

invitation

LHG

Where: Brussels

When: 20-23 September 2007

What: Enlarging the EU to the East - Where are the borders of Europe and how can the EU profit from its geographical enlargement?

Dear friends,

some 15 months ago the European Liberal Students Network within LYMEC was launched with six main objectives: Building the Network, establishing communication channels, setting up a joint committee, organising own seminars, developing campaigns, and helping liberal ERASMUS-students to get acquainted at their exchange universities. Its general goal would thus be to strengthen the liberal perspective on student and higher education issues at European level.

Thanks to the financial and organisational support of ALDE we are now able to take the first step in order to fulfil one major objective and make this network a living body: From **20-23 September 2007** we organise a **joint seminar** of LHG (the German Liberal Students' Groups) and the Network in the **European Parliament in Brussels**. 15 students from LHG and 2 students from each of the 9 other **member organisations of the Network** will be invited to work and discuss on the topic: "Enlarging the EU to the East - Where are the borders of Europe and how can the EU profit from its geographical enlargement". This will include issues related to the Bologna process, higher education in new (and non-) EU member states, as well as student politics on national and European level. We are going to discuss how the European institutions are involved in these issues and how we are able - e.g. through the EP and ALDE - to influence them. We will also use this seminar to work on the future of the Network, electing the Network's Committee, discussing communication issues, and plan future activities.

Participation fee for this event will be **50 Euros** and we will refund **travel costs up to 150 Euros** for non-LHG members (LHG members will be refunded according to LHG rules). Other interested LYMEC organisations are free to send observers at their own expense (however depending on organisational limits, i.e. the size of the seminar room in the EP).

As we have quite clear goals for the outcome of the seminar (in terms of content and political results) we would ask you - as far as possible - to nominate your participants with regard to their right to speak for your organisation and to their ability to promote the Network and its goals within your organisation. **Official and only language will be English**. Of advantage for the good course of the seminar is also knowledge of student and HE issues at university and national level (especially the work of your organisation in this field). We are also very keen to have a gender balance and we would be thankful for you to keep this in mind when nominating your participants. However, these are no formal requirements!

Please **nominate** your participants **as soon as possible** and send the nomination form to **international@bundes-lhg.org** so that we can quickly fix all organisational details of the seminar. Official deadline is 10th of August 2007.

In case of questions please contact LHG's International Officer through **international@bundes-lhg.org** or **+49 163 735 1983** (mobile).

Kindest regards

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