

Programme

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Die SPD-Abgeordneten – Fraktion der
Sozialdemokraten im Europäischen Parlament





On the following pages you will find the schedule to our conference as well as descriptions of the workshops and events we have planned.

Wednesday

18th April, 2018

7 pm

Meeting of the German delegation in preparation of the conference

venue: SPD-Parteihaus,
Fischerfeldstr. 7-11, 60311 Frankfurt



Thursday

19th April, 2018

until 4 pm

Arrival and check-in

venue: A&O Hostel Frankfurt Galluswarte
Mainzer Landstraße 226-230, 60327 Frankfurt

5:30 pm

Dinner

venue: U68, DGB-Jugendclub

7 pm

**Opening ceremony, meet and greet by
Jusos Hessen-Süd and local SPD officials**

venue: DGB-Gewerkschaftshaus, Wilhelm -Leuschner-Str. 66-69

8 pm

Panel discussion with Udo Bullmann and other MEPs:

“What’s European Identity?”

venue: DGB-Gewerkschaftshaus, Wilhelm -Leuschner-Str. 66-69

10 pm

Welcome-party

hosted by local Jusos Frankfurt
venue: U68, DGB.Jugendclub

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Friday

20th April, 2018

until 8 am

Breakfast

venue: A&O Hostel
Mainzer Landstraße 226-230, 60327 Frankfurt

9 am

Preparation time for delegation display stands / introduction of the delegations

venue: SPD-Parteihaus
Fischerfeldstr. 7-11, 60311 Frankfurt

10 am

Presentation of the delegations / Market Of Possibilities

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

12:30 pm

Lunch

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

2 pm

Excursions: Europe and the Rhine-Main-Area (please choose one)

7 pm

Reception

with **Dr. Udo Bullmann, MEP**
and district board of Jusos and SPD
venue: SPD-Parteihaus

- *Visit and Talk European Space Operation Centre (ESOC) - ESA (European Space Agency) in Darmstadt*
- *Visit and Talk German Bundesbank - duties and responsibilities in the European context plus visit of the money museum*
- *Visit and Talk Deutsche Bahn AG (DB)*
- *Frankfurt Walking Tour*

Party structures in comparison – What can we learn? & Introduction PES – Network of the European Left

(speaker: Michelle Rauschkolb, YES Vice, Jusos)

How do we deal with nationalist movements? Reasons and counter-strategies

(speaker: Sophie Pornschlegel, Progressives Zentrum)

Social inequality across member states: European Trade Unions

(speaker: Markus Herrera Torrez, ETUC)

Institutions of the EU under the microscope

(speaker: Moritz Deutschmann)

Brexit – what does it mean for the European Union?

(speaker: Dr. Jens Zimmermann)

To be or not to be - what constitutes an European identity and where are we heading?

(speaker: Prof. Dr. Sandra Seubert)

European Banking regulation in the post-financial crisis era

(speakers: Dr. Cordelius Iligmann, Bijan Kaffenberger)

Labour market prospects for young people in Europe (speaker: NN)

Saturday

21th April 2018

until 8:30 am

Breakfast

venue: A&O Hostel Frankfurt Galluswarte

9:30 am

Workshops part 1
(for details please see Appendix)

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

12 pm

Lunch

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

1:30 pm

Talk with Michael Roth,
Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

2 pm

Workshops part 2
(for details please see Appendix)

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

6:30 pm

Dinner

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

8 pm

Presentation of the results of the workshops

venue: SPD-Parteihaus

10 pm

Farewell party

venue: Yachtclub

Sunday

22th April 2018

9 am

Breakfast and check-out
venue: A&O Hostel

10 pm

Concluding statements
venue: SPD-Parteihaus

12 pm

End of the Conference
venue: SPD-Parteihaus



more detailed information on the events planned

Excursions

Friday, 20th April, 2 pm

Visit and Talk European Space Operation Centre (ESOC) - ESA (European Space Agency) in Darmstadt

The ESOC (European Space Operations Centre) is the control mission of ESA - "Europes gateway to space." Since 1967 it is responsible for all ESA-satellites and the net of ground control needed for operations. ESOC oversaw more than 60 satellite operations, such as Huygens, Mars Express, Rosetta, Envisat, GOCE, Herschel/Planck. Furthermore, the centre supports countless missions of other nations, as well as those of international organizations.

Visit and Talk German Bundesbank - duties and responsibilities in the European context plus visit of the Money Museum

The Bundesbank is the central bank of Germany. Its headquarters are located in Frankfurt and it is part of the European system of central banks. We will also visit the Money Museum on site.

Frankfurt Walking Tour

Some of the most important international and European financial institutions are located in Frankfurt am Main and the city Frankfurt also played an important role in German history. In cooperation with the Jusos Frankfurt we will spend the afternoon strolling through Frankfurt, visiting all Frankfurt has to offer, including St. Paul's Church, seat of the first publicly and freely-elected German legislative body, the Roemer, Frankfurts city hall and the Main Tower, one of the highest buildings in town with a fantastic view of Frankfurts skyline.

Visit and Talk Deutsche Bahn AG (DB)

Visit and Talk Deutsche Bahn AG (DB) with a focus on european networking and a talk with the european workers council of the DB. The Deutsche Bahn AG employs people in almost all European member states and pushes the European railway integration.

All excursions take place at the same time in different places. Please choose one.

Workshops 1

Saturday, 21st April,
morning

Party structures in comparison – What can we learn? & Introduction PES – network of the European Left (speaker: Michelle Rauschkolb, YES Vice, Jusos)

We want to get to know our mutual structures and talk about similarities as well as differences between our parties. What can we learn from each other? Which methods and practices have proved successful? In reference to the recent problems of the social democracy we will search for innovative techniques for our renewal and also examine our intercommunication at the European level. How do SPE and YES work? Our referent will be Michelle Rauschkolb. Michelle is the Juso-Vice President for YES and comes from the Juso state association of Rhineland-Palatinate.

How do we deal with nationalist movements? Reasons and counter-strategies (speaker: Sophie Pornschlegel, Progressives Zentrum)

For quite some time far-right forces of different ideological backgrounds have been working to subvert democracy and rule of law in the Western World. Unfortunately in Western Europe they have been more successful in the past year than at any other time since World War II. Together with Sophie Pornschlegel of the Progressives Zentrum (Progressive Center) think tank, we will investigate core tenets of these forces, particularly their contempt of liberal governance, their virulent anti muslim ideology and their instrumentalization of current issues of social justice. Thus, we will help you to develop and implement strategies to oppose these threats.

Social inequality across member states: European Trade Unions (speaker: Markus Herrera Torrez, ETUC)

For many centuries, work has been regulated nationally. By now, the EU is gaining more and more influence in this issue. Together with Markus Herrera Torrez, referent at the European Trade Union Confederation in Brussels, we want to examine and analyze the

social injustice in Europe as well as elaborate solution approaches. Additionally, we want to take a look into the European Trade Union Cooperation.

Institutions of the EU under the microscope (speaker: Moritz Deutschmann)

The European Union in its parts and its working style is the main topic of this workshop. Our aim is to speak and discuss about a structure of the European Union that shows transparency and is close to its citizens. Moritz Deutschmann, who has been working for a long time for a member of the European Parliament, will discuss with us a “new” structure of the European Union

All workshops are taking place concurrently at the same venue.

Workshops 2

Saturday, 21st April,
afternoon

Brexit – what does it mean for the European Union? (speaker: Dr. Jens Zimmermann)

The Brexit is one of the biggest crises of the European Union as it exists today. Consequences and yet even results of necessary negotiations are not in sight. A lot of questions still remain unanswered.

The aim of the workshop is to pin-point the actual problems while speaking about possible solutions. Another main topic is the future relation between Europe and the UK. That's why we will speak about possible options that are currently on the table. Take for example a trade agreement close to CETA or the norwegian model. We are honored to have Jens Zimmermann as a speaker, who is very knowledgeable in terms of the political scene in the United Kingdom. Jens is a member of the German Parliament and a member of the German-British Parliamentary Group and in the committee of this group.

To be or not to be - what constitutes a European identity and where are we heading? (speaker: Prof. Dr. Sandra Seubert)

This workshop addresses the question of whether the existence of a European identity is essential for the development of Europe. The participants will discuss the roots, challenges and perspectives of a European identity. Keynote speaker will be Prof. Dr. Sandra Seubert, who is currently professor of political science at the Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main.

European banking regulation in the post-financial crisis era (speakers: Dr. Cordelius Iligmann, Bijan Kaffenberger)

Following the World Financial Crisis of 2007/2008 banking regulation within the European Union and its member states was reinforced and reorganized. Among other measures a european bank recovery framework was introduced to end too big to fail expectations. The workshop wants to shed light on these developments and will discuss the measures taken to strengthen the resistance of the European banking sector against future crises as well as the achievement of a harmonized European banking supervision.

Dr. Cordelius Iligmann works as head of Department for Economic Affairs in the Thuringian Ministry for Economic Affairs, Science and Digital Society. Prior to this position he worked for the European Central Bank as well as for the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority BaFin. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Münster and published various papers with regard to the financial crisis and European banking regulation.

Labour market prospects for young people in Europe (speaker: NN)

The high unemployment rate among youth, especially in southern Europe, is a frequently discussed topic. We want to examine possible counter-measures, for example a „Youth Guarantee“. Additionally, we want to take a look at the perspectives for young people at the employment market and discuss national differences. We have requested a referent of the German Federation of Trade Unions with an European focus. It is recommended to take part in the workshop for European Trade-Union cooperation but it is not mandatory.

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