



LC Newsletter



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Welcome Conference
Thursday, October 5

17 October 2017

LC office hours

TUE&FRI

12.00 – 14:00

MON-WED-THURS

17:00 – 19:00

Rue Joseph II 70

2nd floor

Office 174

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URGENT COMMUNICATION from the **TRAINEESHIP OFFICE** concerning the **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

Dear Trainees,

There appears to be some confusion on the procedure to claim **travel allowance payment**.

On behalf of and with the approval of the Traineeships Office (henceforth T.O.) we would like to clarify some of the most common **issues and misunderstandings** that have been detected so far among the trainees.

- The T.O. has the right to check the ticket reservation that you have uploaded and submitted from the moment of submission until **2 years after the end of your traineeship** (28th of February 2020). Therefore, you have to be in possession of all your travel tickets (including the return ticket) if you have **ALREADY** submitted your claim.
- Once you have submitted your travel allowance claim, there will be no chance to modify it. This means that you cannot submit your claim for a return ticket at another moment, and that you should submit both ways' claim at the same time.

If you have already submitted a one-way ticket claim and in the light of this communication you would like to amend it, contact the T.O. directly at EAC BUREAU DES STAGES Eac-Stages@ec.europa.eu as soon as possible, and they will re-open your file and let you update it.

- If your journey back home is **by car**, and the T.O. asks you for proof, you will be asked to submit your proof of travel within one month from the end of your traineeship. This is the **ONLY** exception.
- Remember that if you changed your place of residence between the moment you applied and the beginning of the traineeship, and the new place of residence corresponds to a higher distance band, you are obliged to upload your travel tickets in the same PDF file which includes the proof for place of origin/residence.

If you still have questions or doubts, or if you consider your case atypical, please ASK FOR A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH THE TRAINEESHIP OFFICE.

After an exciting Elections' Night and a tough campaign, the **new Trainees' Committee (TC)** has been elected! Thanks to your votes, you have brand new trainees' representatives who will take care of your needs, help you with problems, organise amazing events, and enrich your traineeship experience in order to make it unforgettable! Thanks to all the candidates who ran for the various positions within the Committee, we are sure that all of you will contribute to the work of the new TC. Below you can see the members of the new TC:

TRAINEES COMMITTEE OCTOBER17 SESSION



GENERAL COORDINATOR
ZINAIDA DE BOON



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
EDWARD CRYMBLE



CAREERS AND CONFERENCE COORDINATOR
IVAN PUŠKÁR



SOCIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR
PAULINA WĘGLARZ



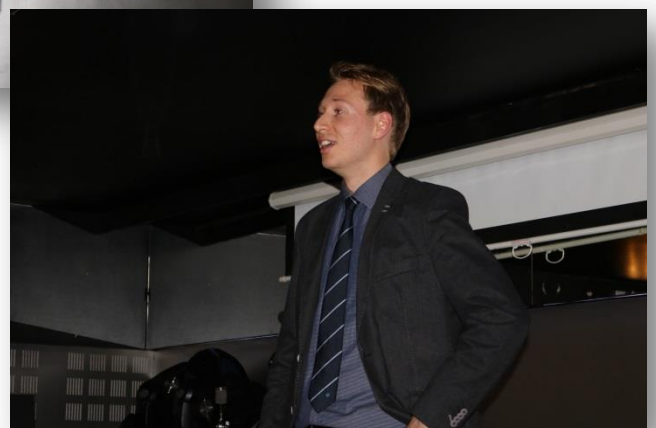
TREASURER
SAKARI TEERIKOSKI



AUDITOR
JAKUB KOLLAR

And here some pictures from the **Elections' Night**, held on October 9 at Tiago's.





Not only Trainees' Committee ... Subcommittees too!



At the core of the Trainees' Committee are the Subcommittees which organise a variety of activities for trainees. The Subcommittees' structures are similar to student clubs and societies. Within their framework, you can organise or participate in activities related to almost everything that interests you.

Last Tuesday, we held the official setting up of the new Subcommittees. You showed a lot of enthusiasm and initiative, and we cannot wait to see what each

Subcommittee will organise in the next few months! Many of the old Subcommittees have been kept as well as new Subcommittees established. Below you have a list of the current Subcommittees with their respective coordinators; please contact the coordinator if you wish to become a core member of a specific Subcommittee. Otherwise, if you just want to take part in the activities of more than one Subcommittee, just check out the newsletter in the following weeks or the newly created Facebook group for the Subcommittees.



- **SOLIDARITY:** Djuke Stammeshaus (HOME) – Monika Lipecz (SANTE)
- **CAREERS:** Margaux Tellier-Poulain (DEVCO) – Sevasti Oxyzoglou (EASME)
- **THINK YOUNG THINK EUROPE:** Flavio Proietti (REGIO)
- **LGBT+:** Elisa Bellotti (EACEA) – Zuzanna Grejner (JUST)
- **SUSTAINABILITY:** Annalisa Spalazzi (EASME)
- **LANGUAGES:** Ana Clara Goncalves Discacciati (ENVI) – Katharine Barney (SRB)
- **GENDER EQUALITY:** Emelie Lindstroem (EMPL)
- **COOKING:** Laura Lebastard (ECFIN)
- **CULTURAL HERITAGE:** Giulia Facelli (RTD)
- **FILM:** Marcin Lukowski (TAXUD)
- **EU RADIO/PODCAST:** Robert Riemann (EDPS)
- **SPORT:** Thiana Kovac (EACEA) – Ann Sophie Schmitt (OLAF)
- **ARTS & CREATIVITY:** Denise Ho (TRADE)
- **HIKING:** Snejana Avramova (GROW)



NB: Euroball & Alumnet (permanent Subcommittees) are still looking for someone to take the lead!

Win free tickets for concerts!

Fancy some jazz? Or are you more into contemporary Italian music? This week you have the chance to win a free ticket for concerts offered by our partners Goethe Institut and Piolalibri!



German Jazz Nights 2017

Three nights of jazz to brilliantly conclude your first month in Brussels! From October 26 to 28, Jazz Station (Chaussée de Louvain 193A) will host concerts by German jazz musicians within the framework of the German Jazz Nights organised by [Goethe Institut Brussels](#). For trainees there is a chance to win 2 free tickets for each concert, therefore 6 tickets in total. Send an email to traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu with subject "German Jazz Nights 2017" indicating in the body your full name by Friday, October 20 cob. The 6 winners will be chosen at random and notified on the following Monday. In case you wish to renounce your ticket, please let us know immediately, so that we can pick another lucky winner. More information about the event by clicking on the following [link](#). Concerts:

26/10/2017 – 8.30 PM: **Cyminology**

27/10/2017 – 8.30 PM: **Eva Klesse Quartett**

28/10/2017 – 6 PM: **Natalia Mateo**

Goethe Institut invites you also to another event: October 26 at 7.30 PM, discussion between the former president of the Council of Protestant Churches in Germany, Margot Käßmann, and the Vice-president of the European Parliament, Mairead McGuinness. More info at the following [link](#).



Piola Libri for Italian contemporary music

[Piolalibri](#), together with [Beit Live](#), offers you free tickets for the following concerts:

[20/10/2017](#) – 8 PM: **Samuel** (VK concerts) – Deadline: 19.10 at noon

[2/11/2017](#) – 8 PM: **Vinicio Capossela** (VK concerts) – Deadline: 28.10 at noon

[6/11/2017](#) – 8 PM: **Ermal Meta** (Le Botanique) – Deadline: 31.10 at noon

There are 4x2 tickets available (meaning 4 winners, each winner 2 tickets). These are well known Italian songwriters and you will get the chance to listen to some authentic Italian contemporary music. The first two concerts will be held in VK Concerts – Molenbeek Saint Jean, while the third one is in Le Botanique. To win a ticket, send an email to traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu with subject "Piola Libri contest" indicating in the body your full name and the concert you would like to attend (you can choose just one out of three, in order to give equal chances to everyone to win a ticket). Deadlines for each concert are indicated next to the name of the singer above.

New partners



[Varia Theatre](#), one of the newest partners of the Trainees' Committee, was built at the beginning of the 20th century. Close to Place Jourdan and the European quarter, it specializes in contemporary dramatic pieces.

Ticket prices for under 35 is 10€ online or at the ticket office at least a day before the performance and 12€ at the ticket office the same day of the performance. Adding 3€ you get a beer of the week, adding 5€ you get a beer of the week and humus tapas. Find out more about their program on the official [website](#).

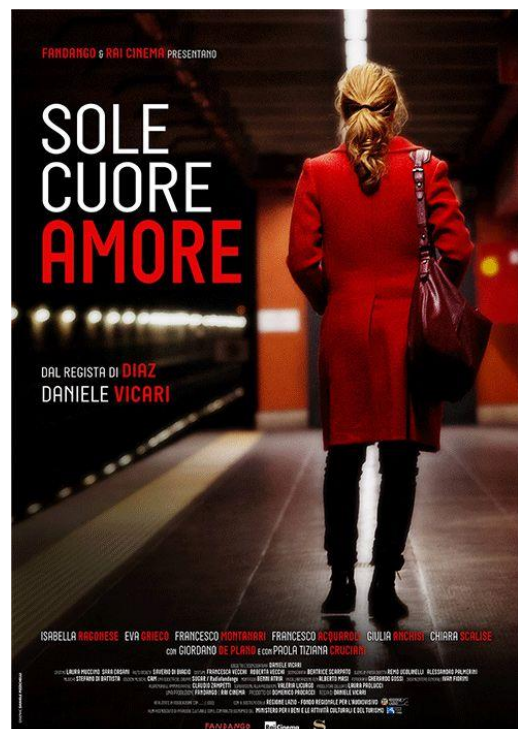


At the heart of the European district **Be-Positive** is not just a store – it's a destination in itself: an elegant space designed to help you relax and re-energize in a full experience of organic flavour and freshness.

Designed as a one stop concept store, Be-Positive has created a **different shopping experience** by bringing together an offering of everyday **organic food and homecare products**.

If you are looking for a restful break you will be naturally attracted to the **salad and juice bar** inside the store. Freshly made salads, seasonal soups, original sandwiches and desserts go beyond the selection you find elsewhere. Be-Positive offers you a **5% discount** on all purchases, upon presentation of your T-card.

As every Monday, **Istituto Italiano di Cultura** hosts a screening of an Italian movie. Next Monday, October 23, it is time for "**Sole Cuore Amore**", story of a friendship of two women, very different from each other, with the beautiful city of Rome as background. More information at the following [link](#). Movies are in Italian, but there are usually English subtitles. T-Card holders get **2 euros discount** on the entrance fee. If you want to purchase the ticket online and take advantage of the promo code, mail the Trainees' Committee and ask for it.



Discover your ROOTS!



Roots, what's it all about? Roots is a **Brussels' first and only organic, local, 100% circular farm shop**, stocking straight from the producers! In our shop, traceability is key. We know exactly where our products come from and who made them. In a nutshell, we know their **ROOTS**! Come along and discover more about the shop and how to enjoy fresh, fabulous food from fantastic farmers who give it their all to tickle your taste buds. Learn more about "zero waste", small-scale farming and savvy shopping!

ROOTS workshop, **23 October, 6:30 PM** at **ROOTS STORE** (rue Franklin 44, 1000 Brussels). In English, but French also possible. Registration **via email** at traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu mentioning "Roots workshop" in the subject. The **20 available spots** will be chosen at random from the people registered. **Deadline** for registration: **18 October at noon**.



.EU, your Digital European Identity

EURid is the registry manager of the .eu and .europa (Cyrillic script) country code top-level domains upon appointment of the European Commission in 2003. They work with around 700 partners worldwide – accredited registrars – that register

domain names for their customers.

Any company, individual or organisation residing in the European Union or in Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway can register a **.eu** or **.europa** domain name. You will find out about several success stories about people and companies that reaped the benefits of choosing .eu or its variants in other scripts.

EURid representatives will introduce their organisation and activities on Wednesday, November 8, from 2.30 to 4.30 PM at the **auditorium in Madou Tower** (Place Madou 1). Participants will receive an official certificate for their attendance. Please register using the following form: <https://goo.gl/forms/UKBCQ9ttLDAOJFoz1>. **Deadline** for the registration is Tuesday, October 31, at noon.



T-Cards

If you want to be part of the big *Trainees' Committee* family, to benefit from our [partnerships](#) and be an active member of its activities, you can purchase your T-Card at our office: Rue Joseph II 70, 02/174 during our opening hours (office hours have changed!! – look on the first and last page). You need to bring a **passport-sized photo** and **15€** in cash.



Facebook Page – "[EC Trainees' Committee](#)"



Facebook Group – "[EC Traineeship October 2017](#)"

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