

The Council of Europe
welcomes the participants
of the first Summer University for Democracy

10-14 July 2006, Strasbourg

"For the past 13 years, the schools have been training future leaders who dare to think, dare to know, dare to speak, and dare to act in the interest of democracy, human rights and the rule of law"

Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

The schools of political studies of the Council of Europe

The first school was founded in Moscow in 1992, to train the new generation of political, economic, social and cultural leaders. It is not an academic study course as such, but a series of seminars and annual conferences on such themes as European integration, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and globalisation. The annual programme includes national activities and a closing session at the Council of Europe's headquarters in Strasbourg.

At present 11 schools are operating in Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Kosovo/UNMIK, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Croatia. New schools are in the process of constitution in Albania, Azerbaijan, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Each school is run by a director appointed by a board, responsible for selecting 40 candidates each year and preparing the study programmes, and for the financial and administrative management of the school.

The schools of political studies of the Council of Europe are national NGOs in their respective countries.

Networks

The schools of political studies operate in regional networks and organise regional activities, particularly in the Balkans and the Caucasus.

The schools' directors meet several times in the year to co-ordinate their activities and exchange experiences and good practices.

Alumni associations have been set up in the participating countries and help to maintain and develop professional and social ties.

A priority for the Council of Europe

At the Organisation's Third Summit, in Warsaw on 16 and 17 May 2005, the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe's 46 member states acknowledged the role of the schools in strengthening democracy in Europe by including the programme in the Organisation's priorities for the years to come.

The schools' study programme is piloted by the Directorate General of Political Affairs, which encourages synergies between the schools and the Council of Europe's activities in the countries involved in the programme.

Funding

In addition to a basic financial contribution from the Council of Europe, the schools of political studies are financed by contributions from member and/or observer States, the European Union and international foundations and NGOs.

The Summer University for Democracy

Since their foundation, each of the schools of political studies has attended closing seminars in Strasbourg which focus mainly on learning about the European institutions. In 2005, 8 seminars at the Council of Europe were attended by about 400 participants. The seminar programmes are prepared by the Directorate General of Political Affairs, in close collaboration with partners in the European Public Administration Centre (PEAP) set in place by the French Government, namely the ENA, the Robert Schuman University, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, the Centre des études européennes de Strasbourg, the Euro Institut, the City of Strasbourg, the Conseil général du Bas-Rhin and the Conseil Régional d'Alsace.

In 2006, in order to increase the visibility of the programme and forge stronger ties between participants from the different schools, the closing seminars for all the schools will be merged into a single grand event, the Summer University for Democracy, from 10 to 14 July.

This event, supported by the partners in the PEAP, who will be helping with the preparations, will draw around 500 participants from 15 countries at the *Palais de l'Europe*. The programme will include plenary sessions, workshops and study visits. Public figures representing the French, European and international authorities and experts from the Council of Europe and the PEAP will take the floor at the Summer University for Democracy and help lead the proceedings.

Presentation of the programme

The main item on the agenda of the Summer University for Democracy is a joint discussion on how to address "Challenges to democracy in present-day Europe". The emphasis will be on themes that are common to West European democracies and emerging democracies, which, despite a diversity of practices and a wide variety of political and geopolitical contexts, are all confronted with the same problems, for example participation, integration, security and public integrity.

The aim will be to identify the specific features of the European approach to these issues so as to foster a feeling of belonging to the European entity and to consider the joint responses devised by the various European organisations, the models and practices proposed, and the different types of joint action.

The programme will include contributions from the fields of political science and law.

Three main themes have been chosen to guide the discussions on the various aspects of the functioning of pluralist, democratic and free European societies: Democracy in operation, European strategy(ies), and Aspects of public governance.

Three major conferences will be held on these subjects for the students from the various schools. The discussions will continue in the workshops which will be run by each school and the focus will be on an interactive approach and topical issues. The programme will also include thematic visits in connection with the workshops chosen by the participants.

Challenges to Democracy in today's Europe

Programme

Palais de l'Europe – Hemicycle

Monday, 10 July 2006

10.00

Opening

Mr Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Mr Alexandre Orlov, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Russia to the Council of Europe on behalf of the Russian Federation Chair of the Committee of Ministers

Mr Bruno Gain, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe on behalf of the host country of the Council of Europe

Mr Pascal Mangin, Deputy Mayor, Strasbourg

Ms Elena Nemirovskaya, Director and Founder of the Moscow School of Political Studies

11.00

Opening lecture

Mr Serguei Stanishev, Prime Minister of Bulgaria

12.30

Lunch

Restaurant of the European Parliament

14.30

Conference I

“New challenges to democracy and human rights in today's Europe”

Chair: Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Moderator: Mr Vladimir Lukin, Commissioner on Human Rights of the Russian Federation

Mr Milan Kucan, former President of Slovenia

Ms Annelise Oeschger, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

Ms Svetlana Smirnova, Member of the State Duma of the Russian Federation and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Zarko Puhovski, President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Croatia

18.00

Buffet-dinner offered by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Restaurant Bleu, Palais de l'Europe

Tuesday, 11 July 2006

09.00 Workshops or study visits *

12.30 Lunch
Restaurant of the European Parliament

14.30 Conference II
“European strategies: joint action, present and future”

Chair: **Mr Bernard Schreiner**, Vice-President of the
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Moderator: **Mr Adrian Severin**, former Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Romania

Mr Michel Caillouet, Ambassador, Representative of the European
Commission to the Council of Europe

Mr Michail Margelov, Chairman of the Committee on International
Relations, Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of Russia

Mr François Heisbourg, Special Adviser to the Strategic Institute, Paris

Mr Jacques Paul Klein, former Under-Secretary-General of UN and former
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the UN to Bosnia and
Herzegovina and Liberia

Ms Yoko Iwama, Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy
Studies, Tokyo

20.00 Reception hosted by the Permanent Representations

Wednesday, 12 July 2006

09.00 Workshops or study visits *

12.30 Lunch
Restaurant of the European Parliament

14.30 Conference III
“Directing action by the authorities : good governance”

Chair: **Mr Antoine Durrleman**, Director of the National School
of Administration (ENA), France

Ms Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada

Mr Jean-Dominique Giuliani, President of the Robert Schuman
Foundation, Paris

Mr Giovanni di Stasi, former President of the Congress, Council of Europe

Mr Jo Leinen, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs,
European Parliament

Mr Robert Hertzog, Professor of Public Law, Institute of Political Studies,
Robert Schuman University, Strasbourg

20.00 Buffet-dinner offered by the City of Strasbourg
Restaurant “A l’Ancienne Douane”

Thursday , 13 July 2006

09.00 Workshops or study visits *

12.30 Lunch
Restaurant of the European Parliament

14.30 Workshops or study visits *

Free evening

Friday, 14 July 2006

10.00 Closing Ceremony

Mr Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Ms Fabienne Keller, Senator Mayor of Strasbourg

Ms Catherine Lalumière, former Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Mr Goran Svilanovic, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro

Mr John Hume, Nobel Peace Prize-Winner

Closing remarks by **Ms Sonja Licht**, Director of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

Adoption of the Final Declaration

Award of Certificates

18.00 Garden party
Jardin des Deux Rives

Saturday, 15 July 2006

Departure of the participants

* Study visits to the European Court of Human Rights, ARTE, Eurocorps, Strasbourg Town Hall, Conseil Régional d'Alsace or Conseil général du Bas-Rhin

Challenges to Democracy in today's Europe

Workshops and Study Visits

MOSCOW

Conference III: “Directing action by the authorities: good governance”

Workshop 1. **Responsible leadership at local and regional level: the political challenge of local self-government**

- 1a. Local governance and citizens’ participation

Moderators : Ms Claire Conte
Mr Jean-Marie Woehrling

Workshop 2. **Policies for public probity**

- 2a. To reform the public administration: between ethics and effectiveness

Moderators : Mr Cyril Clément
Mr Stéphane Leyenberger

Study visit: Town Hall

Experience of participative democracy

Ms Anne Schumann, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg

TBILISI

Conference II: “European strategies: joint action, present and future”

Workshop 1. **Joint analysis and action as a means of fostering integration**

- 1a. Identity and citizenship

Moderators : Mr Irakli Alasania
Mr Bruno Cautrès
Ms Mary-Ann Hennessey

Workshop 2. **European security and defence**

- 2b. Energy security: between competition and co-operation

Moderators : Mr Cyrille Gloaguen
Mr Philippe Sébille-Lopez

Study visit: Eurocorps

A European defence instrument

Mr Fernando Olalde, Presse Officer

SOFIA

Conference I: “New challenges to democracy and human rights in today’s Europe”

Workshop 1. **Lessons to be drawn from democratic processes: the challenge of participation**

- 1b. Electoral participation

Moderators : Mr Serguei Kouznetsov
Mr Christian Saves

Workshop 2. **Democracy and the challenge of diversity**

- 2b. Democratic pluralism and freedom of expression: the Media

Moderators : Mr Bogdan Bogdanov
Mr Pall Thorhallsson

Study visit: Conseil général du Bas-Rhin

Decentralisation

Mr Jean Howiller, Chief of Cabinet

CHISINAU

Conference I: “New challenges to democracy and human rights in today’s Europe”

Workshop 1. Lessons to be drawn from democratic processes: the challenge of participation

- 1a. Civil society against the democratic deficit?

Moderators : Mr Daniel Zielinski
Ms Dorota Dakowska

Workshop 2. Democracy and the challenge of diversity

- 2a. Social cohesion and social inclusion as preconditions for the democratic process?

Moderators : Mr Jean-Marie Heydt
Ms Alexandra Nacu

Study visit: Conseil général du Bas-Rhin

Decentralisation

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PRISTINA

Conference III: “Directing action by the authorities: good governance”

Workshop 1. Responsible leadership at local and regional level: the political challenge of local self-government

- 1b. Local governance and reinforcement of local and regional executives

Moderators : Mr Jean-Paul Chauvet
Mr Owen Masters

Workshop 2. Policies for public probity

- 2b. Financing of political parties

Moderators : Mr Tiziano Balmelli
Mr Alexander Seger

Study visit: Conseil Régional d’Alsace

Decentralisation

SKOPJE

Conference III: “Directing action by the authorities: good governance”

Workshop 1. Responsible leadership at local and regional level: the political challenge of local self-government

- 1a. Local governance and citizens’ participation

Moderators : Ms Nadia Cuk
Ms Valérie Lozac’h

Workshop 2. Policies for public probity

- 2b. Financing of political parties

Moderators : Mr Yves-Marie Doublet
Mr Wolfgang Rau

Study visit: ENA (Ecole Nationale d’Administration)

Administrative reform and reform of the French civil service

Mr Renaud Dorandeu, Director of studies

BELGRADE

Conference II: “European strategies: joint action, present and future”

Workshop 1. Joint analysis and action as a means of fostering integration

- 1b. Which european model(s) of social and economic integration?

Moderators : Mr Michel Dévoluy
Mr Klaus Schumann

Workshop 2. European security and defence

- 2a. Political frameworks for European security and defence

Moderator : Mr Hans-Peter Furrer

Study visit: Town Hall

Experience of participative democracy

Ms Anne Schumann, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg

ZAGREB

Conference II: “European strategies: joint action, present and future”

Workshop 1. Joint analysis and action as a means of fostering integration

- 1b. Which european model(s) of social and economic integration?

Moderators : Mr Francesco De Palma (tbc)
Mr Federico Oliveri

Workshop 2. European security and defence

- 2b. Energy security: between competition and co-operation

Moderators : Representative of the European Commission (tbc)

Study visit: ARTE (French-German TV channel)

The European cultural channel

Mr Vladimir Vasak, journalist

BUCHAREST

Conference I: “New challenges to democracy and human rights in today’s Europe”

Workshop 1. Lessons to be drawn from democratic processes: the challenge of participation

- 1a. Civil society against the democratic deficit?

Moderators : Ms Claudia Luciani
Ms Karin Nordmeyer

Workshop 2. Democracy and the challenge of diversity

- 2b. Democratic pluralism and freedom of expression: the Media

Moderators : Mr Renaud de La Brosse
Mr Saso Ordanovski

Study visit: ARTE (French-German TV channel)

The European cultural channel

Mr Vladimir Vasak, journalist

YEREVAN

Conference I: “New challenges to democracy and human rights in today’s Europe”

Workshop 1. **Lessons to be drawn from democratic processes: the challenge of participation**

- 1b. Electoral participation

Moderators : Mr Shavarsh Kocharyan
 Mr Michael Remmert

Workshop 2. **Democracy and the challenge of diversity**

- 2b. Democratic pluralism and freedom of expression: the Media

Moderators : Mr Hugues Jardel
 Mr Vardan Poghosyan

Study visit: ARTE (French-German TV channel)

The European cultural channel

Mr Vladimir Vasak, journalist

KIEV

Conference III: “Directing action by the authorities: good governance”

Workshop 1. **Responsible leadership at local and regional level: the political challenge of local self-government**

- 1b. Local governance and reinforcement of local and regional executives

Moderators : Mr Robert Hertzog
 Mr Alfonso Zardi

Workshop 2. **Policies for public probity**

- 2a. To reform the public administration: between ethics and effectiveness

Moderators : Mr Ihor Koliushko
 Mr Michel Senimon

Study visit: Conseil Régional d’Alsace

Decentralisation

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