

European activities de L'EAT Austria from January- May 2021:

Dear friends,

I hope to find you well and I'm just looking forward meeting you again for our videoconference the 31st of May!

Since we have always a very busy agenda at our meetings, I would like to take the opportunity to exchange with you sending some information concerning the current activities of EAT Austria, founded in 1959, which you may find at our HP: www.europtimus.at.

Let me give you a brief overview:

- The Virtual Club Europtimus, which I founded in 2020 and which is personally supported by the Minister of European Affairs, Mrs. Edtstadler, aims to bring "Europe" into the classroom for teachers and pupils, for a dialogue with top-class experts on current issues: In January 2021 we started with Mrs. Edtstadler to prelude the Citizens' dialogue; in February, we continued with our MEP, Mr. Lukas Mandl, and also with Mr. Christoph Leitl, president of the European movement in Austria, on the topics of geopolitics and the role of the PRC for Europe; in April, we had a discussion with Mr. Stefan Zotti, a member of the EC in Brussels and expert in education, on the topics of ERASMUS and other European issues concerning education, and, last, but not least, on the occasion of Europe Day 2021, with Mr. Doutlik, former Head of the Representation of the EC in Austria, on the issues of a <Small Future Conference> at our school; part of the film can be seen on our website!
- In the brochure of the European movement in Austria (EBÖ) you will find the EAT-Austria on pages 16 and 17- we are proud of it!
- With some friends of Fritz from Cadaujac (next Bordeaux) I took part in a video-production for the local community, at the occasion of the 9th of May – it gave me a lot of pleasure and reminded me of European friendship! Just have a look on it and smile!
- Twice I have already had the opportunity to participate in the <Virtual Schanigarten> with the Head of the Representation of EC in Austria, Martin Selmayr, the former general secretary of Jean-Claude Juncker in Brussels, and other interlocutors from European NGOs, also for networking!
- In the afternoon of the 9th of May, I had the opportunity to take part in the virtual opening of the Future Conference in Strasbourg- what a wonderful experience, with more than 460 Europeans together in the plenary hall, listening to the speeches of the French president, Emmanuel Macron, the president of the EP, Davis Sassoli, the president of the commission, von der Leyen, and Antonio Costas, the president of the council.
- And: Great surprise: On May, the 27th, I will be at the Virtual Meeting with Guy Verhofstadt on the Future of Europe, under the motto: "Have your say on Europe!" I am really looking forward to it!
- In September, we will be invited to the <European Castle > by EYFON, in Styria, and, if possible, we will soon be planning a study trip to Strasbourg (EP and Council of Europe).
- And: I received a very personal and kind card of Mrs. Edtstadler!

Thank you very much- I would also be very interested in the actual European activities of your sections!

Have a good time and see you soon!

Kind regards,

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