We spoke European,
A new language which we
shall all have to learn.

Aristide Briand

The European Debate Contest is organised by « l’École des Jeunes Orateurs » of Sciences-Po Strasbourg in partnership with the Council of Europe, gathering European schools and universities for the sake of debating while emphasizing the French language.

The French language at the centre of the debate!

This art-of-speech tournament’s goal is to favour the dialogue amongst young European speakers upon various European topics. Thanks to these encounters, we claim to build a common future between students.

Gathering: Students of different nationalities, backgrounds, and horizons, but sharing a common European Spirit.

Thinking: Discuss, share ideas, debate on political, social, cultural or philosophical topics. Everyone can take part in the European think tank.

Listening: The European Debate Contest aims at raising awareness for European topics and for a global enrichment by listening young European from all around the continent. We have a new approach of the art of Rhetoric, strengthened by its European dimension.

Listening is the first step towards a better mutual understanding.

Exchanging: Beyond the relevance of words and their refinement, the European Debate Contest wants to be at the cross-road of the European cultures, aiming for peace and dialog between Peoples.
A unique opportunity: The contest will take place under the authority of a prestigious Jury. Furthermore, the winner of the event will be offered an internship within the institutions of the Council of Europe in the area he/she wishes.

Our Program:

Verbal Contests:
- Monday, March 6th: First round of selection.
- Thursday, March 7th: Grand Finale, awards ceremony followed by a cocktail dinner

Activities:
Many activities will take place in order to create bonds between the participants. A visit of the European institutions will be organised, as well as a guided walk around the city of Strasbourg. A Conference will also take place.

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