

Istanbul EUCO

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Declaration

This is the official annual Convention of the Rotary International approved multi-district information organization (MDIO) *European Rotaract Information Center (ERIC)*, which includes 125 districts and 39 countries in the European RI zones.

As such, all District Rotaract Representatives (DRRs) of the participating districts are requested to attend the Convention. A list of the districts that constitute the MDIO can be found on the webpage www.rotaract.org

In addition to the DRRs, the ERIC Committee, which serves to co-ordinate activities and facilitate communication between the districts, is also requested to attend. This committee consists of the appointed ERIC Country Representatives and the ERIC Executive Board.

It is essential that as many DRRs and members of the ERIC Committee as possible attend, as to ensure the continuous longevity of the MDIO. In addition to the Convention, there will also be conducted a series of leadership workshop, seminars and knowledge-sharing sessions to improve the leadership- and organizational skills of the attendees.

Learning-points

At the Convention the participants are expected to achieve the following (please consult the subsequent page for an exact list of activities):

- Exchange ideas and experiences with others as to be able to bring back to the district feedback that can improve its activities.
- Get information about activities in other countries that can inspire, as well as encourage, Rotaractors to engage in cross-district activities.
- Learn about and participate in service projects like the Pan-European and Best European Service projects.
- Coordinate activities between districts, such as Twin Clubbing, Cross-District Service Projects and Friendship Clubs.
- Learn how to become better leaders and acquire organizational skills.

Activities

Workshops/Seminars

- DRR training seminar for ALL incoming DRRs.
- DRR workshop for single country districts.
- DRR workshop for multi-country districts.
- Teambuilding for all participants.
- Workshop on Guest Relations.

Knowledge-sharing sessions/Plenary discussions

- **University based clubs and Community based clubs:**
What are the differences and likenesses? And what can we learn from each other?
- **Linkages to the Rotary Family:**
How to improve internal relations within the Rotary Family and keep members within the family throughout several generations?
- **Managing all the aspects of Rotaract:**
What are the various aspects of Rotaract? And how do we succeed in encompassing them all in our daily activities?
- **Alumni relations:**
What kind of resources are alumni members? And how can they be activated?
- **RFDP:** Rotary Action Group for Population and Development

Meetings

- European Rotaract Convention for all participants.
- ERIC Meeting for all ERIC Committee members.
- ERIC Board meeting.
- ERIC Board-elect meeting.

Yours in Rotaract, Benoît Klinkers
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