Bringing Europe and international exchange into the classroom

Who can take part?

- International exchange students from any fields of study
- Teachers of any age group at any type of school
- Students at German higher education institutions from any field of study.

Programme schedule

Europa macht Schule is starting every year from September with the registration. There is the possibility to do the programme schedule in one or in two semesters. The EmS programme year runs from September until June.

- Until October: reorganisation and/or new formation of the local teams
- October/November or March/April: registration for international exchange students and teachers
- November/December or April/May: coordination meetings between students and teachers
- December until June: project planning and delivery
- February/March or May/June: presentation of all projects within the local closing event

How can I get involved?

Europa macht Schule (Europe meets School – EmS) is a voluntary programme that promotes international encounters. Through the programme, international exchange students from all over the world deliver interactive projects about their home countries. The students coordinate with teachers to run their projects with school classes in Germany.

Are you an international exchange student at a German higher education institution and would you like to run a project about your home country at a German school? If you are, get in touch with EmS and deliver a project about your home country.

Are you a teacher at a school in Germany who would like to take part in EmS with your class? Get in touch with EmS to register your class.

Are you a student at a German higher education institution who would like to volunteer with one of our location teams? Get in touch with EmS and become part of one of our location teams.

Would you like to volunteer as part of the Europa macht Schule e.V. associations working group? Join the association and help out with one of our working groups. You can email the lead member of the respective working group or write to the association at vorstand@europamachtschule.de.

The more intensively we engage with other cultures and values, the better we get to know, understand and, I hope, respect one another. The Europa macht Schule programme does an outstanding job of helping to share this insight with children.

Christiane Lappenküper, teacher at Mühlrenredder primary school in Reinbek

Europa macht Schule brings intercultural exchange to life. The project opens up a new world for many schoolchildren and introduces them to study exchanges, for example. For the students, this project is a fantastic chance to take their culture out into the world. They also get to try out their German and see more of German society beyond everyday university life.

Mathis Heyer from the Aachen location team

It was a fantastic opportunity to present my country to the class. We had so much fun getting to know a new and different culture, dances, customs and foods. The children inspired me to get involved in more intercultural events. I enjoyed every second of the project.

Shahd Idkaidak, student from the Palestinian territories
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... helps international exchange students enjoy successful stays in Germany.

... promotes a sense of shared European and international togetherness.

... breaks down borders and campaigns for better understanding between nations.

... promotes greater awareness of other cultures and critical reflection on the participants’ own cultures.

... promotes international mobility for young people while they are still at school.

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Do you have any questions?
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