



European Union Global Strategy

Student Essay Competition on EU Global Strategy for Foreign and Security Policy

Why is the European Union's foreign and security policy important for your daily life?

Student contribution to the EU Global strategy on foreign and security policy

Our global environment is changing rapidly. That is why the European Union's Heads of State and Government decided to assess the challenges and opportunities that come with these shifts. In June 2015 the European Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini - presented her [strategic assessment](#) of the global strategic environment to EU leaders. They asked her to prepare an ***EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy*** (EUGS) to guide the European Union's global actions in the future. The strategy, which will be presented to EU leaders by June 2016, will be developed in close cooperation with Member States, as well as with EU Institutions and the broader foreign policy community.

Over the coming months, the High Representative will lead a broad based reflection phase on the strategic outlook for the European Union's global action to ensure that a wide range of views are taken into account. In this context the High Representative stressed that she would like to see a strategy that connects with and responds to the aspirations of young people. This is why we invite your students to contribute to the ongoing debate by submitting an essay with their views on the European Union's foreign policy.

1. Who can participate?

Any university student at undergraduate (Bachelor) and graduate (Masters) level currently following a module/course offered by a Jean Monnet Chair or Jean Monnet Module-holder.

2. How can students participate?

a) Students shall write essay on the topic 'Why is the European Union's foreign and security policy important for your daily life?'

The essay should be in English language

- Maximum length: 800 words
- Format: Microsoft Word

b) Students should submit their essay to their Professor by **18 December 2015**.



3. How will the selection of the essays work?

- a) The Jean Monnet community will be informed of the call for essays via email. The call will also be announced on the Jean Monnet Online Platform <http://jeanmonnet.ning.com/>.
- b) Jean Monnet Chairs or Module-holders will promote the initiative among their students, gather the essays from their students and select the best contribution to be passed on to the Global Strategy selection team. For their selection, they will use the following **criteria**:
 - ✓ Sound answer, related to the topic;
 - ✓ Originality of contribution;
 - ✓ Robustness of the argument (not just an opinion piece);
 - ✓ Pertinence of the examples and illustrations;
 - ✓ Correct English language.
- c) Professors will submit the selected essay to the EUGS team at eu-global-strategy@eeas.europa.eu by 31 January 2016.

4. Winning Essays: Publication on the Global Strategy website & Participation in the Global Strategy final conference

The organisers will select **the best three contributions** by **15 March 2016**, and publish them on a dedicated page in the Global Strategy website. A selection of the 'best essays' will also be made available on the website of the Global Strategy: <http://europa.eu/globalstrategy/>

This way, the contributions will reach the policy-makers and experts participating in the reflection and consultation phase of the Global Strategy.

The winners (the students and also their professors) would also be invited to participate in the final conference on the Global Strategy organised by the European Union Institute for Security Studies in Paris in April 2016 and to meet with the High Representative (tbc).