

*Debate Science! European Student Parliaments (EUSP)*

## **EUSP facts & figures**

### **Objectives**

The EUSP project aims at strengthening the dialogue and exchange between students and scientists,

- introducing students to parliamentary procedures on science and research,
- enabling them to form a qualified opinion and to assess complex topics, and
- introducing them to a European community.

### **Figures**

The project involved

- around 1,500 students
  - from 16 European countries
  - in 18 local student parliaments, and
- more than 100 European scientists.

The Final European Student Parliament involved

- 90 selected European delegates and
- 7 European scientists from ESOF 2014 or the Copenhagen area

### **Topic**

Our cities will be strongly affected by flooding and heat waves in the future. However, not only climate change will be a major concern of managing future cities: Dense population and high amounts of energy, digital networks and ways of mobility will also be challenges which need to be tackled. It is our youngsters who will need to undertake any effort to take care of their future. Thus, it is our task to prepare them and to give them opportunities to start thinking about topics which are more relevant nowadays than ever before. Therefore, the subtopics of the committees are:

- Future mobility – New approaches in the city
- Demography in the city
- City. Climate. Change.
- Join in and be part – Civil participation in the city
- Resources in the city: skyfarming & urban gardening
- Energy efficient houses and flats
- Smart city: life in an urban network

## Organisation

In each of the 18 local or national student parliaments, which took place between September 2013 and April 2014, 60 to 100 students participated and discussed five to seven subtopics in committees. One student per committee was selected to represent her/his subtopic at the final European student parliament, which took place as part of EuroScience Open Forum in June 2014 in Copenhagen. At this final parliament, 90 students from across Europe discussed all seven topics on a European level. The results of this debate were presented to scientists from across Europe at the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) 2014, where it was awarded the Lundbeck Foundation ESOF2014 Communication Prize.

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