

## **EU+ 2016**

### **01-02 February 2016, Bacharach**

#### **Description of the 2016 event:**

“Junior Campus EU+” 2016, held on 1-2 February 2016 in Bacharach, involved 46 students from the Elisabeth-Langgässer High School in Alzey and the High School Bad Kreuznach who slipped into the role of European Council members of the 28 member states of the European Union and the accession candidate Serbia. After being instructed in the rules of procedure in the Council by academic staff, the member states representatives gave introductory speeches on the position of their state before the accession candidate presented its proposal in the Council. In the following sessions and days the member states discussed intensively on prerequisites for accession and drafted an accession treaty, while they also gave interviews to the media, played by the teachers, and repeatedly had informal conversations within the Council, at the lunch or with Serbian representatives. During the simulation, which included a debriefing of the pupils, the young Europeans learned how the bodies of the European Union work, how to find compromises in negotiations that involve diverging interests and had a first-hand experience on EU decision-making. This initiative raised the interest of pupils in European integration, which will in the medium and long term also positively.