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Educational trip to Brussels

29-30 November 2023 // European Academy North Rhine-Westphalia and EUROPE DIRECT Office Bocholt invite // Registration deadline 15 October

From 29 to 30 November, interested citizens of Bocholt can take part in an educational trip to Brussels and visit both European institutions and the Christmas market in the Belgian capital. The European Academy of North Rhine-Westphalia offers a varied programme in cooperation with the EUROPE DIRECT office in Bocholt. The registration deadline is 15 October.

Programme

The journey starts on Wednesday, 29 November, at 7 am from Bocholt. Check-in and a lunch break will be followed by an introduction to the topic by the European Academy NRW. "Europe's problems, Europe's solutions?" is the title of the lecture at the European Commission. During the subsequent guided tour from the European Quarter to the city centre, the tour group will learn about political and historical backgrounds. After dinner in the city centre, there will be an opportunity to visit the Christmas market.

The highlight of the second day is the visit to the European Parliament. There, the MEP from Münsterland, Dr Markus Pieper, receives the group of visitors. As a Member of the European Parliament and Parliamentary Secretary of the EPP Group, he will give an insight into his work and answer questions. Another item on the programme is a visit to the "House of European History", where an extensive exhibition can be explored.

The return journey to Bocholt will follow at 15:30.

Registration

Registrations are accepted by Sonja Wießmeier of EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt via e-mail to [sonja.wiessmeier\(at\)bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:sonja.wiessmeier(at)bocholt(dot)de) or phone 02871 953-1287. Interested persons will receive a registration form afterwards. The deadline for registration is 15 October 2023. The trip will take place if enough interested citizens have registered bindingly.

Trip price

Participation costs 210 euros for an overnight stay in a double room. The surcharge for a single room is 65 euros. The following services are included in the price: Travel to and from Bocholt to Brussels as well as transfer to the excursion dates, overnight stay in a hotel in the city centre, breakfast and dinner as well as speakers' fees and entrance fees within the programme offered.

Educational trip

The trip is recognised under the Employee Further Education Act and can therefore be credited as educational leave.

Background: Educational seminars

Understanding Europe works best when you visit the place where it happens. This is why the Europäische Akademie NRW offers educational seminars on European politics, this time in cooperation with the EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt. Sponsors are the Federal Agency for Civic Education, the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and the State Agency for Civic Education of North Rhine-Westphalia.

About the EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt

The EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt is part of the office of the mayor of the city of Bocholt and is the local contact point for questions and engagement around the European Union. Its task is to provide local citizens with information, advice, help and answers to questions on

Europe, to promote involvement and to inform them about current events in European politics. Information at www.bocholt.de/europe-direct.



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