Competition - Young Economists in Action 2027 – 3rd Edition

Express your talent and take up the challenge!

📢 The Faculty of Economics of Saint-Joseph University of Beirut (FSE) is pleased to announce the third edition of its annual competition "**Young Economists in Action**" open to French and English-speaking schools in Lebanon.

💫 *Why Participate ?* 💫

This competition invites students in their **10th, 11th and 12th grade** to dive into the world of economics 🌍. It is a unique opportunity to discover this dynamic field and the many careers it has to offer.

Participants will have the opportunity to think critically about current economic issues and propose innovative solutions for economic policy or other relevant actions 💡 .

🎲 *Challenge 2027* 🎲

For the 2027 edition, the FSE invites participants to reflect on the following topic:

When Mathematics Meets Economics

Concept note:

Mathematics and economics are two complementary disciplines that help us better understand the world around us. Beyond calculations, mathematics provides valuable tools for analyzing real-life situations and making informed decisions. How can we manage our pocket money? How can we compare prices and find the best deals? How can percentages help us measure changes in prices or spending? Through this edition of **"Young Economists in Action,"** students are invited to explore everyday economic questions using simple mathematical tools such as calculations, percentages, statistics, and graphs. Open to students studying economics as well as those pursuing science and mathematics, this competition aims to demonstrate how mathematics can help us understand economic choices and everyday economic realities.

🖍️ *How to participate?* 🖍️

🔶 Interested schools must submit their proposals by **January 4, 2027**. A Jury composed of professors will evaluate the projects according to specific criteria (*see selection criteria below*) and will announce the selected finalists on **January 18, 2027**.

👏 The finalists will be invited to present their projects at the "Young Economists in Action 2025" final to be held at the Faculty of Economics on **January 29, 2027**.

👴 👴 👴 A Jury of renowned economists and experts will evaluate the participants' oral presentations in order to designate the winners 🏅 .

🎖 *Prices and benefits* 🎖

✨ 1st Prize: 🥇 700 USD
✨ 2nd Prize: 🥈 500 USD
✨ 3rd Prize: 🥉 200 USD
✨ The other finalists: Official congratulations from the Jury!

In addition to the awards, the YEA-2027 winners will benefit from many privileges such as the possibility of publishing their projects on our channels, as well as the opportunity to involve them in the life of the Faculty, through shadowing observation internships or any activities on campus🔍.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation 📃.

🖋️ *Conditions of participation* 🖋️

The competition is open to **all high school students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades,** regardless of their specialty. Projects can be written in English or French. Students can present individually, in pairs, or in groups of up to three people.

☝️ Each school can submit multiple projects to increase their chances of being among the finalists.

📋 *Format* 📋

The project must be submitted in Word format and be 5 pages long and/or PowerPoint presentation.

🔎 *Selection criteria* 🔎

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

✔ Originality of the problem addressed;
✔ Relevance of the arguments;
✔ Analytical skills and critical thinking;
✔ Relevance of suggested solutions and policies;
✔ Clarity and consistency of writing.

📋 In addition, for the finalist projects, there is an evaluation of their oral presentation taking into account clarity, fluidity, power of persuasion and the use of digital media.

🗓️ *Important dates* 🗓️

- **January 4, 2027:** ⏳ Deadline to submit projects
- **January 18, 2027:** 📢 Announcement of preselected projects
- **January 29, 2027:** 💥 "Young Economists in Action" Final at the Faculty of Economics - USJ in the Science and Innovation Campus.

📩 *Contacts* 📩

Projects should be sent to the link: https://forms.gle/sbghbEvpcyAMnxGC8

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✨ *Join us to explore economics in an engaging and enriching way!*