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## European Science Parliament 2009 – 2010: Invitation

Dear Sir or Madam,

In March 2010, the City of Aachen and the RWTH Aachen University will host the Second European Science Parliament (ESP). The ESP is a Conference designed to promote discussions on a range of topics in the domain of sciences, society and politics

We would like to invite pupils and teachers of your school to compete for participation in this project.

The ESP is organised in two phases. The first phase is an online discussion of a range of topics via a web portal. The second phase will take place in Aachen, with live participation of those invited to join in a face-to-face discussion on the most interesting points.

The web portal [www.science-parliament.eu](http://www.science-parliament.eu) will be used to identify a topic. All participants are invited to suggest ideas and can thus contribute to the final selection of a topic for the next conference. The main topic for the conference will be selected by the ESP directorate in early June, 2009. This will signal the opening of the online discussion between pupils, students, private individuals, scientists, politicians and representatives from the field of science from all over Europe.

At the online discussion stage, participants of all ages and from all walks of life throughout Europe will be invited to engage in discussions about key topics at a pan-European level. The web portal will provide information and many opportunities for those interested to communicate with each other about these topics. Only those registering and participating with relevant contributions at this Web Portal will be eligible to take part in the actual live ESP Conference. Contributions may simply be questions or opinions, although major contributions such as articles, research projects or the collective creation of a database, such as a bibliography or link list, will be greatly valued.



The 120 parliamentarians at the ESP Conference will comprise approximately 45 pupils and 25 university students as representatives of the younger generation, together with representatives from the fields of science and economics, NGOs, media and politics. At the ESP Conference, all conclusions reached and gathered on the website will be summarised as an 'Aachen Declaration', a collective viewpoint to be forwarded to European Institutions for consideration.

The online discussion and the ESP Conference will be held **in English** and supported by experienced moderators.

**Conditions of participation:**

1. Minimum age is 15 years.
2. Pupils must register on the website [www.science-parliament.eu](http://www.science-parliament.eu) .
3. Pupils are expected to take an active part in the discussions.
4. Teachers are welcome to participate in the discussion.
5. There is no limit to the number of pupils from anyone school participating in online discussions. However, at the ESP Conference in Aachen, each school is to be represented by three pupils and one teacher only. Schools selected for participation will be notified in January 2010. Schools will decide upon the three participating pupils.
6. Decisions of the jury will be primarily based on the quality and relevance of the contributions to the themes. A maximum of two schools from each country will be invited. This is to ensure the greatest possible geographical distribution of participants in Europe.

Please see the attached schedule, which might help you when contacting schools and other participants.

We look forward to receiving numerous registrations and also a large active participation from pupils in this project. We hope that pupils from your school will be successful in being chosen for participation in the European Science Parliament!

For further information you are kindly asked to contact our partner **Mosaica** who is responsible for recruiting pupils and teachers for participation, and will take care of the organisation and implementation of a programme of special activities to take place within the framework of the ESP Conference.

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Yours faithfully,

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### Project Schedule ESP 2010

- This schedule is subject to change. Changes will be announced on the website.
- Accommodation and food will be provided free of charge, and there is no cost for the Parliament and the supporting program. However, schools should be aware that a fixed rate only of the total cost of travel might be covered.

Time	Activities
end March, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Relaunch of website (with new design and functions)</b></li> <li>▪ Collection and discussion of ideas for a new main topic for ESP 2010</li> <li>▪ <b>Selection of the main topic for ESP 2010</b></li> <li>▪ Collection and discussion of topic-related questions and topical fields</li> </ul>
beginning June, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Selection of 4 - 6 topical fields</b></li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
Christmas period, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Selection of participating schools by the ESP task group</b></li> </ul>
From early January to March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Preparation of the ESP</b> by making summaries of discussions and statements and making proposals for solutions to the problems defined</li> <li>▪ <b>Participating schools</b> to visit the ESP workgroup strands on the website to familiarise themselves with the material to be need in the Conference.</li> </ul>
Sun., 21 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Arrival</b> of pupils and teachers in Aachen</li> <li>▪ Welcome and support by Mosaica</li> </ul>
Mon., 22 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Cultural programme</b> for pupils and teachers by Mosaica</li> <li>▪ Meetings with pupils and teachers from other participating schools</li> </ul>
Tue., 23 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Official “Welcome” evening at Town Hall (Rathaus)</b></li> <li>▪ Get to know other participants (university students, experts, ESP staff, etc.)</li> </ul>
Wed., 24 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>First day</b> of the ESP Conference</li> </ul>
Thu., 25 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Second day</b> of the ESP Conference</li> <li>▪ Farewell party</li> </ul>
Fri., 26 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Departure</b></li> </ul>