



# *The Future of the Human Being*



**European Student  
Parliament**

*CIT, Cork, Ireland*

*20th to 22nd January 2016*

# Debate Science! European Student Parliament »The Future of the Human Being«

## What is going to happen?

Over the course of two years, up to 20 student parliaments will take place in many European cities, involving up to 2000 students and more than 100 scientists. At the culmination of the project, around 100 students will be invited to the Final European Student Parliament which will take place during the EuroScience Open Forum Conference 2016 in Manchester.

### The format: simulated parliamentary sessions

A student parliament usually lasts for three days. Moderators accompany the students on all days. **Day 1** begins with the welcome speeches from the hosts and an introductory lecture from a scientific expert. The students come together in their committees and start to get to know each other in teambuilding activities. The students have their first brainstorming activities.

**Day 2** commences with preparation for the expert hearings which follow subsequently. The invited scientists discuss the students' ideas with them and address their questions. After the expert hearings, the students assess the discussions and start to compose their resolutions. All resolutions are collated in a booklet which the students receive in the morning of **Day 3** to assist them with their preparation for the parliamentary debates. During the debates, the topics of each committee are debated for 45 minutes in the form of the classical parliamentary procedure: presentation of claims; attack speeches; defense speeches; open debates and voting. At the end of the last debate, the students hand over their resolutions to a parliamentary/policy maker.

## Objectives

The EUSP project aims to strengthen the dialogue and exchange between students and scientists, by:

- ▶ introducing students to parliamentary procedures on science and research
- ▶ enabling them to form a qualified opinion and to assess complex topics
- ▶ introducing them to a European community.

## Topics

The overall topic is "The Future of the Human Being". Subtopics are:

- ▶ The human brain
- ▶ Living and eating healthy, but how?
- ▶ The changing reproduction of mankind
- ▶ Stem cells – the potential all-rounders?
- ▶ Exploring the inside
- ▶ Augmented human: optimising the human
- ▶ Imitating nature

## Final European Student Parliament

The final European Student Parliament will take place as part of the *EuroScience Open Forum* in July 2016 in Manchester. Over the course of three days, the students will work on position papers for each subtopic in an activity-oriented approach.

## Results and outreach

The position papers and results of the discussions and debates will be summarised and uploaded to the project website [www.student-parliaments.eu](http://www.student-parliaments.eu) in the aftermath of the student parliament. In addition, *Wissenschaft im Dialog* will distribute the resolution booklet of the Final European Student Parliament to relevant representatives of the European Union and the European Commission.

## Further Information

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## Debate Science! European Student Parliaments

The project *Debate Science! European Student Parliaments* aims to promote the dialogue between students aged between 16 to 19 years and scientists throughout Europe. Over three days, the students will become acquainted with democratic decision-making processes in simulated parliaments. They will work on different aspects of the topic "The future of the human being" and prepare the parliamentary debates in committees and expert hearings. Up to 2000 students will participate in up to 20 student parliaments throughout Europe. 100 of them will have the opportunity to represent their country and committee in the Final European Student Parliament which will take place as part of the *EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) 2016* in Manchester. The project is funded by *Robert Bosch Stiftung* and *Bayer Foundations*.  
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## Wissenschaft im Dialog

*Wissenschaft im Dialog (WiD, "Science in Dialogue")* is engaged in the discussion and exchange of scientific research in Germany. *WiD* organises dialogue events, exhibitions and competitions on controversial topics of research, and develops new formats of science communication. [www.wissenschaft-im-dialog.de](http://www.wissenschaft-im-dialog.de)



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