

Annual BETA Netherlands Activity Report for the General Assembly

Dear members of BETA Netherlands,

I am pleased to present the annual activity report of our organization for the year 2022. Last year, BETA Netherlands organized a total of three events, two mini-Model European Union events and the main Model European Union Netherlands 2022 event. Both mini-MEU events were held at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS) and were organized in collaboration with the study association ESCAPE. These events were attended by 11 participants and two organizers each, and ESCAPE provided support in terms of PR dissemination and refreshments for the attendees.

The main event, Model European Union Netherlands 2022, was held over four days in October, between the 26th and 30th, at THUAS. The event was funded by the Erasmus+ program and had a total of 67 participants and 23 organizers in attendance. Participants from 19 countries took part in the event, including those from Bosnia & Herzegovina, Armenia, Ukraine, Croatia, Slovenia, and Romania. The event was successful in bringing together Europeans from different countries, fostering greater understanding, and encouraging cooperation across the continent.

One notable achievement of the event was the establishment of business contacts in The Hague for a potential second MEU in the future. Last year we secured the King Kool Hostel, which seems eager to collaborate with us again in 2023. The same applies to De Koster Catering Services, the Brasserie Amare, as well as THUAS.

However, there were some challenges faced by participants from Turkey in obtaining visas to travel to the Netherlands, and as an organization, we recognize the need to find better ways to support them. One such way would be to collaborate more with the organization that we choose as a partner for the project. Here we would need to pass the participant's personal data to the partner more efficiently and compliant to the General Data Protection Regulation in Europe. This would significantly raise the chances of Turkish participants acquiring the visa required for their participation.

Overall, 2022 was a successful year for BETA Netherlands, with the organization of three events that helped bring Europeans together and foster greater understanding and cooperation across the continent.

Thank you for your support and commitment to our organization.

Sincerely,

Robert Stefan-Iosif Goia,



President of BETA Netherlands.