

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION
SPRING SCHOOL OF EUROPE
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION SCHOOL
VENTOTENE EUROPA FESTIVAL 2025**

The social promotion association *La Nuova Europa* promotes **the Spring School of Europe. School of European Integration from 8 to 10 May 2025** (with arrival on the 7th and departure on the 11th).

The training event will be held on the island of Ventotene, symbol of the European project, as part of the 9th edition of the Ventotene Europa Festival <https://associazione.lanuovaeuropa.it/rubrica/ventotene-europa-festival/ventotene-europa-festival-info/>

The Spring School of Europe is addressed to young people from different universities in the EU countries with the aim of deepening, through an interdisciplinary and participative approach, the themes of the **History of European Integration, European Union Policies and Law**, involving experts in various fields. Lectio magistralis by internationally renowned personalities are planned.

Art. 1 - Objectives

The Spring School of Europe aims to:

1. Promoting in-depth knowledge of European integration processes;
2. Fostering the development of practical skills through thematic workshops;
3. Stimulating dialogue between young people and representatives of the European academic, economic, political and cultural world;
4. To create a network of young people capable of transmitting European values.

Art. 2 - Addressees

A maximum of **40** students who meet the following requirements may participate in the Spring School of Europe:

1. Age: between 18 and 23.
2. **University enrolment:** in the first or second year of a degree course, with particular reference to disciplines related to European themes, including:
 - Political science;
 - International Relations;
 - Law;
 - Economy;
 - Other courses with thematic affinities.

3. Required skills:

- basic knowledge of the history of European integration and European Union law;
- knowledge of English and one other official language of the European Union.

Art. 3 - Application procedure

Interested students can apply as follows:

- **individual application** by sending the required documents directly;
- **nomination by a teacher**, who may propose one or more deserving students (enclosing the relevant documentation).

Art. 4 - Required Documents

To participate in the selection, you must send:

1. Updated **curriculum vitae**, indicating personal data, educational background and skills acquired;
2. **motivational letter** (maximum 500 words), setting out:
 - the reasons why you intend to participate in the Spring School of Europe;
 - the personal and educational goals one wants to achieve by participating in the event;
 - any relevant experience in the fields covered by the Spring School of Europe.

The documentation must be submitted in PDF format (in a single file) to the email address **segreteria@lanuovaeuropa.it** no later than **5 p.m. on 31 January 2024**.

Art. 5 - Selection Criteria

Applications will be examined by the **organising committee**, which will evaluate the candidates on the basis of the following criteria:

1. **Quality of the training course**, with particular reference to its relevance to European themes;
2. **personal merit**, taking into account the baccalaureate grade and any relevant academic experience;
3. **Reasons expressed** in the cover letter, assessing the clarity, coherence and originality of the stated objectives.

The outcome of the selection will be communicated to interested parties by **15 February 2025** and can be found at <https://associazione.lanuovaeuropa.it>.

Art. 6 - Participation Fee

Board and lodging costs are the responsibility of the participants:

- **240€** for full board for 5 days and 4 nights, to be paid directly to the hotel hosting the group;
- **10€** for the basic membership fee;

Travel costs are the responsibility of the individual participants, who will travel independently to the island of Ventotene

Art. 7 - Scholarships

- **2 scholarships** are provided by the La Nuova Europa Association;
- **2 scholarships** are provided by Europe Direct Roma Tre

The scholarships (**250 euros each**) are intended to cover the participation fee - they will be awarded to the four most deserving candidates on the basis of the overall assessment of the application criteria and communicated at the time of admission by the organising committee.

Art. 8 - Programme of activities

The Spring School of Europe provides an intensive 24-hour training programme consisting of:

1. **conferences and debates** with experts and representatives of the European scientific, political and economic scene;
2. **youth working workshops** in small groups, dedicated to the analysis, simulation and solution of European problems;
3. **Guided tourist-cultural visits** to places of historical and natural interest in Ventotene, including the places of the elaboration of European thought and of the confinement;
4. **European youth dialogue moments**, aimed at sharing and reflecting collectively on the future prospects of the European Union.

The detailed programme will be communicated to the selected participants.

Article 9 - Processing of personal data

1. The data provided by candidates will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and used exclusively for purposes related to the selection for the Spring School of Europe.
2. The Data Responsible is Dr. Roberto Sommella, legal representative of Associazione La Nuova Europa APS.

Art. 10 - Information and contacts

For further information, please contact the organisational secretariat by email:
associazione@lanuovaeuropa.it