



EDS – European Democrat Students  
Rue du Commerce 10  
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## Programme

XXI. EDS Winter University 2011

“EUROPEAN AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION-THE ROLE OF YOUTH”

Possibilities for young people in business, politics, science

[www.winteru.eu](http://www.winteru.eu)

### Monday, January 31, 2011

16.00 Arrival of Participants throughout the day to NH Hotel Brussels City Centre

Chaussée de Charleroi/Charleroisesteenweg 17, 1060 Brussels

18.00 Welcome dinner at **Hotel**

*Dress code: smart casual*





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**Tuesday, February 1, 2011**

09.00 Breakfast

**10.30 Panel discussion “Belgium - One Country - Two Societies?”**

Prof. Dr. Herman Van Goethem (University of Antwerp)  
Servais Verherstraeten (fraction leader of CD&V)  
Prof. Marc Verdussen (Catholique University of Louvain-la-Neuve)  
Melchior Wathelet (Cabinet du Secrétaire d'Etat au Budget et à la Politique des Familles)

**Venue: CD&V Headquarters, Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 89, 1040 Brussels**

*Dress code: business casual*

**17.30 Arrival of guests**

**18.00 Formal Celebration Convention of European Democrat Students**

Laudatory speech: Carl Bildt, Foreign Minister of Sweden, EDS Chairman 1974-1976

Panel speeches:

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (TBC)

Wilfried Martens, President of the European People's Party

Yulia Tymoshenko, Prime Minister of Ukraine ret.

Hans-Gert Pötering, President of the European Parliament ret., Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Moderator: Tomi Huhtanen, Director, Centre for European Studies, former EDS Vice-Chairman 1996-1997

Concluding remarks: Antonio López Istúriz, Secretary General of the European People's Party, MEP

**Venue: Palais des Académies, Rue Ducale 1 / Hertogstraat 1, 1000 Brussels**  
(<http://www.kvab.be/contact.aspx?lang=en>)

19.45 Formal Dinner *Dress code: strictly black-tie or formal*





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**Wednesday, February 2, 2011**

08.00 Free time

12.30 Departure from the hotel

14.00 **“European and regional integration – the role of youth”  
Possibilities for young people in business, politics, science”**

Opening speech: *József Szájer*, MEP(EPP), Vice-Chairman EPP Group

**Panel 1: Visegrad countries**

**Moderator: Vít Novotný**, Centre for European Studies, Brussels

*H.E. Milena Vicenová* Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU

*H.E. Jan Tombinski*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU

*H.E. Ivan Korčok*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU

*Botond Zákonyi*, Counsellor of the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

*Ivan Hodač*, Secretary General, European Automobile Manufacturers Association, Brussels

**Panel 2: Western Balkans**

**Moderator: Staffan Jerneck**, Director, Director Corporate Relations, CEPS, Brussels

*H.E. Eduard Kukan*, MEP (EPP), Head of EP's Delegation to the Parliaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania and Kosovo; Foreign Minister of Slovakia ret.

*Peter Jungen*, President, SME Union, Brussels

*Günther Fehlinger*, International Development Advisor, Tirana; EDS Chairman 1996-1998





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**Panel 3: Eastern Partnership**

**Moderator: Eugeniusz Smolar**, Visiting Senior Fellow, Centre for European Studies

*Jacek Saryusz-Wolski*, MEP (EPP), Vice president of European People's Party

*Jana Kobzová*, Analyst, European Council on Foreign Relations, London

*Dr. Ansgar Tietmeyer*, Deutsche Bank, Brussels

19.00 Dinner speech by Othmar Karas, MEP, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the EPP Group (TBC)

*Dress code: formal*

**Thursday, February 3, 2011**

07.00 Breakfast

08.00 Departure to the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve ([www.uclouvain.be](http://www.uclouvain.be))  
Dress code : Business attire

09.00 Workshops

12.00 Sandwich Lunch in the University

13.00 Meeting with the Students Council ([www.aglouvain.be](http://www.aglouvain.be)) and the Academic authorities

Vincent Wertz, Prorector of Catholic University of Louvain-la-neuve

Marc Lits, Dean of the faculty of Economics, Political and Social Sciences

Aurélien Hachez, Chairman of Aglouvain (Student Council of Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve)

Panel : Challenges of youth and students in regional and European dimension today

15.00 EDS Permanent Working Groups

18.00 Welcome speech of Benoit Lutgen

Walloon Minister of public works, agriculture, rurality, nature, forest and heritage

19.00 Cocktail with Benoit Lutgen

20.00 Dinner at Piano in Louvain-la-neuve

<http://www.quefairecesoir.com/Resto-Bar/Annuaire/Restaurant-4/Louvain-la-Neuve-Le-Piano-344>

*Dress code: smart casual*





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### Friday, February 4, 2011

07.30 Breakfast

08.30 Departure from hotel

**09.00 EDS Council Meeting** (*Cabinet DN, Rue d’Arlon 25*)

*Guest of Honour: **Jan Mühlfeit**, Chairman Europe, Microsoft Corporation*

12.30 Sandwich lunch

**13.30 Continuation of EDS Council Meeting**

17.00 Cocktail reception,  
*Dress code: business casual or formal*

20.00 Farewell Dinner (Hotel Grand Sablon), remarks of Jacob Lund Nielsen, partner of Cabinet DN, former Chairman of European Democrat Students (2001-2003), Golden Alumni of EDS

22.00 Ball night The Liberty Ball, celebrating Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday  
The Hilton Brussels (Boulevard de Waterloo) [www.thelibertyball.com](http://www.thelibertyball.com)

*Dress code: very strict: smoking, tail-coat or uniform (male), polite cocktail dresses (female)*

### Saturday, February 5, 2011

Departure of participants

