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**Study trip to the European and the International Institutions**

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**REPORT**



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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2008

- 00.30 Meeting point in front of the IEHEI, 10 Avenue des Fleurs.
- 00.45 Meeting point at Carras, near the “**Multari bakery**” (the main street down the Student Residence).
- 1.00 **Departure to Brussels.**
- The trip to Brussels will take 17 hours (with several stops for Breakfast and lunch)
- Around 18.00 Arrival in Brussels, distribution of rooms at the hotel  
**IBIS Brussels Gare du Midi**
- Free dinner at Brussels.**

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008

- 7.30 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9.00 Departure by bus to the Council of the EU.
- 9.30 Visit to **the Council of the European Union**
- Welcome by Mrs. **Niki Carretta**, General Direction F, **Visits-Public Events**.
- 10.00 -Conference “**The legislative process at the Council of the European Union**”, by **Mr. Jorge Monteiro**, Legal Counsellor, Legal Service of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.
- 11.10 Visit of **the Committee of the Regions**
- Welcome by **Mr. Klaus Hullmann**, Communication, Press, and Protocol Directorate Visitors' Service.
- 11.30 - Conference “**The role of the Committee of the Regions in the European Union Decision-Making process**”.
- 12.40 Departure for **the NATO Headquarters**
- Welcome by **Mrs. Wendy Dubuc**, NATO Press and Information Office.
- 13.00 - **Lunch** at the Cafeteria of the NATO Headquarters offered by the Division of the Public Diplomacy of NATO.
- 14.30-15.30 - Conference “**NATO’s agenda in the run-up to the Bucharest Summit**”
- 15.30-16.30 - Conference “**NATO’s current operations**”
- Free dinner at Brussels.**

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

- 7.30 Breakfast at the hotel, **luggage must be brought to the bus.**
- 8.15 Departure by Tram and Metro to the European Commission.

- 9.00 Visit of **the European Commission**
- Welcome by **Mrs. Erika Zuderell**, Unit "Visits to the Commission", Directorate "Youth, sport and Citizenship", Directorate-General "Education and Culture.
- 9.15 - Conference "**Protection of Competition**", by **Mr. Adrian Brower**, Unit "Antitrust and Merger case support" Deputy Director-General Mergers and Antitrust", Directorate-General "Competition".
- 10.15 Break
- 10.30 - Conference "**Enlargement of the European Union**", by **Mr. Stergios VARVAROUSSIS**, Unit "Information, Communication", Directorate "Strategic Coordination", Directorate-General "Enlargement".
- 11.30 - Conference "**Consumer protection**" by **Mr. Mikolaj ZALESKI** Unit "Unfair commercial practices and other consumer protection legislation" Directorate "Consumer affairs", Directorate-General "Health and Consumer Protection".
- Free Lunch in Brussels.**
- 14.00 Visit of **the European Economic and Social Committee.**
- Conference "**The role of the European Economic and Social Committee in the European Union decision making process**"
- 16.15 Departure to Strasbourg.
- Free dinner during the trip to Strasbourg.**
- 23.00 Arrival to Strasbourg, distribution of rooms at the Hotel "**Première Classe**"

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

- 7.30 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8.30 Departure by bus for **the Council of Europe.**
- 9.00 Visit of the **Council of Europe**
- 9.30 - Guided visit to the "**Palais de l'Europe**" and the "**Parliamentary Assembly Hemicycle**".
- 10.00 - Conference "**The role of the Council of Europe in the European political architecture**" by **Mr. Jeremy MOAKES**, Head of the Division of the Public Relations, Direction of the Communication, Council of Europe.
- Free lunch and free time at Strasbourg.**
- 17.00 Meeting point in the front of **the Municipality of Strasbourg**, Place Broglie.
- 17.30 **Reception** in honour of the IEHEI student group, given by **Mrs. Fabienne Keller**, Mayor of Strasbourg at **The "Hôtel de Ville of Strasbourg"**
- Free dinner at Strasbourg.**

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008

- 7.30 Breakfast at the hotel, luggage must be brought to the bus.
- 8.30 Departure by Tram to the European Parliament.
- 09.30 Visit of **the European Parliament**
- 10.00 Participation in a part of the **Plenary session of the European Parliament** in the public tribune.
- 11.00 - Conférence given by an official of the EP.
- 13.00 **Lunch** at the “**Winston Churchill**” restaurant in the European Parliament  
With some officials of the EP.
- 16.00 Visit of **the European Court of Human Rights**
- Welcome by **Mrs Sabine Klein-Guin**, Public Relations Unit, ECHR.
- 16.30 -Conference “**General presentation of the ECHR**” together with a group of Trainees of the European Commission on given by a Lawyer of the Registry of the ECHR.
- 18.15 **Trip to Annecy. Free dinner during the trip to Annecy.**
- 23.15 Arrival to Annecy distribution of rooms at the Hotel **Comfort Hotel MANDALLAZ**

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

- 7.15 Breakfast at the hotel
- 7.45 Departure to Geneva
- 9.00 Visit of the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**
- Welcome by **Mrs. Angelika Montillot**, Coordinator, Visitor Centre, division of external Relations.
- 9.00 - “**Global View**”, Introduction movie about the UNHCR.
- 9.20 Conference “**UNHCR’s role and activities focused on the situation in Iraq**” , by **Mrs. Ursual ABOUBACAR**, Deputy Director, Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa (M.E.N.A.);  
**Mr. Andrew HARPER**, Head of Unit – MENA Iraq Support Unit;  
**Ms Shaden KHALLAF**, Reports Officer, MENA
- 10.15 Guided visit to « **The Palais des Nations** »
- 11.45 - Conference by an officer from the office of **the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**
- Free Lunch in Geneva**
- 14.30 Visit of the permanent **Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations**
- 14.45 - Conference “**The Delegation of the Commission and the Lisbon Treaty**” by **Mr. David Spence**, Alumni of the IEHEI (1972-1973), First Counsellor, EU Delegation Geneva.

- 15.00 - Conference “**The Geneva Delegation and the World Trade Organisation**”, by **Mr. John Clarke**, Minister Counsellor, EU Delegation, Geneva.
- 15.45 - Conference “**The Geneva Delegation and Humanitarian aid**”, by **Mr. Kim Eling**, First Secretary, EU Delegation, Geneva.
- 16.15 - Conference “**The Geneva Delegation and Human Rights**”, by **Mr. Thierry BECHET**, Minister Counsellor, EU Delegation Geneva.
- 17.00 **Trip back to Annecy.**

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008**

- 8.30 Breakfast at the hotel, **luggage must be brought to the bus.**
- 10.00 **Departure for Nice**
- 19.0 Arrival in Nice

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