

EUROPA EN SUMA

OUTSTANDING⁺ EUROPE

An international exchange on good practices to improve our “Outstanding Europe”

Outstanding Europe is a series of round-tables conceived to exchange good experiences on national level carried out by the members of the EU in diverse fields: political, economical, social and cultural sphere. Our aim is to develop this exchange through in a series of debate conferences/round tables in Spain and other member countries. Through these exchanges of views, the lead actors of these practices will debate their initiatives with experts, social agents and politicians from other member countries. These lead actors may be public (central, regional or local governments) or private (enterprises, educative institutions, etc).

We are going to do it by

- 1. Detecting these examples of good practice** in other parts of the Union by getting in contact EU-27 Embassies and Institutions in order to gather information on a specific issue.
- 2. Seeking maximum participation** from general audience and specific stakeholders.
- 3. A trimestral conference** will be organize for each the issue proposed, where proposals from preparatory meetings would be exchanged in order to identificate the most effective solutions.
- 4. Working with partners from other states**, that will bring their problems and / or solutions, and will help us to discuss and disseminate the initiatives.
- 5. Supporting the discussion and proposals diffusion** by signing partnership agreements with media; a web page to serve as loudspeaker for the whole process, and promoting a long-term web, named as the project, which will be used as a permanent exhibitor of European Union's best practices.

Our proposed topics are

- 1- Economy and Development** - *Colaboraton and adecuacy between universities and job market (Reference: Germany)*
- 2- Welfare and Culture** - *Management of Public Heath (Reference country: Spain)*
- 3- Environment and consumption** - *Livable cities, renewable energy and competitive. (Reference: Denmark)*
- 4- Politics and Society** - *Crisis of the traditional parties and new forms of participation (Reference: Slovenia)*

Planning

We have **applied for 100.000 euros** for fundings inside the European Year of Citizens's program. This will cover the spendings of events/conference management + web development. This series of events are aimed to start on the **third trimestre of 2013 and would last for a year.**

Partner's role

Europa en Suma will take into charge the most part of the organization of the event. But as a partner, **you will be expected to help in the search of other organizations/experts** around Europe, in order to stablish the first collaboration biasis for the trimestral conference. A deeper collaboration might be possible, though it would be necessary an informal meeting to clarify the extend of it.

Contact Information & Organizational Description

“Europa en suma (<http://www.europaensuma.org/>) is a civil society organization mostly integrated by communication professionals, economists and proffesors. We are a non-profit association aiming to raise the idea of a united, strong Europe joined in by its citizens.

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Annex: trimestral conference

Topic: Colaboraton and adecuacy between universities and job market (Reference: Germany-Austria)

Phase 1: Sectoral meetings - *When? During the first two months of the trimester*

- Meeting on Vocational Training in Spain.

Attending: teachers, students, education authorities

Objective: To detect deficits and system failures.

- Meeting in another EU country (according to the chosen partner) on Vocational Training.

- Meeting in Spain on University and business

Attending: teachers, students, education authorities, University-Business Foundation

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Phase 2: Central Day - *When? Third month of the quarter*

Working Scheme

1. Opening of the conference by representatives Parliament and European Commission

2. Rapporteur of each of the sectoral meetings exposes conclusions

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3. A representative from the German Education Ministry exposes German dual system of vocational training in Germany + video illustrating the model

4- A representative from the Austrain Education Ministry Austrian exposes the model's adequacy between university-industry + video illustrating the model

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7. Commission and European Parliament' representatives set out the initiatives in this regard.

8. Spanish government officials exhibit their proposals

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9. Roundtable with participation of representatives German, Austrian, Spanish, and other partners of the European Union.

10. Exhibition of conclusions