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INVITATION TO THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 30 YEARS OF EUROPA NETZWERK DEUTSCH

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The German Foreign Office and the Goethe-Institut promote the German language as a working and procedural language in the European institutions through the exclusive scholarship programme Europanetzwerk Deutsch. This unique initiative strengthens exchange and networking between representatives of EU institutions, member states, and candidate countries through a variety of language courses and events.

November 14, 2024, 18:30h – 22:00h
Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union, Rue Belliard 60/62, 1040 Brussels
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Brussels, October 23, 2024. Europanetzwerk Deutsch – the place where a Director General of the European Commission, a senior official from the Portuguese Ministry of the Interior, and a representative from the Serbian Court of Auditors can discuss European economic policy in a German course and, in doing so, gain insights into the perspectives of their European colleagues. Since 1994, the Goethe-Institut has provided participants of Europanetzwerk Deutsch with the opportunity to enhance their German language skills in a professional context while expanding their working contacts at the EU level.

30 years of Europanetzwerk Deutsch means over 3,000 scholarship recipients from 39 countries, more than 15,000 hours of learning German, and more than 1,000 individuals from the European environment connected each year. In weekend and intensive courses, as well as online formats, EU officials and ministerial staff from member states and candidate countries discuss political topics in German. At the same time,

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they gain insights into Germany from various perspectives. By the way, some online formats are also open to journalists!

The networks created through this programme often have long-lasting effects: through close cooperation with German federal states, participants in courses taking place in Germany meet relevant stakeholders from politics, culture, business, and society. These encounters frequently lead to future collaborations. Additionally, the Goethe-Institut fosters sustainable connections through an active alumni programme with events on socio-political and cultural topics as part of the Europanetzwerk Deutsch.

Iliana Ivanova, EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth and an alumna of Europanetzwerk Deutsch, says:

“The Europanetzwerk scholarship was a very welcome opportunity for me to further deepen my German language skills while becoming part of a professionally useful and personally enriching network. In my current role as EU Commissioner, I see the importance of multilingualism more than ever as a prerequisite for our shared success in Europe. Through its work, Europanetzwerk also contributes to simplifying collaboration in the institutions by bringing many people who work in EU institutions and member state governments closer together each year through the German language.”

Join us in celebrating the 30th anniversary of Europanetzwerk Deutsch

with guests from the European institutions, permanent representations of EU member states, alumni of Europanetzwerk Deutsch, and other partners. The event will feature a panel discussion on the topic “Linguistic Diversity as an Opportunity for Europe?” moderated by Alain Kniebs, Director of Belgian broadcaster BRF. The evening will be accompanied by spoken-word artist Jessy James LaFleur and conclude with a reception to celebrate the 30 years.

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Register here: [Anniversary celebration: 30 Years Europanetzwerk Deutsch](#)

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Europanetzwerk Deutsch is...

"...a wonderful opportunity to learn many new things, because you can not only speak German, but also meet new colleagues and get new ideas."

Minna Aaltonen, Ministry of Finance Finland

"...particularly important because it gives me the opportunity to make new contacts and get to know German society better."

Angel Kalinov, Court of Justice of the European Union

"...the perfect example of how Europe should work together because it is well organized with a flair for diversity, inclusive and purposeful."

Francesca Siniscalchi, European Commission

"...an important part of my current life because it enriches my culture, my knowledge of Europe and German society."

Ana Paula Ramalho de Almeida, Ministry of the Interior Portugal

"...a great program because you can learn about Germany, discuss European topics and meet colleagues from Europe."

Magali Lenoël, European Commission

"...an opportunity to improve my German and meet new people because it is very professionally organized."

Žarko Vojnić, Court of Auditors Serbia

"...a great intellectual enrichment and at the same time a learning process, because the participants and the actors bring many new aspects with them."

Edina Telessy, European Parliament

Further interviews and testimonials from the alumni network are available here: [Europeans speak German - Goethe-Institut Belgium](#)

The Goethe-Institut Brussels

The Goethe-Institut Brussels is the regional institute for the south-western region of Europe which features 14 locations. From its head office in Brussels, it contributes to strengthening the European integration process and convey European cultural diversity at a political and strategic level. Its cultural, educational and information programmes in Belgium promote exchange and cultural engagement, as well as interest in the German language, Belgium's third national language.

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