# LESSON PLAN

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**LESSON NAME:** A virtual trip across the European Institutions
**DURATION**: 2 x 60 minutes
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## OVERVIEW

Since its establishment by the Maastricht Treaty in 1993 the European Union has not stopped growing, not only in number of member states but also in institutions that govern it and which are becoming more and more important in the European politics.

The main objective of this lesson is to acquaint our students with some of these institutions: where they are, how they are composed, how they run work that takes place in them.

As European citizens, we should all know what are the main institutions that govern the European Union and the host cities of each one, because ignorance builds walls, but knowledge creates links.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be able to:

✓ name and recognise the main institutions of the European Union

✓ understand and remember the main objective of each institution

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- ✓ identify the city where the institution is.
- ✓ recognise the building which hosts each one
- ✓ remove the background of a photograph to cut a silhouette
- ✓ combine multiple images using different layers

## PREPARATION AND MATERIALS

**MATERIALS**

- ✓ Computer room
- ✓ Internet access
- ✓ Video projector
- ✓ Photo camera, mobile or tablet with photo camera
- ✓ Green cardboard
- ✓ Software for image edition

**PREPARATION**

- ✓ Choose a place in the classroom with good lighting and enough space to turn it into a photo studio
- ✓ Form a panel of green cardboard on the wall
- ✓ Divide students into groups of 3 or 4 people

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## PROCEDURE

- ✓ **Bring** together all the students in a classroom with a projector for watching a video from a platform like Youtube or Vimeo about the European Union and its institutions, not longer than 10 or 15 minutes.

- ✓ **Divide** students in groups and invite them to search more information about the most important European Institutions on the Internet and download photos of their buildings and their towns.

- ✓ Each group takes photos of their students in front of the green cardboard panel.

- ✓ With an editing image program take off the background of the photos keeping the students' silhouette. (Watch a tutorial on the Internet if necessary).

- ✓ With the same program, put their silhouettes in front of the building or the city view using different layers. (Watch a tutorial on the Internet if necessary).

- ✓ At the end of the session make a general pass of photos

## LINK SUGGESTION

http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/

http://en.strasbourg-europe.eu/detailed-explanations-about-the-institutions-of-the-european-union,3214,en.html

**Removing a green screen:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIlnc_j7RYY

**How to blend two pictures together:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn79JgA-gfM