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## EU camps for young people in Berlin

# Motto: Fit for the European elections // Application deadline 10 December and 28 January // Camps in February, March and April 2024

European elections in June 2024. For the first time in Germany, young people aged 16 and over will be able to vote. The Federal Press Office and the EU Parliament are inviting young people to a series of EU camps in Berlin. The aim is to prepare first-time voters for the election. The camp is free of charge and travel costs are subsidised. EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt is now drawing attention to this. It is inviting young Bocholt residents aged between 16 and 18 to take part in the camps.

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In cooperation with the Liaison Office of the European Parliament, the Federal Press Office is organising two-day interactive workshops on EU-related topics for young people aged between 16 and 18. The aim is to equip young first-time voters with knowledge about the European elections.

The planned EU camps for 2024 will take place on three dates:

- 16-18 February 2024 (application deadline: Sunday, 10 December 2023)
- 1-3 March 2024 (application deadline: Sunday, 10 December 2023)
- 5-7 April 2024 (application deadline: Sunday, 28 January 2024)

They are aimed at school pupils and trainees. Accommodation at the European Academy Berlin, meals and the programme are free of charge. Travel costs are subsidised. The EU Camp is non-partisan.

#### Topics at the EU Camp

The EU Camp is all about the upcoming European elections:

- Learn about the EU and the importance of the European elections.
- Discuss current European issues with Christiane Hoffmann, first deputy government spokesperson.
- Exchange views with MEPs in the European House.
- Learn methods to motivate your classmates and friends to vote.
- Discover Berlin and its most beautiful landmarks.

### Conditions of participation and application

Applicants for the EU Camp should fulfil the following requirements:

- be at least 16 years old
- go to school or complete an apprenticeship
- speak or understand German
- be enthusiastic about Europe and be prepared to raise awareness of the European elections after the EU Camp.

Young people can apply <a href="here">here</a> <a href="mailto:red">mailto:red</a> and select the appropriate date with one click.

Questions can be answered at <u>eu-camps(at)valentum-kommunikation(dot)de</u> or by calling 0941 591896 94.

"Take the opportunity to exchange ideas about Europe with other young people in Berlin and expand your knowledge," calls Sonja Wießmeier from EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt.

#### **About the EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt**

EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt is part of the mayor's office of the city of Bocholt and is the local contact point for questions relating to the European Union. Its task is to provide local citizens with information, advice, help and answers to questions about Europe. In addition,

EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt aims to promote European involvement and provide information on current European political events.



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