

Seventeenth SEKMUN Meeting Madrid

Face-to-face, 8-10 March 2023

Virtual, 7-10 March 2023

What is SEKMUN?

SEKMUN is an educational and cultural project authorised by the UN, which applies the “United Nations Model” at SEK International Schools.

The “United Nations Model” was started in the 1946’s by a group of students who simulated a UN General Assembly and assemblies of other multilateral bodies.

Who takes part in SEKMUN?

At SEKMUN, year 4 ESO and year 1 Baccalaureate students from SEK International Schools and other guest international schools, and in particular IB schools, will reflect and work on current affairs and international politics within the framework of the United Nations. The vehicular languages will be Spanish and English.

Since 2002, over 4,000 SEK International School students have taken part.

When and where will SEKMUN take place?

The seventeenth SEKMUN meeting will take place on 8, 9 and 10 March 2023 entitled ‘Dialogue for coexistence’ at Camilo José Cela University, Villafranca del Castillo, Madrid. In this edition there will be a virtual space that will accommodate two of our committees and which will start on 7 March 2023.

How will SEKMUN be carried out?

The success of the model lies in the preparation by participant students of public speech, debate, negotiation, drafting and research skills. In SEKMUN participants implement the ideal that the best way to solve conflict is through dialogue rather than violence.

The success of the model resides in preparing students in persuasion, oratory, debate, negotiation, and in researching and writing reports on subjects. Furthermore, it puts into practice the ideal that non-violent dialogue is the best way to resolve conflicts.

Each school will represent certain countries, chosen from the 15 countries of the United Nations Security Council which will also be represented at the UN General Assembly, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UNICEF Executive Board, UNESCO Executive Board, World Tourism Organization (UNTWO), FAO Council, Security Council, Human Rights Council, World Health Organization and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC). The delegations shall be composed of three delegates to the General Assembly; one delegate to the Security Council; one to the Human Rights Council; one to UNICEF Executive Board; one to the ECOSOC; one to the UNESCO Executive Board; one to the World Tourism Organization; to the FAO Council, one to WHO and one to UNDOC. In the online format there will also be a delegate for the fourth council of the General Assembly and one delegate for CIGEPS. There will also be representatives of “authorities”, “page boys/girls” (in charge of all logistics) and a Press and Public Relations Office.

Why is SEKMUN applied to teaching?

Because the United Nations and its organisational system is a model for building global awareness of the fact that all citizens, irrespective of their condition, may make a major contribution to society.

The model entails a positive reinforcement of values such as respect, dignity, freedom and solidarity, It also promotes the development of transversal skills and techniques essential for the personal and professional future of our students, namely public speech, critical thinking, debate and research.

Registration:

In person: €125 per school; €135 per student and €100 per teacher (includes material, coffee breaks, lunches and party).
Virtual: €40 per student (includes training, access to the platform and materials)

Deadline: 10 January 2023

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SEKMUN space

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