



# BRAGA 2016

## EURO-IBERO-AMERICAN YOUTH FORUM



From the 22nd to the 28th of August, the city of Braga, elected the Ibero-American Youth Capital for 2016, will host over 170 university students from over 30 European countries and the 21 Member States of the Ibero-American Youth Organisation.

Building on the Sustainable Development Goals, agreed by 193 countries in September 2015 at the 70th General Assembly of the United Nations, the event will provide its participants with a unique opportunity to contribute to shaping the youth's stance on the discussion of the concrete measures to be implemented until 2030 in the context of Euro-Ibero-American cooperation.

Throughout these days, the participants will be invited to enjoy a programme filled

with debates and enough room for the constant exchange of cultures and ideas. By the end of the event, the participants will have improved their ability to work under the pressure of strict deadlines; they will have learned how to mediate conflicts and work towards achieving common goals as members of multicultural teams; they will have developed critical thinking, together with better reasoning skills and the knowledge to defend their thoughts with greater eloquence.

As with every event promoted by the European Youth Parliament (EYP), the Forum will be comprised of moments of Team Building, Committee Work and General Assembly, always with English as the working language.

### TEAM BUILDING

A series of group exercises aimed at helping the participants define their own rules and working procedures, adapted to their personalities, which will establish the basis for a successful Committee Work. Guided by volunteers with years of experience, the participants will learn to overcome prejudice in an atmosphere of constructive discussions, constant feedback and mutual help, strengthening both their spirit and ability to work as a team.

### COMMITTEE WORK

Each of the recently formed Committees will face the challenge of writing a Motion for a Resolution on one of the various topics of debate. Departing from the knowledge gathered during the long period of preparation before the event, the students will work to find solutions that are both adequate and innovative. As with every EYP event, the final results will always be the reflection of the participants' cultural and academic backgrounds, and of the compromises they are able to generate.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The last two days of the Forum will gather all the participants to discuss the results of the Committee Work. During the Plenary Session, each Motion for a Resolution will be presented, debated and, in the end, voted on. The adopted Resolutions will be compiled and distributed to all relevant civil society actors, as well as regional, national and international policymakers.

The European Youth Parliament Portugal/ Associação Portuguesa do Parlamento Europeu dos Jovens (EYP PT/APPEJ) is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organisation, run exclusively by young volunteers. With its primary mission in the field of education, the organisation aims to develop young people's interest in political and social discussion, and democratic decision-making processes.

With the support of the Municipality of

Braga, Ibero-American Youth Capital in 2016, the EYP PT/APPEJ organises this event and, for the first time, opens its doors to participants from the Member States of the Ibero-American Youth Organisation.

Aimed at university students, the Forum presents a unique opportunity to empower the generation that will be most heavily affected by the consequences of the decisions made in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## THE EVENT



## THE METHOD



## THE ORGANISATION



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