

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 2024. This year, BETA Netherlands organized three significant events that contributed to our mission of fostering collaboration, professional development within our community, and learning about the European Union and its allies.

In May and December, we held two Board official team-building activities. These events were designed to strengthen the bond and cooperation among our Board members, especially considering the change of the board in July. This helped enhance our team's dynamics, and helped us create a good plan for the upcoming year for BETA Netherlands. The first activity in May took place in The Hague under the previous board, followed by the second in December in Tilburg with the current board as you see them. Both events saw full participation from all members of the Board, and they proved to be a valuable opportunity for building stronger internal connections and setting strategic goals for the future.

Additionally, in December, we hosted a workshop titled "Trump & the EU: Panel on the Future of Transatlantic Relations". This event brought together experts to discuss the evolving relationship between the United States and the European Union, with a particular focus on the implications of President Trump's policies. There have been discussions about trade, international policies, migration, where the 7 participants alongside with the organizers could interact freely with our esteemed panelists - Dr. Paschalis Pechlivanis and Dr. Bastian Bouwman - both of whom provided in-depth insights into the complexities of transatlantic relations. The event took place in Utrecht, at the Utrecht University, where our panelists are actively conducting research and teaching subjects on EU issues and EU-US relations. This workshop was followed by a brief networking event between the panelists and the participants and organizers. It is important to note that - the participants were students from all across the world - countries such as India, Poland, Moldova and the Netherlands.

Together, these events reflect our ongoing commitment to creating space for dialogue, learning and networking and fostering a strong and engaged community within BETA Netherlands.

Thank you for your support and commitment to our organization.

Sincerely,
Elena Gladun,
President of BETA Netherlands

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