

# BETA Netherlands Activity Report for the Year 2023

I, the undersigned, Robert Stefan Iosif Goia, as the President of BETA Netherlands, I am pleased to present the activity report for the year 2023. This report highlights two significant events that have contributed to the growth and development of our association.

## 1. Workshop: The Future of the Association

**Date:** August 2023

**Location:** The Hague, Netherlands

**Overview:** In August 2023, we conducted a workshop titled "The Future of the Association" in The Hague. This workshop was aimed at charting the strategic direction of BETA Netherlands.

- **Objectives:**
  - To discuss and define the future strategic goals of the association.
  - To explore ways to enhance member engagement
  - To develop a comprehensive action plan for the next year.
- **Key Activities:**
  - Group discussions and brainstorming sessions on improving communication and collaboration within the association.
  - Formulation of actionable plans to address the identified challenges and opportunities.
- **Outcomes:** The workshop resulted in a well-defined strategic plan that outlines the key initiatives and objectives for the upcoming year. It also strengthened the sense of community and shared purpose among members, setting a solid foundation for future growth.

## 2. Erasmus+ Funded Model European Union 2023

**Date:** 25th – 30th October 2023

**Location:** The Hague, Netherlands

**Overview:** In October 2023, BETA Netherlands organized the Erasmus+ funded Model European Union (MEU) 2023. This event is a prestigious simulation of the European Union's legislative process, involving young leaders and students from across Europe.

- **Objectives:**
  - To provide participants with a realistic simulation of EU legislative procedures.
  - To enhance participants' understanding of European politics and policy-making.
  - To foster cross-cultural dialogue and collaboration among European youth.

- **Key Activities:**
  - Simulation of parliamentary sessions and council meetings where participants debated and negotiated on current EU issues, notably the AI Act and the CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for cars and vans.
  - Workshops focused on EU legislative processes, journalistic writing, public affairs skills, and negotiation skills.
  - Networking sessions aimed at building relationships and exchanging ideas among participants from different countries.
  - Drafting and adoption of resolutions reflecting the outcomes of the debates and negotiations.
- **Outcomes:** The MEU 2023 event was a resounding success, with over 60 delegates actively participating in the simulations. The event not only provided practical insights into EU governance but also promoted a spirit of European unity and cooperation. Participants left with a deeper understanding of EU politics and valuable skills in negotiation and public speaking.

These activities have significantly contributed to the advancement of BETA Netherlands' mission to engage and educate young leaders in European affairs. We are committed to building on these successes and continuing to provide meaningful opportunities for our members in the coming years.

**Robert Stefan Iosif Goia**

**President, BETA Netherlands**

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