



## PROGRAM OF DEBATE CLUB 2023

15-17. December 2023

Odorheiu Secuiesc/Székelyudvarhely, Harghita county, Romania

**Harghita Business Center,**

II. Rákóczi Ferenc street, no. 84

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15.

15:00 – 21:00	Arrivals of speakers and participants
21:00 -	Dinner at the <a href="#">hotel</a> , Odorheiu Secuiesc

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16.

9:00	Breakfast at the <a href="#">hotel</a> , Odorheiu Secuiesc
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Opening of the program: Brief overview of the Debate Club</b>  <i>Péter KOVÁCS</i> , vice-president of Kós Károly Academy Foundation (KKA)  <i>Katerina JAKIMOVSKA</i> , Senior Event Officer, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES)  <i>Lóránt ANTAL</i> , senator, RMDSZ  <i>Barna Botond BÍRÓ</i> , vice-president, Harghita County Council  <i>Szilárd TORNAI</i> , program coordinator
10:30 – 11:00	<b>1. DEBATE: Feminist Movements and Gender Equality in the EU:</b> "In the context of the European Union, feminist movements need to be critically evaluated to ensure they contribute to reducing rather than inadvertently increasing gender inequality."
11:00 – 11:30	<b>2. DEBATE: EU's Authority Over Member States:</b> "To facilitate more effective policy decisions, the European Union should consider the implications and benefits of increasing its authority over member states, while respecting their sovereignty."



11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:30	3. <b>DEBATE: Adoption Policies for Same-Sex Couples in the EU:</b> "The European Union must examine its stance on adoption by same-sex couples, balancing societal values with the rights and welfare of children."
12:30 – 13:00	4. <b>DEBATE: EU Immigration Policy:</b> "The European Union should reassess its immigration policies to find an effective balance between strict control and humanitarian responsibilities."
13:00 – 13:30	5. <b>DEBATE: Use of Animals in Research within the EU:</b> "The ethical considerations of using animals for experimental purposes in the EU need to be reevaluated in light of advancing scientific alternatives and animal welfare standards."
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch at Harghita Business Center, II. Rákóczi Ferenc no. 84
14:30 – 15:10	1. <b>Debate of the best teams – Intelligent Algorithms in Justice System:</b> "The potential for intelligent algorithms to enhance decision-making in the justice system should be explored, considering the implications for fairness and efficiency in the European context."
15:10 – 15:50	2. <b>Debate of the best teams – Intelligent Algorithms in Political Decision-Making:</b> "The European Union should consider the role of intelligent algorithms in political decision-making, weighing the benefits for improved governance against ethical and practical concerns."
15:50 – 16:10	Coffee break
16:10 – 17:10	<p><b>EU Debate: The European Youth ahead of the upcoming EU elections</b></p> <p><i>Katerina Jakimovska</i>, Senior Event Officer, WMCES</p> <p>moderator: <i>Szilárd TORNAI</i>, vice-president of MIÉRT</p>



17:10 – 18:00	3. The main debate between the two best teams – <i>Consumer Choice in Capitalism: "The notion of consumer choice freedom in capitalism, particularly within the European Union, should be critically examined to determine if it is a reality or an illusion."</i>
18:00 – 18:30	Break
18:30 – 19:00	Evaluation of the event, awarding the certificates
19:00-20:00	Dinner at the <a href="#">hotel</a> , Odorheiu Secuiesc
<b><u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17.</u></b>	
8:00-9:00	Breakfast at the <a href="#">hotel</a> , Odorheiu Secuiesc
9:30-	Departures

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