

CHALLENGE 2025

Local Florida Euro Challenge Competition 2025
Friday, March 14th, 2025 | 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. | FIU



From left to right: Markus Thiel, Maria Lorca-Susino, and Gloria Guzman

Florida High School Students Compete in Prestigious Euro Challenge at FIU

On March 14, 2025, the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence proudly hosted the Florida Preliminary Round of the Euro Challenge Competition—one of the European Union Delegation's most impactful youth outreach programs in the United States. Held at Florida International University (FIU), this marks the 19th year of the competition at FIU and the 18th year of partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Miami Branch.

This year, nine high schools from across Florida participated. Seven schools from Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties competed in person at FIU, while two schools from Alachua,

Orange, and Palm Beach counties joined via video conference on March 13.

The Euro Challenge invites 9th and 10th grade students with interests in law, international relations, economics, and the humanities to form teams of three to five members. These teams research economic challenges faced by Eurozone countries, propose policy solutions, and present their findings to a panel of judges. This year's topics included:

- Climate Change and Going Green
- Managing Migration Flows
- Inequality, Social Mobility and the Gender Gap
- Boosting Growth, Competitiveness, and Prosperity
- High Government Deficits and Debt

Students focused on six EU countries: Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, and Spain.



Archimedean Upper Conservatory presenting "Spain and Boosting Growth, Competitiveness, and Prosperity"

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Gulliver Preparatory School: 1st place in Florida

"We've been preparing for the competition for about a year, and are thrilled to present our project on *France and Managing Migration Flows*," said one enthusiastic student.

The competition also welcomed distinguished judges from the community, including Gloria Guzman, Senior Economic & Financial Education Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Miami Branch. Judges evaluated not only the students' grasp of economic concepts and indicators but also their teamwork, presentation flow, and public speaking skills.

"Each year, the presentations improve. We look for students' understanding of their country's economic challenges and their ability to communicate effectively as a team," said Guzman.

Three Florida schools advanced to the national competition in New York City on April 28, 2025:

1. **Gulliver Preparatory School – 1st Place**
2. **Archimedean Upper Conservatory – 2nd Place**
3. **Florida Atlantic University High School – 3rd Place**

Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, has been a driving force behind the Florida competition

since its inception. She is the recruiter and organizer of the preliminary competition in Florida.

"Since 2008, we've recruited 130 high schools from across Florida (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Lee, Alachua, Orange and Leon counties), and sent 32 teams to compete nationally in New York. A total of 161 students have represented Florida schools at the national level," she shared.

"This competition has become a showcase for Florida schools and a transformative experience for students, contributing significantly to their academic and personal growth. We are extremely proud of our schools."

By Christine I. Caly-Sanchez

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Markus Thiel, Maria Lorca Susino, Christine Caly-Sanchez, and Gloria Guzman

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Archimedean Upper Conservatory School — Teams 1 & 2



Gulliver Preparatory School



Florida Atlantic University High School

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Local Florida Euro Challenge Competition 2025 | Testimonials

The members of the teams shared with us their experiences during the competition and the significance of their participation in the Euro Challenge Competition for their personal and professional life.

FAU HIGH SCHOOL



Gabriel Sharipov
Florida Atlantic University
High School
10th grade

"Participating in the Euro Challenge for two years has truly been one of the most amazing experiences of my high school journey. In 9th grade, I had the opportunity to explore Portugal's transition toward a greener economy, and in 10th grade, I focused on migration flows in France; both topics gave me a deeper understanding of the Euro Area and how real-world economic challenges are addressed. Not only did I strengthen my research and public speaking skills, but I also developed friendships and a passion for international economics. The Euro Challenge helped me grow both academically and personally, and I am incredibly grateful to have been a part of it."



FAU High School team

ARCHIMEDEAN UPPER CONSERVATORY



Sofia Lopez
Archimedean Upper Conservatory
9th grade

This competition was an amazing experience for me, and I think I can say the same on behalf of the rest of the team. We learned more about the European Union, how it functions, and the purpose it serves to its member nations. Furthermore, we had the opportunity to engage with real-world problems, including "Boosting Growth, Competitiveness, and Prosperity" in the country we chose, Spain. Overall, it was a rewarding experience that I hope to participate in again next year.



Olivia Solorzano
Archimedean Upper Conservatory
9th grade

I'm grateful to say I have participated in the Euro Challenge. This year, my team and I represented Spain and tackled a real-world issue needing to be addressed. It has been a rewarding experience, allowing me to build new friendships and learn about the European economy that I never would have learned otherwise. Thanks to this amazing extracurricular activity and experience, I have become a more well-rounded person, hoping to expand my knowledge by participating next year!



Launched in the US in 2006, the Euro Challenge competition on European economic and monetary policy provides high school students the opportunity to learn about the euro, the single market, and other concepts central to the European Union and economics.

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National Euro Challenge Competition in New York | April 28, 2025



25 high schools from 13 states participated in the national Euro Challenge semi-finals in NY.

Ambassador Jovita Neliupšienė

Florida High School Teams Shine at National Euro Challenge in New York City

Following a series of regional competitions, 25 high school teams from 13 states traveled to New York City to compete in the national semi-finals of the Euro Challenge, hosted at TD Bank, with the final round held on April 28. Among them were three outstanding teams from Florida, proudly representing the state after earning their spots at the Florida Euro Challenge Competition on March 14 in Miami.

In total, 15 students and 3 dedicated teachers from Florida made the journey. For many students, it was their first time in New York City—an unforgettable experience they described as “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

Florida Teams and Their Presentations:

- **Gulliver Preparatory School** presented *Boosting Growth, Competitiveness, & Prosperity in Croatia*. Their proposal focused on strengthening Croatia's economy through improvements in education, business, and government. The team showcased their ability to apply complex economic theories to real-world challenges—demonstrating critical thinking, collaboration, and strategic insight, all core to their International Business and Entrepreneurship program.
- **Archimedean Upper Conservatory** also tackled *Boosting Growth Competitiveness & Prosperity*, focusing on Spain.
- **Florida Atlantic University High School** addressed *Managing Migration Flows*, with a focus on France.

Students were inspired by the high level of competition and the opportunity to present their economic analyses to a distinguished panel of judges, including ambassadors, consuls, EU Delegation officials, and financial experts. Notable judges included Ben Carliner, Senior Economist at the Delegation of the European Union to the U.S.; Marco Antonio Achon, Global Head of Corporate Banking at Santander; and Bruce Kasman, Chief Economist and Global Head of Economic Research at JP Morgan Chase.

After a full day of presentations, participants attended the Recognition and Award Ceremony at TD Bank, where Jovita Neliupšienė, Ambassador of the European Union to the United States, congratulated all teams and announced the finalists. She also commended the teachers for their dedication and mentorship during extracurricular hours.

“One of the fun things about this program is that it lets students put themselves in the shoes of policymakers,” said Ben Carliner, final round judge and Senior Economist at the EU Delegation to the U.S.

The Euro Challenge offers students a unique opportunity to grow, learn, and deepen their understanding of global economics. Florida is already looking forward to next year's competition!

By Christine I. Caly-Sanchez



FAU High School team at the semi-final in NY

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The Euro Challenge is a program of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States in partnership with the Moody's Foundation, Working in Support of Education (W!se), and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. It is funded by the European Union. Euro Challenge is also supported by BNP Paribas, Florida International University, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Illinois, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Washington, the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, the World Affairs Council of Seattle, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Miami Branch).

Students from Saint Peter's Preparatory (NJ) Won 2025 Euro Challenge in NY

Five High School Teams Received Awards for their Knowledge of the Euro and Euro Area

- 1st place: Saint Peter's Preparatory (NJ)
- 2nd place: Greenwich High School (CT)
- 3rd place: International Academy OKMA (MI)

2025 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Archimedean Upper Conservatory (FL)
 Bergen County Academy (NJ)
 Brighton High School (NY)
 British International School of Houston (TX)
 Cedarburg High School (WI)
 Delbarton School (NJ)
 Farmington High School CT
Florida Atlantic University High School (FL)
 Garden City High School (NY)
 George W. Hewlett High School (NY)
 Greenwich High School (CT)
Gulliver Preparatory School (FL)
 High Technology High School (NJ)
 Hunter College High School (NY)
 Ingraham High School (WA)
 International Academy OKMA (MI)
 Lexington High School (MA)
 Northgate High School (PA)
 Oakland Catholic High School (PA)
 Ocean Lakes High School (VA)
 Princeton High School (NJ)
 Providence Day School (NC)
 Saint Joseph High School (IN)
 Saint Peter's Preparatory (NJ)
 The Bronx High School of Science (NY)



Our Florida students arrived in New York one day before the Euro Challenge competition and enjoyed visiting New York.



Pictures shared by Florida Atlantic University HS Team



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