

## **Brussels excursion program**

### **European Commission**

The European Commission is the executive body of the EU and a central player when it comes to shaping policy. This visit will focus on perhaps the greatest problem facing the EU in this decade, the financial and economic crisis.

The students will learn what the Commission is proposing for future EU economic governance and how hard it is to foster consensus among the member states.



### **Council of the European Union**

The member state governments remain the most powerful actors in the EU to this day. They are represented in the Council. This visit will show the students the numerous challenges when trying to take decisions in a body with sometimes as many different positions as there are member states. The visit will further focus on the Council's relations with the Parliament and the Commission.



## **Committee of the Regions**

Subsidiarity is a key principle of the EU. The Committee of the Regions is its institutional safeguard. This visit will show how this body works and how it promotes regional interests.



## **European Economic and Social Committee**

The European Economic and Social Committee's mission is to help civil society organizations in voicing their preferences on all legislative matters. It is one prominent channel through which the EU seeks to strengthen participatory governance.

