



General presentation EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S STAGIAIRE ASSOCIATION (EPSA)



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HISTORY (1)



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Establishment of the EPSA

- ❑ **founded in January 2007** at a Plenary Meeting organised by the then founding steering committee
- ❑ Originally, the **initiative** was led by the office of **Michael CASHMAN** (*Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament*).
- ❑ Philip PIKE and Kim L. SMOUTER, Michael CASHMAN's stagiaires at the time, proposed to fellow stagiaires a plan to form a Stagiaire Association that would work in the spheres of common interest and concern of the stagiaires
- ❑ EPSA elected its first steering committee in March 2007



HISTORY (2)



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Establishment of EPSA (2)

- In the original proposal, the stagiaire association was envisaged as a forum that would work towards the improvement of the working conditions of all stagiaires, as well as coordinating social events and inductions.
- The organisation was conceived of as an umbrella body for both the administrative stagiaires, working within the Secretariat of the European Parliament, and the political stagiaires, acting as assistants to the MEPs
- In the past, EPSA has worked with MEPs such as:
 - Micheal CASHMAN (*S&D*),
 - Jean LAMBERT (*GREENS/EFA*),
 - Gérard ONESTA (*GREENS/EFA*),
 - Stephen HUGHES (*S&D*).



Micheal CASHMAN
(*S&D*)



Gérard ONESTA
(*GREENS/EFA*)



Stephen HUGHES
(*S&D*)



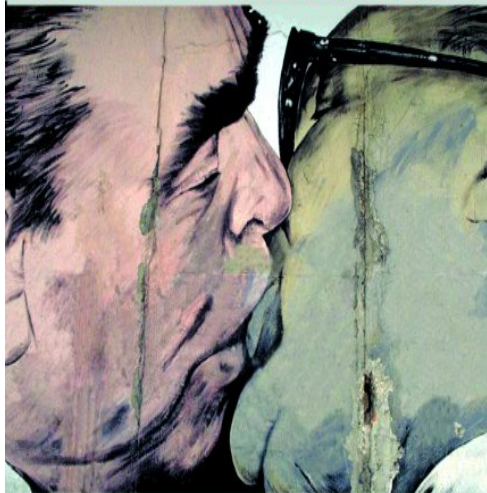
Jean LAMBERT
(*GREENS/EFA*)

HISTORY (3)



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POLITICAL PARTY!
FRIDAY 27 JUNE 10PM
HALLE ST.GÉRY



COME DRESSED AS A FAMOUS POLITICAL FIGURE FROM HISTORY OR THE PRESENT
TICKETS: 6 EUROS (ADVANCE) 10 EUROS (DOOR)
PRE-SALES:
EP CANTEEN: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11-12-14 PLACE LUX; WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY 18-21
EPSA EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STAGIAIRES ASSOCIATION

After Stage Event
Enter the EU world
Come and meet institutions, organisations and companies
Tuesday 1 July
6 pm **Ground Floor Bar**
(near the EP canteen)
contact:
www.epstage.eu
[www.facebook.com European Parliament Stagiaires](http://www.facebook.com/EuropeanParliamentStagiaires)
This is about YOUR future!

16 MAY 2008 - 9.00 pm **STAFF BAR RUE DE TREVES 42**
BLACK AND WHITE BALL
TICKET 5 EUROS
ALL NIGHT: CHEAP DRINKS
LIVE D.J.
BETSY STALIN (ANTWERP)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STAGIAIRES ASSOCIATION EPSA

First plenary meeting of EPSA
European Parliament Stagiaires Association
Friday 16 may 18pm
Room A3H1

Free cocktail hosted by EPSA for all the participants!
Don't forget, at 9pm **BlackandWhite party!**
All the EP stagiaires are invited to participate

VISION and MISSION



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EPSA

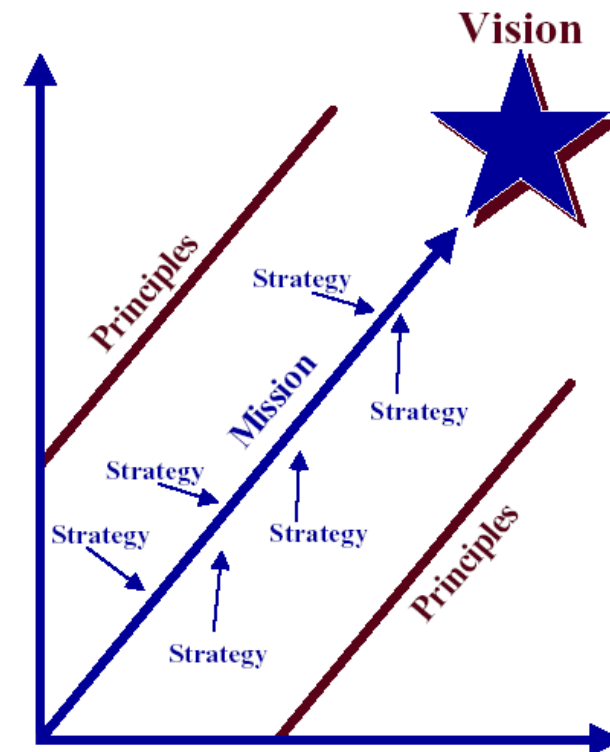
- is an independent, democratic, stagiaire-led platform, representing, in the European Parliament, the interests of both the administrative stagiaires within the Secretariat of the European Parliament, and the political stagiaires acting as assistants-trainees to MEPs, totalling over 100 trainees from both the EU and further afield in each intake

VISION

- To be the voice of interns in the European Parliament, supporting and encouraging them to achieve their fullest potential as citizens of Europe and the World through positive and active participation

MISSION

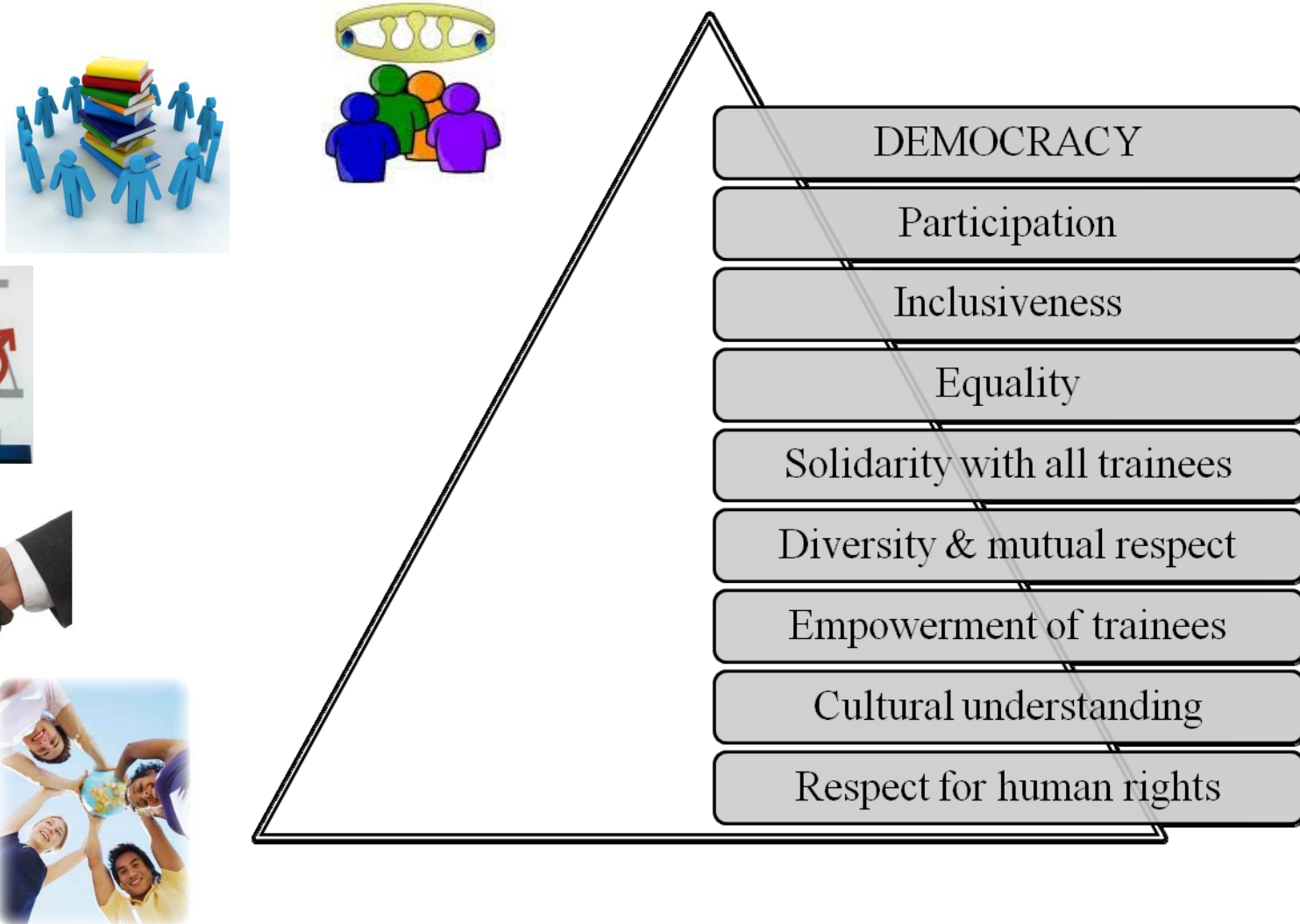
- To serve and defend the economic, social, professional and moral interests of the stagiaires in the European Parliament



VALUES



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STATISTICS



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Paid traineeships at the European Parliament's Secretariat

Year	2010						2009			2008			
	Number												
Applicants	7354						5050			4099			
	March			October									
	3180			4174									
Recruited	193			?			367			364			
	Gender												
	Females			Males			Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	
Applicants	65%			35%			64%	36%	65%	35%			
Recruited	March	October		March	October		71%	29%	67%	33%			
	63%	?		37%	?								
	Nationality												
Country	EU*		Non EU			IT*		EU*	Non EU	IT*	EU*	Non EU	IT*
Applicants	95%		5%			34%		94%	6%	30%	95%	5%	23%
Recruited	March			October			93%	7%	15%	93%	7%	14%	
	EU*	Non EU	IT*	EU*	Non EU	IT*							
	95%	5%	17%	?	?	?							
	Age												
	20-25		26-30		>30		20-25	26-30	>30	20-25	26-30	>30	
Applicants	39%		49%		12%		39%	49%	12%	41%	48%	11%	
Recruited	March			October			43%	49%	7%	47%	46%	7%	
	20-25	26-30	>30	20-25	26-30	>30							
	34%	56%	10%	?	?	?							

Source: The European Parliament's Traineeship office, on 7th of June, 2010

STATISTICS (2)



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Paid traineeships at the European Parliament's Secretariat

Year	2010	2009	2008
DG's			
Applicants			
PRES	11,0%	11,5%	11,5%
IPOL	20,5%	20,0%	20,5%
EXPO	23,0%	25,0%	27,0%
COMM	21,0%	20,0%	17,5%
PERS	3,5%	3,5%	3,5%
INLO	2,0%	1,5%	1,5%
TRAD	3,0%	2,0%	4,0%
INTE	3,0%	1,5%	1,5%
FINS	2,5%	2,5%	0,5%
ITEC	1,0%	2,5%	3,5%
CP	5,0%	5,5%	6,0%
SJ	4,5%	4,5%	3,0%
SH*			
Recruited trainees	March		
PRES	12,5%	9,0%	9,5%
IPOL	15,0%	13,0%	17,5%
EXPO	9,5%	13,5%	15,0%
COMM	45,0%	50,0%	45,5%
PERS	3,0%	5,0%	3,5%
INLO	3,5%	1,5%	2,5%
TRAD	2,0%	2,0%	0,5%
INTE	1,0%	1,5%	1,0%
FINS	1,5%	0,0%	0,0%
ITEC	1,5%	2,0%	2,0%
CP	1,5%	0,5%	1,5%
SJ	3,0%	1,5%	1,5%
SH*	1,0%	0,5%	0,0%

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ACTIVITIES



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- Lobbying for the interests of all trainees within the European Parliament
- debates, exchanges of experience
- seminars, conferences
- e-publications (*e.g.* weekly e-newsletter) & website management
- social & networking events (parties, sport competitions)
- language classes
- field trips to European and international institutions

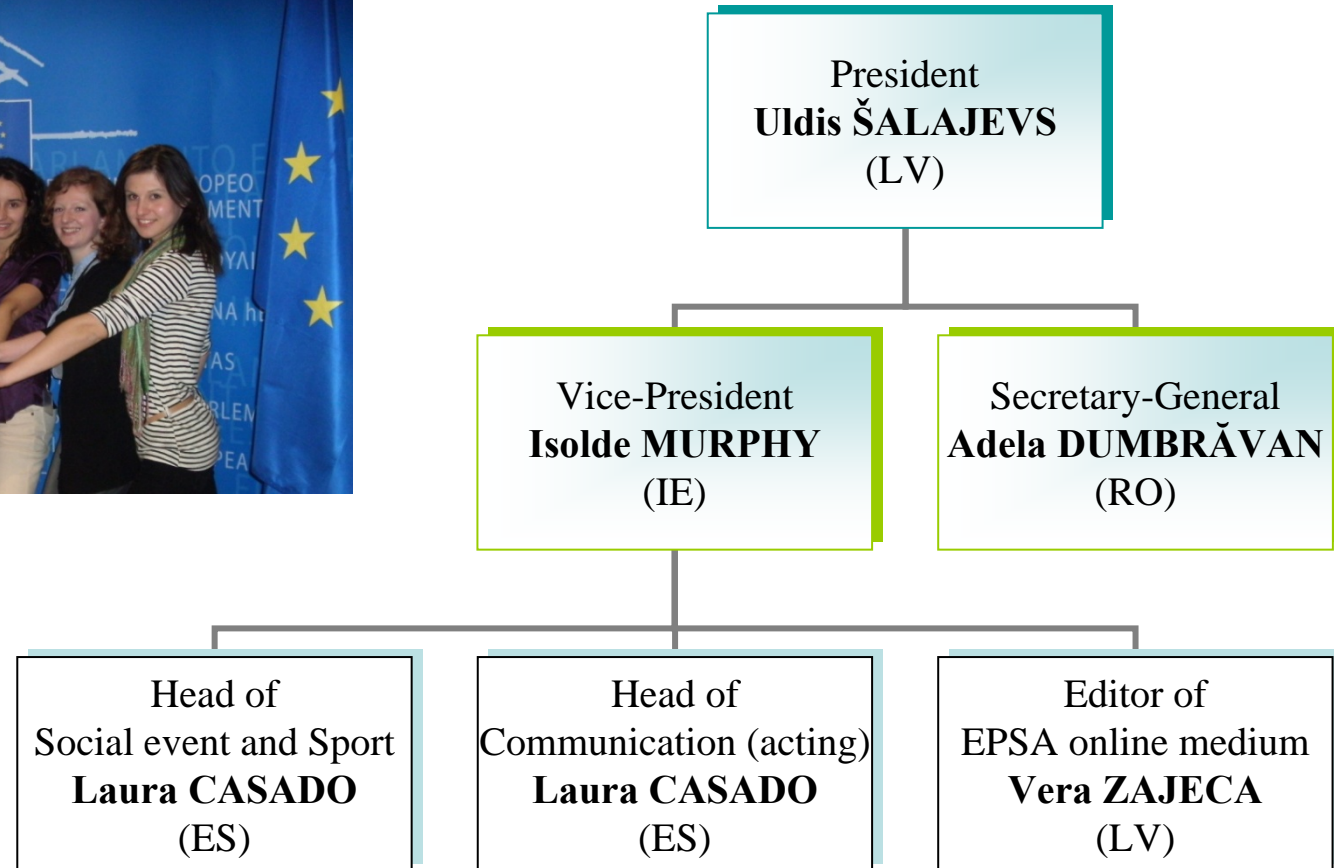


EPSA Spring-2010 board

25/03-01/10/2010



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Info:

Head of Communication - Ms Agata GIERCZAK (25/03-10/06/2010)

Head of Communication (*acting*) - Ms Laura CASADO (11/06/2010- present)

Head of Social event and Sport - Ms Laura CASADO (25/03-10/06/2010)

EPSA Spring-2010 board (2)



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President,
Uldis ŠALAJEVS (Latvia, 27y.)

▪ Graduated Latvia University of Agriculture (www.ltu.lv) in field of IT (Bc.sc.ing.) in 2007 in Latvia; ERASMUS student (European Project semester) at *Avans Hogeschool* (www.avans.nl) in 's-Hertogenbosch in the Netherlands (2005)

- Trainee at the European Parliament for 8 month (until 30/6/2010). He has several work experience in Latvia in fields of EU structural funds and in abroad – in Belgium, in Germany, in the Netherlands, incl. NGOs (European youth policy)
- Languages: Latvian (mother tongue), good knowledge of English, German, Russian; basic – French and Dutch.
- Social active at international level, competence: European youth issues, youth policy, lobby, advocacy in working with EU institutions



Vice-president,
Isolde MURPHY (Ireland)

- Graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 2008 with BA (Hons) in European Studies; ERASMUS student exchange program at the Universidad de Sevilla in 2006
- Currently working as a trainee in DG PRES, with diverse previous work experience in the fields of science policy and education, tourism, journalism and administration
- Participated in Model United Nations and Model European Parliament conferences, advocate of European youth movements i.e Yes to Lisbon
- Languages: English (Mother tongue), Spanish and Irish, basic knowledge of Italian and French



Secretary-General,
Adela DUMBRĂVAN
(Romania, 23 y.)

- Trainee in the European Parliament, DG PRES, Legislative Acts Unit (lawyer-linguist). Law graduate specialising in Public International Law and Human Rights (in Romania and The Netherlands)
- Work experience: legal assistant; project assistant with the Romanian Peace Institute (PATRIR); intern at the Romanian Ministry of Justice
- Languages: Romanian (mother tongue), English (advanced), French (intermediate), Italian (basic), Spanish (basic)
- Hobbies: dancing, travelling, reading, discovering cultures and people.



Head of Social event, Sport
Laura CASADO (Spain)

- Graduated from Complutense University, Madrid, in 2008 with master degree in Communication

- Management ERASMUS student exchange program at the Università degli studi di Siena.
- Currently working as a trainee in DG COMM, with diverse previous work experience in the fields of Communication and PR, working in international teams across Europe and the United States.
- Brought up in a multicultural and international atmosphere
- Fluent in Spanish, English, French and Italian



Editor of EPSA online medium,
Vera ZAJECA (Latvia, 24 y.)

- Graduated University of Latvia in 2009 with Masters degree in Communication science (with excellence); Co-author of the book "Latvian University 90 years: the Life" (2009) and "Yearbook of Latvian Contemporary Architecture and Construction 2008";
- Currently working as a trainee at the European Parliament (DG IPOL, Editorial Unit), with more than 6 years previous professional experience in journalism (TV, press, online media) by working as journalist, editor and editor-in-chief.
- Have worked as scientific assistant in University of Latvia, participated in scientific conferences with reports on political and identity related issues, have written scientific articles on the same topics.
- Languages: Latvian, Russian (mother tongue), English.

ACHIEVEMENTS



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- **Access Pass**
EPSA were instrumental in bringing about the changes in rules granting administrative stagiaires fully functioning access passes for the Parliament buildings
- **Job Fair**
- **Meet and Greet with the president of the European Parliament**
- **Conferences (New Legislation 2009)**
- **Seminars (EU evolution)**
- **Trips (ex: Bruges, Antwerp, OECD, NATO)**
- **Language courses**

ACHIEVEMENTS (2)



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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S STAGIAIRE ASSOCIATION
is pleased to invite you to a seminar-discussion

LOBBYING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS - A PART OF BRUSSELS LIFE AND EU POLITICS

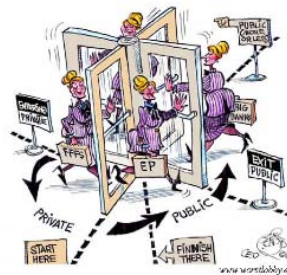
On Thursday, 24 June 2010
in the European Parliament
(60, rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60, Bruxelles/Brussel)
Bât. Altiero Spinelli, Room **A1G-2**
15:00-17:00

SPEAKERS:

- Mr **Robert MACK**,
CEO of BURSON-MARSTELLER Brussels and
Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee, 'European
Public Affairs Consultancies' Association, EPACA
- Mr **Frank SCHWALBA-HOTI**,
former MEP, founding member of the German Greens and
independent Political Analyst and Strategist
- Ms **Natacha CINGOTTI**,
Lobby transparency and corporate power,
"Friends of the Earth Europe"
- Mr **Björn HULTIN**,
Independent Political Organization Professional

THEMES:

- What is **lobbying**, why, where and how to lobby?
- Who are the **lobbyists**?
- Differences between **lobbying**, **advocacy**, **public affairs** and **corruption**
- Is **lobbying legal**, and in which **countries**? Should it become **legal**? **How**?
- Lobbying - **evolution** from the **past** to the **present** day
- What are the **best practices** and **strategies for successful lobbying**?
- The **ethics** of lobby (**code of conduct**)
- **How much do** the top 50 companies in the EU **spend on lobbying**?



MODERATOR: **Uldis ŠALAJEVS**, President of the European Parliament's Stagiaire Association

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This meeting is open to the public. However, for security reasons, participants who do not have a European Parliament access badge must obtain a pass in advance. Those wishing to obtain such a pass should send an e-mail to info@cpstage.eu before 23 June 2010, containing your **full name, address and date of birth**. Without this information, the Security Service will not provide entry passes.

60, rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60
B-1047 Bruxelles/Brussel, Belgium

www.cpstage.eu

E-mail: info@cpstage.eu

- EPSA seminar in the European Parliament
24/06/2010 - "Lobbying and public affairs - a part of
Brussels life and EU politics", organized by EPSA
Participants – around 120

WORKPROGRAMME 2010



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- ❑ **Recognition** of EPSA within the Parliament and outside, i.e. **visibility & reliability**
- ❑ **Fundraising and sponsorship**, in order to organise events for the stagiaires in the Parliament
- ❑ To create a **jobs advertisement desk**; good contacts with potential employers
- ❑ To provide **professional training** (incl. language courses)
- ❑ Create & Approve **Statutes** of EPSA (legal issues)
- ❑ To create an **ALUMNI database**
- ❑ To have a **dedicated office** for EPSA within the European Parliament
- ❑ To foster a good **working-environment** for the EPSA board

EPSA is waiting for you!



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Thank you for your attention!
The EPSA team is ready to help you!



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