

Maribor, 12 December 2022

Dear AEHT member schools,

**Vocational College of Hospitality and Tourism Maribor** is inviting the European youth from the AEHT member schools to participate in the **2023 edition of the Youth Parliament**, which will be held at

**VOCATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM  
MARIBOR, SLOVENIA**

The aim is for young people to learn about diplomacy and international relations, to develop the skills of effective international communication targeting the topics of sustainability, green skills and resilience, as well as to promote greater global awareness of contemporary issues in travel and tourism. This 5-day intensive programme will see a role-play of the simulated European parliament (MEPs) and numerous debates.



**Maribor, Slovenia**

**Arrival: Sunday, 16 April 2023**

**Departure: Friday, 21 April 2023**

Location: Vocational College of Hospitality and Tourism Maribor  
(Cafova ul. 7, 2000 Maribor)

**Student participation criteria:**

As we wish to enable the arrival of as many countries as possible, the limit is set at **2 students per country (1 per school)**. Students shall be 18 years old at the time of travel. Since active participation is required in debates, the level of English shall be at least B2, because the participating students will be required to carry out research on the topic of debate and try to develop solutions to major issues identified.

2023 is a year of skills. Topics for debate, therefore are: **green skills // digitization in tourism // shortage of labour force – attracting talent from far away.**

**Registration deadline: 16 January 2023**

**Confirmation of participation: 23 January 2023**

**Compulsory ZOOM meeting for all confirmed participants: Wednesday, 25 January 2023, 16:00 hrs CET (15:00 hrs Lisbon/Dublin, 17:00 hrs Athens/Tallinn)**

**Very Important:**

Logistics will be addressed at the first ZOOM meeting. Don't book any flights until a written confirmation is provided by the organiser.

## Preliminary programme:

SUNDAY, 16 APRIL	
Afternoon	Pick-up of students from nearby airports
7.00 p.m.	Welcome – reception and official get together at the selected hotel Registration of participants
MONDAY, 17 APRIL – at VCHT, Cafova 7, Maribor	
08:30	Registration of participants
09:00	Official begin of the event, opening speeches and greetings
09:30	Morning programme and explanation of the procedure, followed by first debate
Lunch break	At school
Afternoon	Continuing with debates (debate No. 2 and No. 3)
18:00	Guided tour of Maribor with VCHT students and dinner (organised in a local restaurant)
TUESDAY, 18 APRIL - excursion	
08:00	Full day excursion to Ljubljana; visit to the Slovene Parliament, visit to the European Commission house, meeting with various representatives;
	Organised lunch and afternoon guided tour of Ljubljana
19:00	Return to Maribor, Dinner and evening programme with VCHT students
WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL at VCHT, Cafova 7, Maribor	
09:00	Morning debates
Lunch	Restaurant 7 – VCHT, followed by Afternoon debates
18:00	Visit to a tourism farm – sustainable tourism and green cuisine - dinner
THURSDAY, 20 APRIL - Excursion	
08:00	Full-day excursion (sustainable and green Slovenia, visit to a company in the VCHT business network, return to Maribor in the late afternoon
20:00	Farewell dinner and certificates, election of the AEHT Student president
FRIDAY, 21 APRIL – departure of participants	

## Costs:

AEHT Youth Parliament 2023 in Maribor is **free of charge for participating students** with the following costs fully covered by VCHT:

- Transfer from nearby airports (pick-up from Ljubljana, Zagreb and Graz, assistance with arrivals to Venice, Venice-Treviso, Trieste, and Vienna)
- Accommodation in Maribor (Sunday, 16 April – Friday, 21 April) on a B&B basis
- All lunches (MON – THU) + all dinners (SUN – THU)
- All excursions and sightseeing as per the programme

The attached application form should be completed, signed and sent to VCHT Maribor - [yp2023@vsigt.si](mailto:yp2023@vsigt.si)  
We look forward to seeing you in Maribor.

dr. Tanja Angleitner Sagadin, director VCHT Maribor

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