



What is Student Forum Maastricht?

Student Forum Maastricht (SFM) is an annual student conference that offers international students the possibility to discuss European Union related topics. In cooperation with the European Commission, the students draft policy proposals for relevant policy fields presenting their ideas and suggestions. SFM is a foundation based at the Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FASoS) of Maastricht University. The team organising SFM consists of students partly from Maastricht University and elsewhere. With the support and advice of team members from previous conferences continuity and experience-sharing in preparing the event is ensured.

SFM 2017 edition

SFM 2017 takes place at the Maastricht University Campus in Brussels from 19th to the 23rd of April. Four different working groups, each with 10 participants, will prepare a policy proposal for the European Commission on the following topics: Modern Healthcare in Europe, Trafficking in Human Beings, Youth Participation in the EU and Sustainable Metropolises. During the discussion students are accompanied by professionals from the Commission, NGOs, private companies or universities.

Achievements of SFM 2016

SFM has brought together 40 students from Europe and beyond with policy-makers of today. In this way, the participants were offered an innovative and enriching learning experience outside their regular studies at university. Additionally, SFM offered an interesting access to the EU and made the students profit from the experience and insights of the visiting experts and speakers. Overall, SFM has succeeded in establishing a sustainable partner network including other student associations and established media organisations such as Debating Europe. The relevance of the project is recognisable since the policy recommendations are being presented and discussed on various social media platforms. In order to receive feedback from the official institutional perspective, follow-up meetings with the Commission representatives are being organised. In that way, the students can present their work and exchange once more with the EU officials.