

VOICES Multicultural Festival

21-24 May 2026 - Rosarno, Italy

Agenda for international students

Day	Hour	Activity
21 MAY	All day long	Arrivals
22 MAY	7:30 - 9:30	Breakfast (included)
	9:30 - 12:00	Opening of the audiovisual exhibition "Voices from Migrations"
	9:30 - 10:00	Registrations
	10:00 - 11:00	Opening ceremony and inaugural speech by the Mayor of Rosarno
		Testimonials from students
		Display of the audiovisual exhibition "Voices from Migrations"
	11:00 - 11:45	Visit to the exhibition
	11:45 - 12:00	Transfer to the restaurant
	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
	14:00 - 18:00	Committee of the Regions (CoR) Model Simulation
	14:00 - 14:30	Welcome Speech by Mirela Mazalu, EucA Secretary-General
14:30 - 14:45	Presentation of the project and agenda by Alessia Massari, EucA Projects Coordinator	

	14:45 - 15:45	Introductory training on the Model Simulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functioning of the Committee of the Regions • Rules and roles: rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs, chairs, groups • Policywriting • Gender Planning and Gender Mainstreaming
	15:45 - 16:00	Coffee break
	16:00 -17:00	Commissions sessions - Working in groups
	17:00 - 17:45	Commissions sessions - Presentations
	17:45 - 18:00	Wrap-Up
	From 18:00	Free time

23 MAY	7:30 - 9:30	Breakfast (included)
	9:30 - 12:00	Committee of the Regions Model Simulation
	9:30 - 10:00	Registrations
	10:00 - 11:15	Commissions sessions - Amendments
	11:15 - 11:30	Coffee break
	11:30 - 13:00	Commissions sessions - Votes
	13:00 - 14:30	Lunch break
	14:30 - 15:30	Committee of the Regions Plenary simulation
	15:30 - 16:30	Closing and transfer to the Conference for the Adoption of the Action Plan
	16:30 - 19:00	Free Time / Conference for the Adoption of the Action Plan
	19:30 - 00:00	Multicultural Festival

24 MAY	<i>All day</i>	<i>Departures</i>
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CoR Model Simulation:

What is it?

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the European Union's assembly of local and regional representatives, providing sub-national authorities a direct voice in EU policy.

Established in 1994, it ensures local perspectives are considered in EU legislation. As an advisory body, the Committee provides opinions on EU legislation to the European Commission, Parliament, and Council. It focuses on strengthening cohesion, resilience, and proximity between the EU and its citizens.

What will you do?

At VOICES fifth event, you will have the chance to represent your region and offer local perspectives on integration. The simulation will function as a direct parallel to the simultaneous International Conference, where the Municipality of Rosarno and other 16 towns will adopt the ***Local Action Plan Against Racism and for Integration*** based on the policy recommendations you drafted during the first phase of this project.

This is a chance to step into the role of local decision-makers and experience first-hand how regional interests, political priorities, and social realities shape public debate. The simulation aims to strengthen your understanding of multilevel governance, foster policy-writing and public-speaking skills, and encourage critical reflection on how anti-racism measures can be effectively implemented at the local level.

What will you take home?

The program bridges the gap between youth participation and institutional processes, allowing you to not only formulate recommendations but to test them in realistic settings. By recreating the dynamics of the Committee of the Regions, you will discover the **importance of local authorities** in shaping communities while also learning to see yourself as an **active contributor** to policy development.