



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear members,

You receive this newsletter on the day before Leidens Ontzet. I can already hear some of you saying "what is Leidens Ontzet?". On October 3, Leiden remembers and celebrates its liberation from the occupation of the Spanish army. Everywhere in the city there are celebrations. It is tradition to eat hutspot. This is typical Dutch food, even though many people don't like it. I wish you all a fantastic Leidens Ontzet!

Besides the city of Leiden, SPIL is also organizing a number of activities this month. The month starts with an activity of the Introduction Committee especially aimed at first year students, an international Potluck Lunch: **Back to School Lunch**. Do you enjoy cooking, trying food from other cuisines and would like to meet new people? Then be sure to stop by on October 5th.

October 5th is also the **Short Trip Destination Announcement Borrel**. If you are thinking of joining the Short Trip, are curious about the destination, or would like to support the Short Trip Committee, be sure to stop by the borrel.

Furthermore, the SPIL is also there for master students. To get to know each other better outside the walls of the university, the Master Activities Committee is organizing a borrel on the 6th of October at Cafe de Keyzer, Leiden.

From October 7th you can sign up for the **Brussels Trip**. On November 20th and 21st we will talk to different institutions, such as NATO, the European Commission and more. In the evening, of course we will explore the nightlife. This is a ideal way to expand your network and make new friends!

Moreover, the XLIII Board will present the policy for the upcoming year during the **Policy GA**. This is an important moment for the members, because you can ask all your questions. We hope to see you on October 12th!

Finally, the XLIII board wishes you all the best for the coming year. We hope to see you during the activities, but you can also always drop by in one of our common rooms. In Leiden at SB03, in The Hague at the back of the wooden house opposite to the entrance. Here you are always welcome!

**See you soon, with SPIL-yellow greetings,**

Noor Stuijt

Secretary

## Beste leden,

Jullie ontvangen deze nieuwsbrief op de dag voor Leidens Ontzet. Ik hoor sommigen van jullie al zeggen: "wat is Leidens Ontzet?". Op 3 oktober herdenkt en viert Leiden de bevrijding van de bezetting van het Spaanse leger. Overal in de stad is het feest. Het is traditie om hutspot te eten. Dit is typisch Nederlandse eten, ook al vinden veel mensen het niet zo lekker. Ik wens jullie allemaal een fantastisch Leidens Ontzet!

Naast de stad Leiden, organiseert SPIL ook een aantal activiteiten deze maand. De maand begint met een activiteit van de Introductie Commissie speciaal gericht op eerstejaarsstudenten, een internationaal Potluck Lunch: **Back to School Lunch**. Vind je het leuk om te koken, eten van andere keukens te proberen en wil je graag nieuwe mensen leren kennen? Kom dan zeker langs op 5 oktober.

Op 5 oktober is ook de **Bekendmakingsborrel** van de bestemming van de Korte Reis. Denk je er aan om mee te gaan op korte reis, ben je nieuwsgierig naar de bestemming of wil je graag de Korte Reis Commissie supporten, kom dan zeker langs bij de borrel.

Verder is de SPIL er ook voor masterstudenten. Om elkaar beter te leren kennen buiten de muren van de universiteit, organiseert de **Master Activiteiten** Commissie een borrel op 6 oktober in Cafe de Keyzer, Leiden.

Vanaf 7 oktober kunnen jullie je aanmelden voor de **Brusselreis**. Op 20 en 21 november gaan we daar in gesprek met verschillende instituties, zoals de NAVO, de Europese Commissie en meer. 's Avonds verkennen we natuurlijk het nachtleven. Dit is ideale manier om je netwerk uit te breiden en nieuwe vrienden te maken!

Bovendien zal het XLIIIe bestuur het beleid voor het aankomende jaar presenteren tijdens de **Beleids-ALV**. Dit is een belangrijk moment voor jou als lid, je kan dan namelijk al je vragen stellen. We hopen jullie te zien op 12 oktober!

Ten slotte wenst het XLIIIe bestuur jullie veel succes het aankomende jaar. We zien jullie graag tijdens de activiteiten, maar je kan ook altijd langs komen in een van onze hokken. In Leiden bij SB03, in Den Haag aan de achterkant van het houten huis tegenover de ingang. Hier ben je altijd welkom!

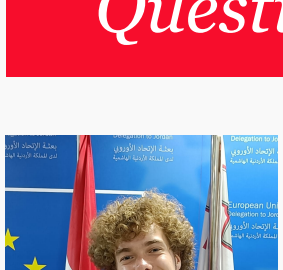
**Tot binnenkort, met SPIL-gele groet,**

Noor Stuijt

Secretaris



## Question from member



Fellow SPILers,

As mentioned at the previous GA we are still looking for members who would like to participate in building the foundations of the Forum. Before the start of what is essentially a discussion group

discovering in what ways we can further improve our association, we will be presenting a proper format for how the Forum and its debates will be facilitated at the upcoming Policy GA. If you would like to be a part of this conversation, be kept up to date or partake in this potential new body feel free to send a message to +31649633053 or [sjorsdenatris@gmail.com](mailto:sjorsdenatris@gmail.com).

Hopefully this call has sparked your interest so far as to consider engaging with the Forum in any way; we hope to hear from you soon.

- Sjors de Natris

## DEBAT

This year, the XLIIIrd board, again, is determined to give all members access to a physical copy of the magazine DEBAT. If you would like to receive the magazine four times a year at home, this academic year (2023-2024). Please **sign up** via the red button.

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## Agenda

### October 5th

- Introduction activity: Back to School Lunch

### October 5th

- Short Trip Announcement Borrel

### October 6th

- Masters activity: Spil the Drinks

### October 7th

- Brussels Trip applications open

### October 10th

- Polish Embassy Visit

### October 12th

- Policy General Assembly

### October 19th

- Borrel The Hague

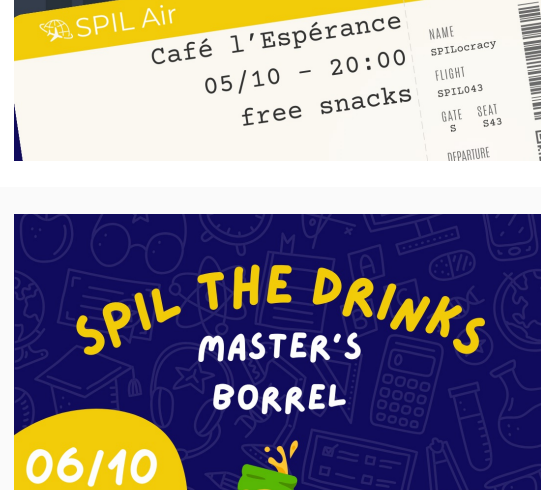
### November 6th - 10th

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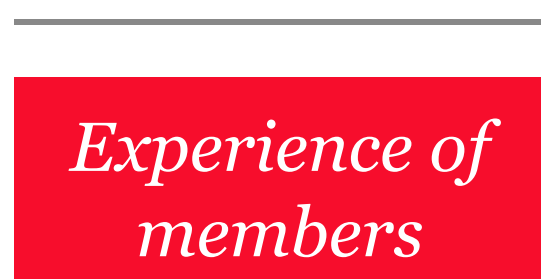
## Quotes of the month

"It tasted good going in, not going out."

- Gijs Verhoeff



## Experience of members



The first time I heard about SPIL was during Leiden University's Open Day. I felt immediate excitement. So I

registered for the Freshmen Weekend last month and that was the best choice I could have made. During these three days, I met all kinds of nice, new people. I found out that I could become an active member myself by joining one of the many committees. Fast forward to a few weeks later, we have had our first meeting for the Excursions Committee and started planning our first excursion.

What I love about the SPIL is that it is a combination with all the interesting excursions on the one hand and the social get-togethers on the other. In between my lectures I can often be found in the common room, both in The Hague and Leiden. So if you have some spare time, I would definitely recommend dropping by one of the common rooms.

- Judith Hordijk

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