



# Alumni Newsletter

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## The Alumni Europae Family

Currently 3.000 members

## A Message from Günther Oettinger

Günther Oettinger, EU Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources, has been enthusiastic about the establishment of an alumni network. Recently, a statement was made on the European Commission's intranet stating: "The Commissioner also launched the idea of creating an alumni association for the European Schools that would bring together all students leaving the system. He asked the Directors to keep contact details of the alumni, in order to bring them together at the European level, possibly also to discuss the future perspectives of the schools."

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## Meetings and Events

**January 2018**  
Monthly Board Meeting in  
Brussels

**March 19, 2018**  
First newsletter of 2018!

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## A Note from the Editor

Welcome to the first edition of the Alumni Europae newsletter!

We are happy to launch this newsletter in order to keep you, the European School family, up to date and informed about the Alumni Europae and its development.

The Alumni Europae newsletter will be sent out via email on a quarterly basis. The next one will be published on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, please do not hesitate to send it to us. All articles may be sent up to one month in advance of the publishing date to [Alumni@esffm.org](mailto:Alumni@esffm.org). If you know anyone who would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list, please let us know at [Alumni@esffm.org](mailto:Alumni@esffm.org).

As this is the first newsletter, we welcome any comments that you might have. Our goal is to create a newsletter that is informative, dynamic and well received.

On behalf of the board, the entire Alumni Europae team and myself, we wish you an enjoyable and informative "read" with this and all upcoming newsletters!

Sincerely,

*Reinhold Ziegler, Chairman of Alumni Europae  
The Alumni Europae Board  
and  
your Editor, Audrey Herz*

## A Closer Look – The Alumni Europae

The goal of the Alumni Europae is to provide a private, secure platform exclusively for alumni from 25 European Schools. It is the only alumni organization of the European Schools and aims to provide a unique service. Via this platform, alumni can not only keep in touch with one another as they leave school, but also exchange information and draw from the experiences of older alumni.

Currently, there are 3.000 alumni in the Alumni Europae. Although this is a small handful, it is a good start to an expansive network.

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## A Message from Günther Oettinger

On November 15th, Mr. Kilian Gross, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Oettinger, offered three members of our Board (Reinhold Ziegler, Michel Stenger and Guy Janaway) an hour to present the "raison d'être" of Alumni Europae. It was a great opportunity to officially explain what the network is all about, what we are looking for and how we hope to cooperate with the European Commission.

Prior to the meeting, it was very helpful to hear Mr. Oettinger's official internal statement regarding the issue: "The Commissioner also launched the idea of creating an alumni association for the European Schools that would bring together all students leaving the system. He asked the Directors to keep contact details of the alumni, in order to bring them together at the European level, possibly also to discuss the future perspectives of the schools."

The key element of the meeting focussed on financial issues regarding the decisive growth path planned for the next two years. The need for a competitive website, a website-manager, an office and PR-relevant-activities require substantial financial support. Mr. Gross will inform the Alumni Europae in the near future as to what the support will look like.

The mission of the meeting was to show the work that has been done to date and to present the alumni network as a start-up in need of seed financing. Many valuable resources have to date, not been mobilized to their full extent due to lack of financial backing. The potential of the network in terms of strength and diversity, as well as the support of European values, are unique and valuable, and should be continued. Several days after the meeting, the Commission sent an email stating that it is working on a viable solution for our needs.

*- Reinhold Ziegler, Chairman Alumni Europae*

### In the next issue...

"Spotlight" on **Guy Janaway**, Young, British and a successful Alumnus.

What Are Our New Years Resolutions? More Goals for 2018...

and...

Making the Alumni Europae a Top Alumni Program

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The Alumni Europae will be purchasing software that will manage the alumni pool and enable graduating students to register online as members. Each member will be able to set up a profile and share information about his/her educational background, professional status, etc. Members will then be able to profit from each other's educational or professional experiences. As young alumni begin to enter the job market, they may for example, draw on the network when looking for internships, permanent positions or job advice. Experienced professionals will profit from each other's expertise.

The IT system will be maintained by a full time specialist based in Brussels, in an office of one of the board members. The European Schools in Brussels and Varese, and the Parents Association generously provide funding for maintaining the system. Additional sponsorship from the other European schools is encouraged.

The Alumni Europae aims to not only connect alumni virtually but will also host a variety of networking meetings and presentations for graduating students and network members. Dates, times and locations of events will be announced via the newsletter and email reminders.

An alumni association in this format is not common in most of Europe but has proven very effective in many schools globally. As alumni from the European Schools move to cities around the world, a truly strong, international network will develop.

**Happy Holidays  
and  
Happy New Year  
from the  
Alumni Europae  
Team!**

# *Ideas and Notes*

Please visit our website: [www.alumniuropae.org](http://www.alumniuropae.org)

We look forward to your visit and feedback!

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlumniEuropae/>

**Upcoming Events:** Easter and summer will be alumni time!