

## Multiplier Event in Vienna/Austria

Event: EuropeConnects  
Date: 12. Oktober 2023  
Time: 14:00-16:00 o'clock  
Location: walktrough between BernoulliGymnasium and Hertha Firnberg Tourismusschule  
Participants: 50 people  
Organizers: Maria Ettl (headmaster of Hertha Firnberg Tourismschool)  
Markus Kraushofer (Erasmus+ Coordinator BernoulliGymnasium)

Students from BernoulliGymnasium and Hertha Firnberg School have collaboratively crafted an engaging interactive exhibition that will be unveiled to the public on October 12th, 2023. This exhibition boasts 27 vibrant yellow EU-stars, each adorned with a central QR-Code. These QR-Codes serve as portals to enlighten guests about essential aspects of the CEC-Project, the remarkable achievements of the European Union, and the prominent figures who have played pivotal roles within the EU.

The grand inauguration of this permanent exhibition, a significant cultural and educational endeavor, will be presided over by none other than the esteemed Minister for Europe, Caroline Edtstadler.

From the inception of the academic year on September 3rd, 2023, a dedicated group of students, carefully selected from both Bernoulli Gymnasium and Hertha Firnberg Tourism School, embarked on this visionary project. Their collective goal is to bring Europe closer to their peers and the broader community.

Under the banner of "EuropeConnects," this initiative seeks to achieve a dual purpose. First, it aims to foster a profound sense of European togetherness, uniting people through shared values, culture, and heritage. Second, it signifies the power of pro-European collaboration between two distinct educational institutions, bridging the worlds of grammar school and tourism education.

The "EuropeConnects" project exemplifies the potential for education to not only inform but also inspire, fostering a deeper appreciation for the European Union and the bonds that unite its diverse members.

Guests at this multiplier event will be representatives of the House of the European Union, the Head of Erasmus+ School Education of the Austrian National Agency, Ernst Gesslbauer, and the Cabinet of State Secretary for Youth, Claudia Plakolm. Apart from political guests, guests from the district level have also confirmed their attendance. Among them are the district leaders and all the directors from the 22nd district of Vienna.

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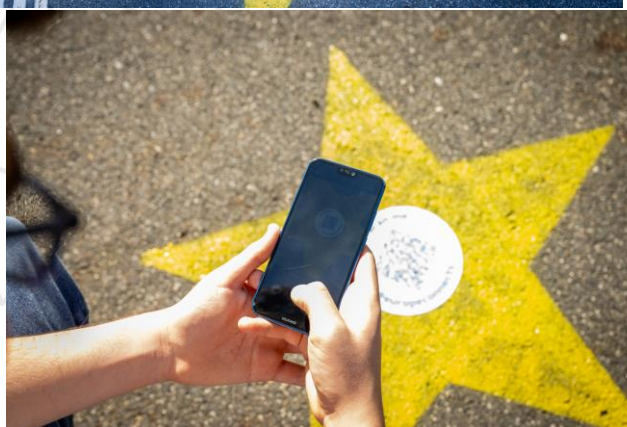
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State secretary for youth  
Claudia Plakolm



National government  
Prof. Dr. Mag. Daniel Fleissner



National Agency Austria  
Mag. Ernst Gesslbauer



The 12th of October 2023 marked a significant day for both the BernoulliGymnasium and the Hertha Firnberg Schools as they collaborated on a remarkable event during ErasmusDays2023. Named "**EuropeConnects**," this event celebrated the European Union and its core values in a unique and creative way, bringing together students, educators, politicians, and the local community in a symbol of unity.

The event was a joint effort by the BernoulliGymnasium and the Hertha Firnberg Schools, two educational institutions deeply committed to fostering a sense of European identity and promoting European values. Together, they organized an event that would not only highlight the importance of the European Union but also educate attendees on its history, values, and contemporary issues.

At the heart of this event were 27 EU stars painted on the ground, symbolizing the unity and solidarity of the European Union. Each of these stars contained a QR code in the middle, a digital gateway to a wealth of information regarding EU values, EU-related topics, and the history of the European Union. This information was meticulously curated as part of the Erasmus project titled "Common European Culture." This project's goal was to explore the rich tapestry of Europe's shared history and cultural heritage, fostering a sense of interconnectedness among partner countries.

The "**EuropeConnects**" event drew a diverse crowd of participants, including representatives from various sectors. Notable political figures, such as the State Secretary for Youth, Claudia Plakolm, joined local politicians to learn more about the European Union's significance and impact realized on both schools. Additionally, representatives from the education sector, including prominent figures from the Directorate of Education, the National Agency of Austria, the House of EU, the European Office and school principals from institutions throughout the district attended the event next to Austrian Media, showing the broad-based commitment to promoting European values in the educational system.

The event's title, "**EuropeConnects**," was not just symbolic but deeply reflective of the essence of the gathering. It emphasized the connections among partner countries and celebrated the strength and unity that the European Union represents. In a world where globalization and interconnectedness have become paramount, the event aimed to showcase how Europe, with its diversity and shared values, plays a pivotal role in connecting people across borders.

Beyond the educational and political aspects, "**EuropeConnects**" also delighted the attendees with a culinary experience. Students from the Hertha Firnberg Schools served a delightful array of food and beverages, adding a culinary dimension to the event that further symbolized the unity and diversity of Europe.

In conclusion, "EuropeConnects" was a remarkable event that underlined the importance of European unity and the significance of the European Union in our lives. Through art, history, and culture, it celebrated the shared values that bind European nations together and emphasized the power of connection in a world that often feels divided. This collaborative effort between the BernoulliGymnasium and the Hertha Firnberg Schools stands as a testament to the commitment of educational institutions to nurturing a sense of European identity and cooperation among future generations.

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