

Impressions of the excursion to Brussels Summer semester 2022

Day 2

On our second day we started our Day with visiting the European Parliament. We had the chance to have a glance at the famous European plenary hall. After a nice tour through the building, we had the possibility to have a meeting with Niklas Nienaß's office manager Tim Schlößer. Niklas is a young Member of the European Parliament. He is the only representative who comes from Mecklenburg Pomerania. Tim gave us a great overview of the steps that constitute the legislation of the European Union.



Day 3

Today we first visited the Council of the European Union. Right at the start we had a meeting with Thomas Brandtner, an Adviser in the Directorate Competition, Industry, Research and Space, he is also General Directorate of Competitiveness and Trade and General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. Mr. Brandtner provided us with a good overview of the structure and functioning of the European Council and to the Council of the European Union.



After a little break we had an appointment with two impressive presentations at the European Commission. First Mr. Thomas Schleker, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, introduced us to the European Commission, more specifically the political executive of the European Union. We finished of our day with Mr. Graham Stull, the Directorate-General for Competition, with an interesting speech about the EU competition policy.



On our last day we had the opportunity to meet Prof. Dr. C Burke at the EFTA organization. A few Students already knew Mr. Burke from some law lectures he is holding in BMS. He told us a lot about the work and structure of the EFTA. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) is a regional trade organization and free trade area.

The last couple of days we had a great time getting to know all the important institutions in Brussels and who knows? Maybe one of us is going to be the next Van der Leyen! 😊

