Facts and figures

More than 200 projects are conducted at over 150 schools annually. More than 200 voluntary students work at about 30 programme locations every year.

From 2006 to 2017, “Europe meets School” has therefore

- ... brought approximately 1,700 exchange students to German schools.
- ... run about 1,600 projects.
- ... reached approximately 40,000 pupils.

The programme is under the patronage of the German Federal President.

“Europe meets School” has received several awards such as the “Großer Blauer Bär” from 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).

Susanne Seiler, teacher at the Albert Schweitzer grammar school in Dillingen/Saar:

“‘Europe meets School’ gives pupils an uncomplicated and low-threshold introduction to European topics. It is a plus for all ages and will hopefully help to keep the European idea alive.”

How can I take part?

Further information about the programme, registration, procedure etc. can be found at

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What is “Europe meets School”?

“Europe meets School” is a programme to promote interaction between Europeans which is carried out on a voluntary basis.

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

Exchange students from all over Europe can become ambassadors for their home country, which they present in a creative way in schools all over Germany.

Participating pupils gain personal access to another European country, while the presenting students can relate to their host country more intensively – Europe comes alive!

“Europe meets School” ...

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

Who organises “Europe meets School”?

The programme is coordinated by voluntary location teams at over 30 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). Universities have the opportunity to run “Europe meets School” as a seminar within their curricula.

Martin Weidemeier, location team member in Mainz:

“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 permits insights into the cultures of other European countries, both for school pupils and exchange students.”

Robin, pupil at Stadtgymnasium Detmold:

“‘Europe meets School’ is an opportunity – for the participants, but also for Europe as a whole. Europe stands and falls with shared yet separate values: on the one hand European values, on the other hand those of the respective country. By facilitating the exchange of values and cultures, ‘Europe meets School’ paves the way to a peaceful future and promotes mutual understanding.”

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 school and grades

Tuğçe Akarsu, exchange student from Turkey at the programme location Regensburg:

“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.”