

## Excursion to Brussels 27.- 31.05.2024

This year the excursion to Brussels with decan Prof. Dr. Danker once again took place. Most of the students arrived in Belgium's capital on Monday the 27. and met up with the decan in a restaurant to start off the week. The next day began early with a visit to the information office of the land Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, where Dr. Merten Barnert, the assistant director of the office, explained the tasks of the office in Brussels and the cooperation between Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and the European Union. On Wednesday the group visited the EU parliament, where they listened to a presentation about the institution and afterwards had the opportunity to look at the plenary room from the outside. In the afternoon, on invitation of Prof. Dr. Burke, the students listened to two more presentations at the EFTA (European Fair Trade Association) office, held by him, as he also works in the EFTA Surveillance Authority, as well as one of his colleagues from the EFTA secretariat, Erland Serendahl. Later, in the evening, the students met up with the decan and Prof. Dr. Burke to have an exchange about study and work matters. The last day consisted of visits to the Council of the European Union and the EU commission. At the Council of the European Union the students saw the buildings, that were possible to visit, which also contained the Consilium (the "heart of the EU"). To round out the excursion, the students listened to two presentations at the EU commission, held Ulrich Trautmann (expert on trade) and Apostolos Papadimitriou (expert on competition).

