

EurOpen 2017 Invitation Letter

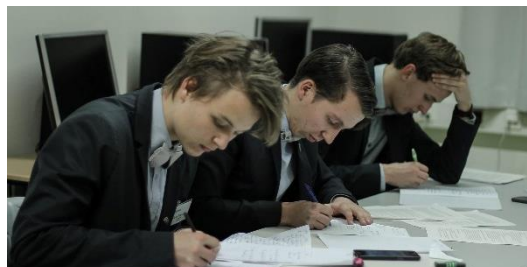
Dear global debating community!

We are happy to provide you with this invitation and first batch of information about EurOpen 2017 SDC in Stuttgart, Germany! We start with the crude basics:

- Dates:** 9th – 15th NOVEMBER 2017
Location: Stuttgart, Germany
Format: WSDC
Rounds: 8 prelims, OF, QF, SF, GF
Motions: Two prepared motions TBA to be used in 50% of preliminary rounds (all teams debate both PROP and OPP of each motion)
Tabbing: Power Pairing
CAP: Confirmed: Miha Andrič (SLN), Sebastian Kruse (GER)
 Schedule allowing: Sharmila Parmanand (PHL)
Standard fee: €220, includes all six nights, meals and socials (no increase since last year, one more night added), see more details below
Discounts: Available for n+1 and n+2 judges who require accommodation (n=number of teams on delegation)
Team cap: 30 intl. teams, 10 DSG teams – Please limit to two teams per delegation, three only as exceptions. Unclaimed slots will be filled with international/DSG teams respectively.
Accommodation: Youth Hostel "[Jugendherberge International](#)" in Stuttgart
- Conveners:** Christopher Sanchez, Klaus-Peter Heil
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Delegation matters

Team size is 3-5 speakers.



The number of teams (n) must be accompanied by at least the same number of judges (n+0). All accompanying judges receive a €30 or €50 discount if their number totals in n+1 or n+2 (or more) judges respectively.

Please note that inactive delegation members (non-speakers, coaches not judging) are required to sign up as observers. If numbers of judges allow,

Visa matters

Please contact your local, as well as the German authorities in your country for visa prerequisites once you've decided to attend EurOpen 2017.

See [this list of countries](#) that require entry visa and most likely an invitation letter from us. The link includes application forms as well.

If you need visas, you cannot register later than 1st SEP 2017.

Transport and accommodation matters





The transfers during the tournament will be organized by Debating Society Germany e.V. For this purpose, every participant will receive a transport authority (VVS) railpass.

If you wish to arrange for your own accommodation privately, you will need to regroup with the other teams at the departure point (hostel) for the transfers to the venues.

Extra nights

We can provide rooms for the extra night preceding (night of 8th NOV) or following the event (night of 15th NOV). However, you will need to cover the expense incurred (€30 per night per person).

Tentative schedule

THU, 9 th NOV	FRI, 10 th NOV	SAT, 11 th NOV	SUN, 12 th NOV	MON, 13 th NOV	TUE, 14 th NOV	WED, 15 th NOV
	Judges briefing	Rd 3	Rd 6	Free	Free	
	Rd 1 (ca. 2pm)	Rd 4	Rd 7	OF	SF	
	Rd 2	Rd 5	Rd 8	QF	GF (evening)	

Contact

You can contact us via e-mail for any queries:

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www.europen-debate.net

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<https://www.facebook.com/EurOpen2017/>

Looking forward to seeing you in November!

Best regards,
Christopher Sanchez, Klaus-Peter Heil



Slot assignment, cap of 40 teams

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Stage-1 registration of teams

By default, we have no participation restrictions except for the team cap of 40. We appeal to all institutions to not register more than two, max. three teams for the sake of plurality of nations and schools. We accept registration until

1st SEP 2017

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Excessive number of applications

If team applications exceed 40 teams, we will prioritize delegations with higher number of judges. For this, we have implemented a discount option for all delegate judges requiring accommodation. In some cases, we may ask third delegation teams to retreat to the waitlist or merge into two groups.

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Keeping payment deadlines

Stage-1 registration is for free but Stage-2 registration requires 50% non-refundable down-payment and will be cancelled in preference of waiting list teams if fees do not reach us in accordance with the deadlines.

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10 team slots

will be reserved for DSG school teams and filled with international teams if not claimed during Stage 2 (2nd SEP -2nd OCT).

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Not all is lost!

All teams attempting to participate but couldn't get a slot will be put on a waitlist. In our experience, up to a handful of teams had been admitted at a later date in previous years.

Registration procedure

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Receive Stage-1 confirmation

If the number of slots allow, all teams will be accepted. However, we may need to ask you to downsize larger delegations to allow plurality of nations/institutions. Final allocation by:

2nd SEP 2017

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Make 50% down payment

50% of your full fee payment according to Stage-1 data will need to reach us by

15th SEP 2017

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Enter Stage 2 data

Delegate information (names , gender etc...) need to be sent to us by

2nd OCT 2017

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Final payment

of all open fees need to reach our account by

16th OCT 2017

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Enter Stage 3 data

Teams fulfilling all requirements 1-4 can enter arrival information for pickups at Stuttgart airport, train and bus stations. Do this by

5th NOV 2017

Fee categories

Accommodation required

includes six nights at hostel with breakfast, all lunches at schools, admission to all social events, tournament fee, transportation railpass

Debaters, Judges (n+0)	€ 220
Observers (incl. coaches not judging)	€ 350
n + 1 judges (+ 1 judge than # of teams on delegation)	€ 190
n + 2 judges (+ 2 or more judges than # of teams on delegation)	€ 170
Single room surcharge (subject to availability)	€ 90

Example A: Country Debatistan sends three teams and four judges. You receive the n+1 judge subsidy for all four judges.

Example B: Country Opposany sends one team and eight judges. You receive the n+2 judge subsidy for all eight judges.

Example C: Country Proposia sends one team and one judge. No discounts apply (n + 0).

Example D: Country People Of Inquisistan (POI) sends two teams and one judge. You cannot apply at all. You need at least one more judge or drop one team.

Without accommodation

includes all lunches at schools, admission to all social events, tournament fee, railpass

Debaters, non-DSG judges, independent judges (incl. railpass - €30 fee + €25 railpass)	€ 55
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Example A: Country Refutania sends two teams and three judges. Some stay at an uncle's place, others rent an empty apartment. They only pay the fee and transport ticket. No discounts apply.

DSG and hosting schools

Debaters	€ 30
Debaters of hosting schools, all DSG judges	€ 0
VVS railpass* (if required, per person)	€ 25

*local school students may already own a year-round railpass, which is why we offer it separately here.