Information Booklet for the
3rd European Forum RhineMain in Hambach/Germany
June 15th – June 18th 2007

Dear Participants,

we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Germany for our forum in the beautiful village of Hochspeyer and of course at the even more beautiful castle "Hambacher Schloss". Thank you very much for having enrolled and thus expressed your interest in the session. Hopefully you are already excited to get started and involved in this unique experience. This booklet intends to provide you with lots of necessary, helpful, interesting and revealing information about the forum and the next steps of preparation. It contains information on:

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You'll find the session's programme attached to this booklet. We hope that you take these 4 days in Hochspeyer and Hambach as a personal challenge for yourselves. Any session of the EYP means a special opportunity for every participant to discuss important issues of current European politics, to take different opinions into consideration, to establish your individual points of view and to articulate them in a warm atmosphere. It is a chance to engage in political discussions and debates as well as to make new friends.

We encourage all of you to read the following information carefully. If you have additional questions or remarks, please forward them to Tatjana Carl who is in charge of delegate support. Her e-mail- address is mentioned in the "contacts" section.

On behalf of the organising I once again thank you for participating. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Yours,

Sophia Kontos & Sebastian Klein
Head Organisers

Participants

About 80 young people from Germany, France, Poland and Czech Republic will meet at our event.

We are very delighted that *Emilija Albrechtaite* (LT) has accepted her nomination as the session's President. As an enthusiastic and experienced EYPer she will largely contribute to the realisation and success of the event. She also wrote some welcoming words for you:

"Dear Delegates,

Remembering the different experiences I had in the events I've been to, I'm excited trying to imagine what it will be like, though I know how unpredictably charming it always is. And that is what I hope it will be for you and me - unpredictably charming, with highs to give us confidence and lows to help us grow. I am looking forward to meeting you in Hambach. Yours,

Emilija"

Accommodation and Venues

For the whole event, our accommodation will be the youth hostel of the village of Hochspeyer, which is situated near the cities Neustadt an der Weinstraße and Kaiserslautern. The teambuilding venue is located just around the youth hostel in the nearby forest. Committee Work will take place in the Münchhof school in Hochspeyer, about one kilometre away from our accommodation. General Assembly will be held at the castle "Hambacher Schloss" in the village of Hambach, which is about 20 kilometres away

from Hochspeyer and can be seen on the picture.

Participation Fee

Each delegate is required to pay a participation fee of **60€** (note that we *don't* charge participation fees for teachers). This includes accommodation, all meals, transportation etc. Please transfer the participation fee to the following account:

Account owner:
Europäisches Jugendparlament in Deutschland e.v.

Address of the account owner:
Sophienstraße 28-29, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Bank name: Deutsche Bank
BIC/SWIFT-Code: DEUTDEDBBER
IBAN: DE 14 1007 0024 0118 177 500

For in-country transactions (German participants):

Konto: 118177500
Bank: Deutsche Bank
BLZ: 100 700 24

Please make sure to have transferred the participation fee by **June 8th**. If you have difficulties in transferring the amount of money in advance, please contact us.

Travel and Arrival

Delegations will have to arrive on Friday, **June 15th** until **12:00** latest at the train station Hochspeyer Bahnhof (which can be reached for example by the S-train 1 from Mannheim in about one hour). We will pick you up there and guide you to the youth hostel. Please don't be late, as we have a tight schedule
According to the programme, the session will close on Monday, **June 18th** at 18:30 at the castle Hambacher Schloss. From there, you will be able to get to the train station of the city of Neustadt via public transport. Please make sure that you are able to stay for the whole General Assembly, as this is one of the most important parts of the session.

Further travel information:

The nearest airports are:

- Karlsruhe / Baden-Baden (http://www.badenairpark.de/),
- Frankfurt / Hahn (http://www.hahn-airport.de/)
- Frankfurt (http://www.frankfurt-airport.de/)

If you need to travel via train, we recommend to check the website of the German train agency http://www.bahn.de. All of these websites are available in English.

If you should encounter difficulties while arranging your trip, don't hesitate to contact us. Please do inform us about your travel arrangements by **June 8th** latest.

Extended Stay

It will be possible for all delegates to arrive one day in advance and stay for one night longer. We have booked several rooms in a

youth hostel in the city of Mannheim for the nights June 14th - June 15th and June 18th – June 19th. However, the costs arising from one or two extra nights at the youth hostel will **not** be covered by us but will have to be **paid by yourselves**. Costs will be approximately **20€ per night and person**.
If you're interested in this offer, please contact us as soon as possible, so we can reserve a place for you.

Insurance

It is vital that all participants (teachers, delegates, etc.) have their own, personal travel insurance or that their school has such an insurance covering loss of luggage, accidents, disease etc. We also suggest that you are covered by a personal liability insurance.

Alcohol and Behaviour Policy

It is the responsibility of every participant of the session to observe and control his/her behaviour. Alcohol will be available at some events – but delegations should remember their national legal requirements whilst on school trips. Also note, that German law generally forbids the consumption of alcohol under the age of 16 and the consumption of spirits and hard alcohol under the age of 18.

As young ambassadors from your countries, we expect you to understand that we would not wish your stay in Germany to be ruined by your own misbehaviour or that of others. EYP frowns upon overindulgence. Delegates are reminded that any overindulgence in alcohol will result in immediate dismissal from the programme and students will be sent home at their own expense. EYP operates a total zero tolerance policy with drugs.

Teachers

The teachers will enjoy a separate programme which is being prepared and will be conducted by Yves Tauschwitz (see contacts section). Of course, teachers will be able to meet their students and share the impressions and experiences. The teacher's attendance at GA goes without explanation.

Eurovillage

As an essential and popular part of every EYP-session, we will set up "Eurovillage" at Friday night. Every delegation will present its native country and culture with lots of food, drinks, flags, maps and costumes. It will be a colourful evening. In order to make this Eurovillage unique and an unforgettable part of the session, I want to strongly invite and urge you to contribute to the success of this evening. Please bring as much traditional food, drinks, costumes and decorations from your native countries as possible! (We will most likely have the opportunity to refrigerate food)

In addition, please prepare a short (three minutes maximum) delegation-presentation for the same evening (dancing, singing, acting, music, etc.). Your presentations may be funny and creative! Please prepare these things in your delegations in order to realise a magnificent Eurovillage!

Topics

Eight different committees will discuss European issues of current meaning and importance. We are all looking forward to your ideas and proposals which will be reflected in your resolutions. You'll find the committee topics attached to this booklet in a separate document.

Please choose two topics as your first and second choice and forward your choices to Tatjana Carl (see "Contacts" section). We will consider all wishes and justly form the

committees. They will, of course, consist of members of as many different nationalities as possible.

The Hambach Puzzle

As we're celebrating the 175th anniversary of the “Hambacher Fest”, we will have a history workshop about democracy movements on Sunday. For this, we will need you to do a little preparation work. You can find further information on the workshop and the specific task for your delegation attached to this booklet. If you have any questions concerning the workshop, do not hesitate to ask Bea Zapf (see “Contacts”-section)

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June 15th – 18th at castle „Hambacher Schloss“

„Celebrate Democracy!”

under the patronage of the president of the federal parliament Joachim Mertes

Schedule

Friday, June 15th

Until 12:00	Arrival of delegates in Hochspeyer
13:00-18:00	Teambuilding
18:30	Dinner
From 20:00	„EuroVillage“

Saturday, June 16th

Until 08:00	Breakfast
9:30-12:30	Committee Work at elementary school „Münchhofschule“
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-18:00	Continuation of Committee Work
From 18:30	Barbecue at the Youth Hostel, Party

Sunday, June 17th

From 08:30	Breakfast
10:00-12:30	Committee Work – Expert Hearing
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:30	Completion of resolutions
16:00	Departure to castle „Hambacher Schloss“
16:30 – 19:30	History workshop „Hambach Puzzle“ and visit of the exhibition at the “Hambacher Schloss”
20:00	Reception by the mayor of Neustadt an der Weinstraße at the castle, Dinner
From 21:30	Farewell Party at the Youth Hostel

Monday, June 18th

From 07:00	Breakfast
08:00	Departure to castle “Hambacher Schloss”
09:00	Opening Ceremony
09:30 -11:00	Debate of resolutions I-II
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 - 12:45	Debate of resolutions III-IV
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch break, Press talks
13:30-15:00	Debate of resolutions V-VI
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16:45	Debate of Resolutions VII-VIII
16:45 - 17:30	Closing Ceremony
From 18:00	Departure of participants