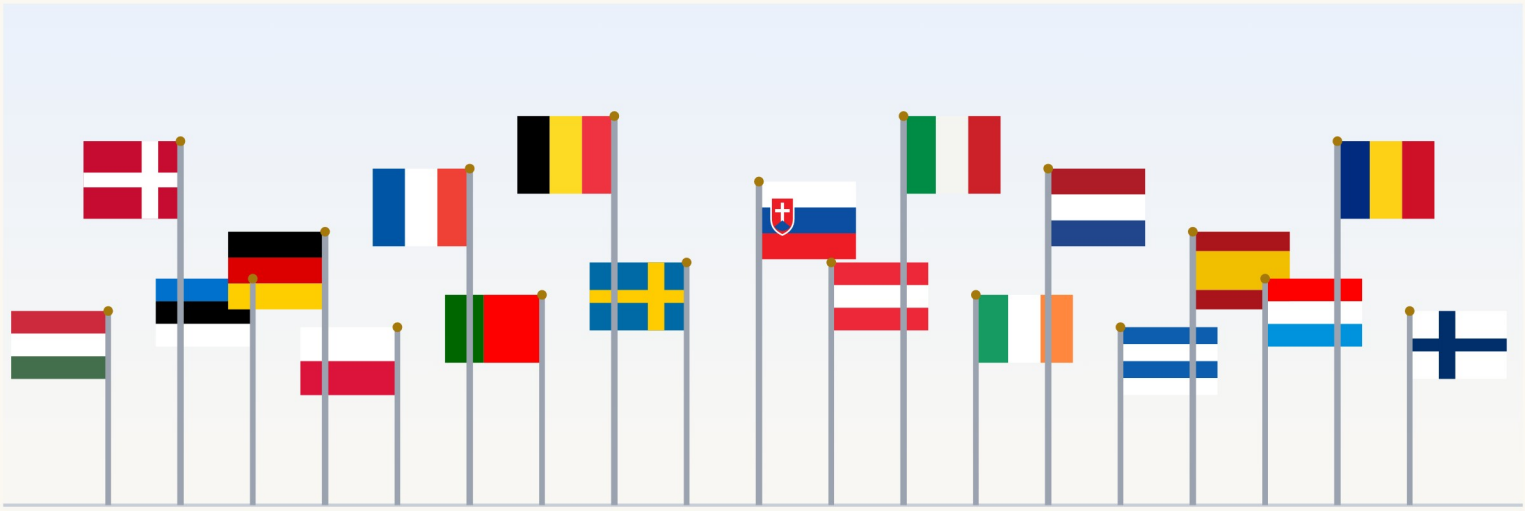
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation

November 12–14, 2026



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PROGRAM BOOKLET

Message to Participants

The Executive Committee and faculty advisors of the Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation Consortium (MEUSC) welcome you to the 34th Annual MEUSC European Union Simulation. For more than three decades, this experiential learning program has connected American students to EU policymakers and policymaking, using the simulation to bridge the gap between the academic study of the EU and the political practice of its institutions. This year four bodies are in session: the European Council and three configurations of the Council of the EU meeting under the Irish Presidency. ECOFIN will take up the proposal for a digital euro, the Environment Council the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System for the period after 2030, and AGRIFISH the protection of animals during transport. The European Council will work through its own agenda and seek to adopt conclusions by consensus.

Over the course of the simulation you will have many opportunities to build and sharpen skills that matter well beyond the classroom: leadership, analytical and critical thinking, public speaking and debate, small group cooperation, and consensus building. We also hope that you will gain cultural sensitivity, global awareness, and international sophistication that will shape your academic and professional lives for years to come. Prepare thoroughly, stay in character, negotiate in good faith, and enjoy sharing the benefits of experiential learning with your colleagues. Best of luck during this special three-day educational adventure!

Dr. Oya Dursun-Özkanca, Elizabethtown College
Dr. Andreas Sobisch, John Carroll University
Dr. Gretchen Van Dyke, The University of Scranton
Drs. Nick Clark and Andrea Lopez, Susquehanna University
Drs. John Hulsey and John Scherpereel, James Madison University
Dr. Michelle Egan, American University

Our Thanks

MEUSC is grateful to American University and its School of International Service for hosting the simulation again this year. We also thank the embassies in Washington that welcome our delegations and help students understand the interests of the member states they will represent, and the EU institutions and officials whose work our students draw on in their preparation.

The MEUSC Executive Committee especially recognizes the unwavering commitment of the faculty advisors and their institutions, without which this simulation would not be possible.

Schedule

Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation 2026

All sessions are held at American University, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. Friday rooms are in the School of International Service (SIS) and Kerwin Hall; all Saturday rooms are in SIS.

Friday, November 13

9:00 a.m. Opening and simultaneous sessions convene

European Council. President: António Costa, President of the European Council. Agenda: the MFF 2028-2034, Ukraine, the Middle East, trade and European competitiveness, security and defense, enlargement and internal reforms, illicit drugs and organized crime, and other issues. Room: **Founders Room**.

ECOFIN. President: Simon Harris, Tánaiste and Minister for Finance of Ireland. Proposal: a digital euro, COM(2023) 369. Room: **SIS 300**.

Environment Council. President: Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment of Ireland. Proposal: revision of the EU Emissions Trading System for the period after 2030, COM(2026) 616. Room: **Kerwin Hall 104**.

AGRIFISH. President: Martin Heydon, Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine of Ireland. Proposal: protection of animals during transport, COM(2023) 770. Room: **Kerwin Hall T04**.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Simultaneous sessions resume

12:00 p.m. Lunch by national delegation

Delegations caucus on their negotiating positions.

2:00 p.m. Simultaneous sessions resume

4:00 p.m. Sessions recess for the day

5:00 p.m. Panel discussion

Transatlantic Partnership on the Ballot? What will key recent and upcoming elections mean for Europe and US-European relations? The panel runs until 6:15 p.m.

6:15 p.m. Awards and announcements

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Saturday, November 14

9:00 a.m. Simultaneous sessions convene

All four bodies are in session.

European Council. Coordinates the Union's overall response and continues its own agenda. Room: **Founders Room**.

The three Councils. ECOFIN (**SIS 102**), the Environment Council (**SIS 113**) and AGRIFISH (**SIS 120**) each continue their own work.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Simultaneous sessions resume

Each Council returns to its legislative proposal and moves to a general approach.

The European Council prepares its conclusions.

12:00 p.m. Sessions conclude

Each Council adopts or rejects its general approach.

The European Council adopts its conclusions by consensus.

12:30 p.m. Closing reception

Statements by the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission, and the three Council Presidents of the Irish Presidency.

Presentation of student awards.

Times are current as of October 19, 2026 and may be revised.

Awards Procedure

Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation 2026

Outstanding participants in the European Council, the Commission, and the three Councils will be recognized by their fellow participants. Each award recipient receives a certificate of merit for preparation, knowledge of the issues, ability to stay in character, and overall substantive contribution to the simulation. **Students serving as the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission, or a Council President are not eligible for consideration.**

Awards

Ed Morgan Award. Commission (1 award)

James A. Blessing Awards. European Council, ECOFIN, Environment Council, and AGRIFISH (1 award each)

Selection Procedures

The outstanding participant in each body is selected by the members of that body. Each body determines its own selection method, for example a secret ballot, a show of hands, or consensus. No student may win more than one award.

Timing. The Ed Morgan Award for the Commission will be announced at the awards session on Friday at 6:15 p.m. The James A. Blessing Awards will be presented at the closing reception on Saturday.

Selection Criteria

Preparation
Punctuality
Appropriate behavior
Full participation and attendance
Knowledge of the issues
Knowledge of the country position
Staying in character at all times

European Commission

Ursula von der Leyen
Sophia Hallenbeck
President of the European Commission · University of Scranton

Valdis Dombrovskis
Orli Peleg
Commissioner for Economy and Productivity · John Carroll University

Wopke Hoekstra
Jess Falconer
Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth · Elizabethtown College

Olivér Várhelyi
Thiena Gateka
Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare · Elizabethtown College

European Council

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Isabella Hunter
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John Carroll University

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Sophia Hallenbeck
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Michael Barton
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Mette Frederiksen
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ECOFIN Council

Proposal: a digital euro, COM(2023) 369. Irish Presidency.

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William Massey
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Environment Council

Proposal: revision of the EU Emissions Trading System after 2030, COM(2026) 616. Irish Presidency.

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Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH)

Proposal: protection of animals during transport, COM(2023) 770. Irish Presidency.

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