Facts and Figures

More than 200 projects are conducted at over 150 schools in Germany annually. More than 200 voluntary students work at about 40 programme locations every year.

From 2006 to 2019, Europe meets School has
• brought approximately 2,200 guest students to German schools,
• run about 2,100 projects,
• reached approximately 52,500 pupils.

The programme is under the patronage of the German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Europe meets School has received several awards such as the »Großer Blauer Bär« of the state of Berlin and the Representation of the European Commission for the location Berlin (2015) as well as the European Lily for European Youth Work by the Europa-Union Deutschland e.V. (2016).

I loved the idea that I would get to know German pupils and find out what they think about Turkey. In the end, they showed me that they are more tolerant and open-minded towards other cultures than the older generations.

Tuğçe Akarsu, guest student from Turkey at the location Regensburg

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What is Europe meets School?

Europe meets School is a programme to promote interaction between Europeans and is carried out on a voluntary basis. Exchange students from all over Europe can become ambassadors for their home country, which they present in a creative manner in schools all over Germany.

It aims at bringing the idea of European exchange to life and ensure greater knowledge and understanding of each other. It offers participants a personal experience of Europe, its people and cultures.

Europe meets School

- promotes a sense of European cohesion,
- helps to consolidate European unity,
- encourages European mobility among school students,
- contributes towards making the exchange students’ stays in Germany successful.

Who can participate?

- European exchange students from all subject areas
- Students at German higher education institutions (as voluntary location team members)
- School classes of all types of schools and grades

Who organises Europe meets School?

The programme is coordinated by volunteer teams at about 40 university locations in Germany. They are supported by the association Europa macht Schule e.V. as well as the official coordination office at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The programme is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Additionally, a seminar version of Europe meets School is available for higher education institutions.

I think that Europe meets School is a perfect opportunity to fill the idea of a united Europe with life - irrespective of any abstract political decisions. It allows insights into the cultures of other European countries, both for school pupils and guest students.

Martin Weidemeier, location team member in Mainz