

EUPeace Academic Networking Event

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Peer Table Instructions and Guidelines

PHASE ONE - TABLES OF THREE/FOUR (50 minutes)

From the Mission statement of EUPeace:

Peace cannot flourish unless a set of enabling conditions are firmly in place: it goes hand in hand with a deep commitment to justice and inclusion. EUPeace is about strengthening these enabling conditions for peace: understanding them better through research, nurturing them actively through education, and fostering them broadly through societal outreach and innovative practices.



Your universities have founded EUPeace. Your collective dedication is integral to the success of this endeavor. With a wealth of expertise and diverse experiences, you hold the key to its success. The purpose in coming together today is to get to know the colleagues you have been matched to and to start networking.

In your conversations, approach your partner as if conducting an interview after a remarkably successful project. Instead of seeking mere "facts" like an analyst, delve into the best stories, capturing compelling sentences and metaphors. Encourage your partner to reflect and narrate their own story.

Questions/Tasks:

1. Briefly describe your field of expertise and tell us what personally connects you to it. (3')
2. Share a noteworthy professional highlight, delving into a moment where everything worked exceptionally well. (3')
3. EUPeace encapsulates societal inclusion, tolerance, and justice. How does your academic achievement contribute to aspects of inclusion, tolerance, and justice in your sphere of influence (private, professional, scientific, societal, regional etc.)? If you could make a change to enhance your impact, what would be your topic of choice and what would be the biggest change? (3')
4. What drives you to reach out to colleagues from other EUPeace universities? (3')

You have finished early? No problem! Take a break or find out more interesting aspects about your colleagues

All participants at odd numbered tables (1,3,5 etc.) move to the next even numbered table (2,4,6 etc.) to form groups of 6 or more participants.

PHASE TWO - TABLES OF SIX to EIGHT (45 minutes)

Please designate a moderator within the first 2 minutes.

The moderator will commence with a brief self-introduction, after which each participant will follow suit. Additionally, everyone is encouraged to share one inspiring statement from the previous get together in the group of three, highlighting a noteworthy point mentioned by their colleagues. (10')

The group is now invited to give itself a name. It can be an original name or just a practical one. Just think of your communalities. (5')

Following this, the moderator will facilitate a discussion on networking ideas for the group of six. Agreements will be reached, and arrangements will be made for the next meeting, to be organized by the group itself. Please think operational now: How often should you meet within the upcoming six months? What are topics of mutual interest? Please agree on a date for the next meeting. Which technical tools (Whatsapp Groups or other messengers) would support your interaction? Who is responsible for the first invitation, who designs the first agenda? Who else could join the group? (30')