Directorate B – Representations in Member States

What is EU Back to School/EU Back to University?





Back to University



'EU Back to School' and 'EU Back to University' are initiatives whereby European Union officials go back to their former secondary schools or universities, and discuss their experiences in the EU.

The initiative aims to give young people the chance to get to know the European project from close up, and EU staff becomes the 'face' of Europe for a day.

After discussion with the teacher/professor, the EU officials can share their personal experience with Europe and discuss a variety of topics related to the European Union, with students.

Students get to ask a number of questions of interest to them and can find out more about the EU and the opportunities it can offer them.

The schools and universities which have already participated in the exercise tend to appreciate this personal way of raising awareness of Europe among their students.

In 2017, over 500 EU officials and members of national governments returned to their former school or university benches in the Member States and spoke with over 60,000 students.