

**Overview of the initiatives for the students,  
organised by the Local Committee for the College of Europe on an annual basis**

September

- Bruges Day: discovering the region
  - Presentation of the administrative organisation, the economics and the European regional policy of the Province of West-Flanders at the Provincial Palace offered by the Governor;
  - Visit to the harbour of Zeebrugge with presentations on topics related to the harbour, organised by the Port Authorities of Zeebrugge
  - Welcome drink at the City Hall, offered by the Mayor of Bruges.
- Information evening on Bruges by Mr R. De Nolf, official guide;
- Welcome reception at the Concertgebouw in order to inform the students of the upcoming cultural programme;
- The Language Service gives students the opportunity to participate in a 'Dutch weekend' concentrating on learning some basic practical Dutch, with a visit to the Chocolate Museum and a walk through Bruges.
- Guided tours.

October

- Open day in the College residences: neighbours and some guests are invited for a drink with the students.

January

- Guided tours in Bruges for students and/or assistants of the Bruges and Natolin campuses;
- Seminar by Mr Luc Gyselen – alumnus of the College – on 'EC Competition Policy: from Gamekeeper to Poacher' (open to the public and students, not every year).

February

- Nocturne at the Bruges Groeninge Museum for staff and students of the College, organised by the Friends of the Museum, Bruges;
- Bruges' host families receive students from the College for an informal dinner.

March

- Art exhibition in the foyer of the College of Europe with works of art of employees and students.

May

- 9 May: annual European Concert in Bruges on Europe Day. The profits of this concert are donated to the Students' Fund, gathering funds to provide scholarships for Belgian students applying at the College;
- Bike trip to Damme for students.

June

- Farewell reception for the students, offered by the Mayor at the City Hall. All Bruges College students become lifelong citizens of Bruges.

Other

- Students of the College playing football matches against local football clubs;
- Students of the College have informal conversations in their mother tongue in adult formation schools;
- Building up a network of contacts to inform as many people as possible of the public conferences organised at the College;
- Through the academic year all students have the opportunity to take Dutch lessons;
- Close cooperation between the Chamber of Commerce in order to exchange knowledge and experiences amongst local companies and students of the College.