

PROGRAM – EYFON | Young perspectives on the future of Europe

(subject to changes)

Date: 30th August – 3rd September 2021

Participants: 30 young Europeans, open event

Contents: Goals, contents and possibilities concerning the Conference on the Future of Europe, leisure-time program

The European Youth Forum Neumarkt wants to provide a significant input for the development of the European Union. The Conference on the Future of Europe and especially young Europeans aged between 16 and 25 years are invited to develop their own ideas about Europe during this seminar week. Background knowledge of the history and function, the challenges and tasks of the Union should also be in the foreground this week. The EYFON team and external speakers from relevant institutions enter into discussions with the seminar participants and are available with their specialist knowledge. A selected leisure program will strengthen team building and ensure conviviality and relaxation.

When?	What?	Where?	Who?	How?
DAY 1 – Monday				
from 15:00	Arrival and check-in, allocation of rooms, exploring the castle	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	EYFON-team	Guided tour around the castle, house rules, safety instructions
parallel	Welcome-Snack	Castle Courtyard	CATERING	
17:00	Get-together	Castle Courtyard	EYFON-team	Q&A-session, group pictures
	EYFON presentation, introduction to the program	Seminar room	EYFON-team	Team presentation, Q&A-session
19:00	Dinner	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
20:30	Get-to-know-each-other-activities	Seminar room	EYFON-team	Teambuilding, icebreaker-games
DAY 2 – Tuesday				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
from 09:30	<u>Contents:</u> "The idea behind the Conference on the Future of Europe – why, who, how, what?"	Seminar room	EYFON-team, Representative of the EU Commission, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Lecture / discussion / group work or workshop
ca. 12:30	Lunch	Castle Courtyard	CATERING	
14:00	Basics on structure and history of the EU, EYFON-activities, survey	Seminar room	EYFON-team	Lecture / discussion
ca. 16:00	Hike in the nearby area		Holzweltbotschafter	
19:00	Dinner	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	
20:00	<u>Contents:</u> Intercultural training	Seminar room	External lecturers or EYFON-team	Lecture / group work
DAY 3 – Wednesday				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
from 09:00	Departure for leisure activities	Kreischberg / Murau / Neumarkt	BUS	
09:30	3D-Archery and local cuisine <u>Alternatively:</u> Raft building at Furtner Teich <u>Alternatively:</u> Geocaching	Kreischberg / Murau / Neumarkt	Holzweltbotschafter, teamgeist	Guided tour, group activity
13:00	Lunch	Local inn		

15:00	<u>Contents:</u> The Conference on the Future of Europe – from the point of view of Austria/other EU-member state	Seminar room	External lecturers or Representative of Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador	Lecture / discussion
19:00	Dinner, barbecue	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	EYFON-team	
DAY 4 – Thursday				
08:00	Breakfast	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	
9:30	<u>Contents:</u> NGOs and the Conference on the Future of Europe, opportunities for participation, presentation of the platform, citizen forums and events	Seminar room	EYFON-team and external lecturers	discussion / group work and workshop
13:00	Lunch	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	
15.30	Tree-surfing	Oberwölz	EYFON-team	Guided tour / group activity
19:00	Dinner	Local inn		
20:00	<u>Contents:</u> "Castle talk": The Conference on the Future of Europe"	Seminar room	External lecturer	Informal talk / discussion
DAY 5 – Friday				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
from 10:00	<u>Contents:</u> Lessons learned, evaluation, open discussion	Seminar room, Castle Courtyard	EYFON-team	Discussion / Handout „EU for you“
12:30	Lunch	Castle Courtyard, Knights' Hall	CATERING	
from 14:00	Departure	Sightseeing Graz?	EYFON Team	

Important information:

Neumarkt in der Steiermark is at over 800m above sea level, it can be cool - especially at night - even in summer. Please bring suitable clothing. For leisure activities solid shoes (hiking boots if necessary), loose leisure clothing and - just in case - rainwear are required. Accommodation is in shared rooms; bed linen and towels are provided. Culinary delights will be provided. Please announce any intolerances and wishes regarding food (vegetarian / vegan) in advance so that the caterer can plan the catering accordingly.

Parking is available directly in front of the Europaburg, the address is Schloßleiten 6, 8820 Neumarkt in der Steiermark / Austria.

Registration is possible until 12th August 2021 by e-mail to office@eyfon.at or by phone at +43 664 9123366.

The Covid-19 rules and measures applicable at the time must be observed for the journey to and from the castle ("3-G proof": recognized vaccination certificate, valid negative Covid-19 test or corresponding proof of recovery). When registering for the seminar, the requirements will be specified more precisely.