

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
The Estoril Political Forum
Europaeum Special Debate
Estoril, Portugal | 1-3 June 2026



Applications are invited to attend the 34th edition of the Estoril Political Forum, organised by the Institute for Political Studies at the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP), Lisbon. The year's theme is **'independence in an interdependent world'**.

As usual, this year, we will once again host the so-called **Europaeum Special Debate**, which will be run in the style of an Oxford Union debate. During the debate, students will speak for or against a given proposition, with expert help on hand, before an open vote of the audience is taken to decide which side has won. This year's topic for debate is: **"This House would prioritise global cooperation over national independence"**.

Applicants must be postgraduates (Master's or PhD students) and must be attending a university that is a member of the [Europaeum network](#).

To apply, please send a completed [Europaeum application form](#), a brief CV, an academic reference and a 300-word response to the debate topic outlined above to applications@europaeum.org.



Reasonable travel expenses to and from Estoril in Portugal, as well as accommodation and board during event days, will be covered for selected participants.

Deadline for submission of applications: 30 March 2026