

Dear Students,

We are pleased to inform you about an exciting academic opportunity offered by Blue Europe, an independent non-profit think tank dedicated to strengthening dialogue and cooperation between Western, Central, and Eastern Europe.

Blue Europe has officially launched the 2025–2026 “Alexis de Tocqueville” Contest, honoring the legacy of the renowned French political thinker Alexis de Tocqueville, whose work *Democracy in America* remains a cornerstone of modern democratic studies.

The competition invites Bachelor, Master, Doctoral students, as well as recent graduates (degree obtained after 2023), from the EU/EEA, UK, US, and Canada to submit original academic papers exploring the relationships between European regions, with a special focus on Central and Eastern Europe (CEE).

Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Political Science & Governance
- Industry and Technical Science Applications
- Economy, Trade & Industry
- Innovation & Technology
- Sociology, Law, Public Policy
- Climate Policy, Energy & Sustainability

Awards

Selected papers will be published on Blue Europe’s website, with a 2000€ prize for the winner.

Key Dates

- 01 September 2025 – Contest begins
- 31 March 2026 – Abstract submission deadline
- 30 June 2026 – Final paper submission deadline
- 31 August 2026 – Winners announced

Registration Instructions (Important)

To register, you must send an email to:

alexis2025[at]contest.blue-europe.eu

With the subject line:

“Registration for 2025-2026 competition”

Your email must include, a 250–500 word abstract and a provisional title for your paper. Proof of academic enrolment or recent degree may also be required. Once your theme is accepted, you will receive the official registration URL.

We strongly encourage interested students to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to showcase their research, gain visibility, and contribute to discussions on European affairs.

For more details, please consult the full contest rules on Blue Europe's website.

Kind regards,