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Thema:

**Current developments in the world:  
The common challenges and opportunities for the EU and  
Mexico**

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<u>Interpreters:</u>	-
<u>Participants:</u>	Students from Germany and Mexico
<u>Beginning:</u>	22.06.2025
<u>End:</u>	28.06.2025
<u>Venue:</u>	Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH (EAO) Europahausstraße 35 66620 Nonnweiler Tel.: 06873 662-486 Fax: 06873 662-350 <a href="http://www.eao-otzenhausen.de">www.eao-otzenhausen.de</a>

## **Aims and objectives**

Europe is more than the EU-27 and its institutions in Brussels (and by the way, did you know that many of them are not located in this EU capital?), and Mexico deserves our attention for much more than its border with the US, great food and Aztec history.

There is a lot more to explore than the facts that may be well known from the media: from cultural and historical particularities to current political and economic relations, to various aspects of, for example, climate protection approaches, which may seem different at first sight, but which have a lot in common with a deeper focus.

The planned program aims to give young Mexican and German students the opportunity to learn from each other, to share their perspectives and experiences, and to explore their similarities and differences through encounters and academic exchange.

The course covers the following topics

- Current developments and challenges in the EU
- Security and the global role of the EU
- Borders and migration
- Climate and human rights and the right to water

and includes visits to the institutions in Strasbourg and Luxembourg.

## DRAFT PROGRAM

<b>Sunday</b> <b>22.06.2025</b>	<b>Arrival of students from Mexico and Europe</b>
	Arrival to the Frankfurt International Airport
	Transfer from the airport to Otzenhausen und Check-in
<b>Monday</b> <b>23.06.2025</b>	<b>Intercultural communication</b> <b>Common Challenges and/in the EU</b>
08:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
Until 09:00	<i>Arrival of German Students and check-in</i>
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Welcome Address</b> <b>Getting to know each other,</b> <b>Introduction to the Program and Campus Tour</b> <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 12:30	<b>Getting to know each other and training in intercultural communication</b> <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO and Jana Paar</i> Workshop
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00 Coffee break (15:30 – 16:00)	<b>What is Europe(an Union)? The current development and current challenges in the global perspective</b> <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i> Introductory Workshop and discussion
18:30	Dinner
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>24.06.2025</b>	<b>European security and foreign policy</b> <b>Climate Migration Policy</b>
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00 15 Minutes Coffee break at 10:30	<b>The EU's global role: Still an economic giant, a political dwarf and a military worm?</b> <i>Dr. Carolin Rüger, University Würzburg and Team EUROPE DIRECT der Europäischen Kommission</i> Lecture and discussion
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 16:00	<b>Borders and Migration</b> <i>Dr. Markéta Votoupalová</i> <i>Prague University of Economics and Business</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:30	<b>Westwall and Höckerlinie Otzenhausen</b> Guided walk <i>Katrin Dahmen, Raimund Dahmen</i> <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner and bowling evening
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>25.06.2025</b>	<b>Excursion to Luxembourg</b>
08:00 – 08:30	Breakfast <i>(packed lunch provided for the day)</i>
08:30 – 10:00	Transfer to Luxembourg
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Preparation for the Excursion to on the bus</b> <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>

10:00 – 12:30	<b>European Parliament</b> Guided tour, site visit, expert presentation
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break Meeting at the EIB for security check
14:00 – 16:30	<b>European Investment Bank (EIB)</b> Guided tour, site visit, expert presentation <i>Chris Knight, Editor at EIB (tbc)</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Transfer to the city center <b>Excursion Reflexion on the bus</b> <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
17:00 – 19:00	Free time
19:00 – 19:30	Bus Transfer
19:30 – 21:30	Wine Tasting and Dinner
22:30	Arrival to the EAO
<b>Thursday 26.06.2025</b>	<b>Excursion to Strasbourg</b>
06:00 – 06:30	Breakfast <i>(lunch packages provided for the day)</i>
06:30 – 09:00	Transfer to Strasbourg
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Preparation for the Excursion to Strasbourg on the bus</b> <i>Seminarteam EAO</i>
09:00 – 11:00	<b>European Court of Human Rights</b> Guided tour, site visit, expert presentation
11:00 – 11:30	Bus transfer
11:30 – 14:30	Free time in the city centre and lunch break <i>Lunch packages provided</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Bus transfer to the CoE, Security check
15:00 – 17:30	<b>Visit to the Council of Europe (CoE)</b> Guided tour and presentation of CoE's role in the political landscape of Europe 15:00 – 15:30 Introduction to the role of the CoE 15:30 – 16:30 Plenary meeting 16:30 – 17:30 Discussion with the CoE staff member
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Guided tour in the European District</b> <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
18:30 – 19:00	Transfer to the city centre and meanwhile <b>Reflection of the excursion on the bus</b> <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
18:30 – 21:00	Transfer to the EAO
<b>Friday 27.06.2025</b>	<b>Right to water And the main takeaways</b>
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 13:00 15 Minutes coffee break at 11:00	<b>Right to water</b> Simulation Game <i>Dr. Marie-Louise Brunner, EAO</i> <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	<b>Our vision for the future: the main takeaways</b> Workshop, Presentations at the Höckerlinie and Discussion <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Evaluation of the Seminar</b>

	Jana Stehlíková, EAO
19:30	Farewell Barbecue
	Departure of German Students
<b>Saturday 28.06.2025</b>	<b>Departure</b>
07:00 – 08:00	Breakfast and Check-Out of Mexican Students
	Departure