevertheless, we cannot exclude that certain activities show a marked predominance of one of these languages. So we hope that participants will have at least a passive knowledge of French and English (see **Practical information and registration**).

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| <b>Recapitulatory board of the activities taking place during the <i>European Week</i></b> |
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| -                | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>                              | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>                               | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> |
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| <b>Morning</b>   | Inaugural sitting in the European Parliament: presentation and talks                          | Team game  | Model European Parliament II                            | Visiting the European Commission                        | Closing address         |
| <b>Afternoon</b> | Visiting the European Parliament (Brussels) + Visiting Brussels                               | Model European Parliament I                                      | Model European Parliament III                           | Visiting the Council of ministers of the European Union | -                       |
| <b>Evening</b>   | <u>Café européen</u><br>"The Bologna Process: condition and role of the new European student" | <u>Conference</u><br>"The challenges of 2004 European elections" | Quality European Film projected by the <i>Cinéforum</i> | Farewell dinner and Party                               | -                       |

### Practical information and registration

If you wish to register to the *European Week*, you will find here important practical information:

- **Arrival and departure**

Participants (outside-UCL) are supposed to arrive on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March (afternoon or evening) and leave on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March (afternoon or evening). We do not however exclude to take into consideration individual situations.

- **Site**

The European Week is going to be held in **Louvain-la-Neuve**, not in Louvain (Leuven), another Belgian city where there is also a Catholic University.

- **Costs of lodging, food and transport**

There is no participation fee for the European Week. Non-UCL students are going to be lodged by students from Louvain-la-Neuve and share breakfast and dinner with them. They should therefore bring their sleeping bags.

In the most unlikely case of a total lack of sponsorship, participants will be asked a reasonable amount of +/-2 euros for each lunch (sandwich), +/- 10 euros for Thursday dinner and 2x 8 euros for the journeys from Louvain-la-Neuve to Brussels. Alcohol is entirely at the participants' charge.

Unfortunately the AUEL does not have the financial means at present time to intervene in the costs of carriage supported by non-UCL participants to reach Louvain-la-Neuve and to return home. Nevertheless, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that Belgium is served by many low-cost airline companies offering reasonable prices for early booking.

In any case the AUEL will do its best to reduce the participants' costs. Very sensitive to the financial disparities among the students of Europe, the AUEL will mainly concentrate on "helping" those who paid "proportionally" more.

- **Languages of the *European Week***

As we have already explained more above in this text (see **Program of activities**), the activities of the *EurW* are going to be held in French and English. It is therefore desirable that participants have at least a passive knowledge (able to understand) of the two languages.

Nevertheless, the AUEL does not want the linguistic requirements to impede people and ideas from coming together. So solutions will be found should some participants encounter problems with those two languages.

- **Additional information – last-minute changes**

As soon as we get to know you, the AUEL will keep you informed with additional information and last-minute changes, until we activate our Internet site where you will always be able to find "the freshest" news.

- **REGISTRATIONS**

In order to apply for the *European Week*, please use only the application form hereunder and send it to us completed **before 1<sup>st</sup> March at noon**.

Let us remind you that **the earlier you apply the more chances you have to visit all three European institutions**.

**All data you are going to provide us will only be used to administrative, statistic ends and to better know you. None shall be transmitted to third parties without your consent, except definite data demanded by the security services of the European institutions and given to them only.**

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 1ST AUEL EUROPEAN WEEK

(Please copy-paste it, complete it and send it back **before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004 at 12 PM** to the following e-mail address: [auel\\_ucl@yahoo.com](mailto:auel_ucl@yahoo.com))

**Attention: You will be officially registered only after receiving specific confirmation from us by e-mail.**

**COMPLETE NAME (middle name, surname, etc.):**

**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:**

**NATIONALITY:**

**IDENTITY CARD / PASSEPORT (/ OTHER) NUMBER (carry this document with you to be authorized to visit the European institutions):**

**ADDRESS (legal residence):**

**PHONE NUMBER AND MOBILE PHONE NUMBER:**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

**FIRST LANGUAGE AND OTHER SPOKEN LANGUAGES:**

**STUDIES (PLACE, INSTITUTION, YEAR):**

**DATE AND HOUR OF ARRIVAL IN LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE:**

**DATE AND HOUR OF DEPARTURE FROM LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE:**

**DO YOU WANT THE AUDEL TO ORGANIZE LODGING FOR YOU? :**

**THE AUDEL SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCIDENT (THEFT, ACCIDENT AND THE LIKE) OCCURRING BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE EUROPEAN WEEK (Please, write down "I agree", so that your application can be admissible):**

**OTHER REMARKS OR QUESTIONS:**

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**How can you support us? How can you collaborate with us?**

To have the best outcome for our project we welcome support and collaboration from everywhere and everyone. The AUDEL does not wish to act on its own, but needs help, recognition and money. So whoever you are, there is a way to join our adventure, to encourage us building the Europe of tomorrow.

- **Are you a Professor at a European university (or equivalent institution)? Or are you a Belgian or European politician?**

Your moral support would undoubtedly ensure better credibility to our project. Could you please contact us if you are willing to grant us such a sponsorship?<sup>4</sup>

- **Are you a Europe-linked institution or organization?**

We would be very pleased then if we could count on your moral support, as well as on a small financial “help” to reduce the costs of non-UCL students coming to participate in the *European week*.

- **Are you a Belgian or foreign firm and do you want to show your interest in Europe?**

Then the *European Week* is an opportunity for you to sponsor a highly symbolic event that is however far from generating important costs. Financial support would be particularly appreciated to cover part of the expenses of non-UCL students on food, transport as well as the entertaining activities during the *European Week*.

- **Are you... a generous donor?**

Thank you. We promise you that your money will be used in a proper way!

**How can you contact us?**

By ordinary mail:

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By e-mail:

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By fax :

+32 (0) 10 84 56 07

By telephone (list of people in charge of the different tasks of the *European Week*):

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| - Non-UCL students:           | Nicolas Fermaud<br>475 33 74 87 | Aurore Cogniaux<br>+32 (0) 476 80 60 03<br>+32 (0) |
| - UCL students & authorities: | Oliver Jung                     | +32 (0) 486 35 29 01                               |
| - Model European Parliament:  | François-Michel Hilaire         | +32 (0) 477 17 50 06                               |
| - Subsidies, sponsors:        |                                 | Marie Kerouedan<br>+32 (0) 496 74 93 78            |

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<sup>4</sup> The AUDEL is an organization without political color. We will therefore remind attentive to a certain “political balance” in our publicity.

- Institutions – premises – transport: Agnès de Cornulier  
+32 (0) 479 33 77 06
  
- Speakers: Farah Dehon  
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- Entertainment – culture: Cyril Blin  
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### **Account number**

The AUDEL is opening a bank account. It should be available very soon.

### **Useful links**

L'Université catholique de Louvain (UCL): <http://www.ucl.ac.be>