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During the 2013-14 reporting period, the University of Duisburg-Essen engaged in a number of activities that underscore its on-going commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly notable:

The Duisburg-Essen Model United Nations (DuEMUN) is a project that started in 2005. It is organized by the Institute of Political Science, the student organization DuEMUN e.V., the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF) and the Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST) at the University of Duisburg-Essen. Students assume the role of diplomats to solve a current crisis while staying in character for a specific country. MUN follows a simplified form of the rules of procedure that the real United Nations uses.

The logo of the University of Duisburg-Essen, consisting of a blue rectangle with the text 'UNIVERSITÄT' in small white letters at the top, and 'DUISBURG' and 'ESSEN' in larger white letters below it.

In past years, students from the University and from international partner universities have convened and debated as delegates of the “UN Security Council” and other UN bodies. Moreover, members of the association participated in various national and international MUN’s (e.g. New York, Geneva, Beijing and Lahore). Frequently, scholars, ambassadors, and politicians were invited for discussions.

With its Model UN conference, the University aims to apply theoretical concepts of International Relations in order to practice and develop networks with international partner universities. A more recent part of the project has been to introduce the UN simulation concept to schools and to strengthen the links between pupils and students of educational science at the University. The DuEMUN Association is a manifestation of the members’ commitment to promote the DuEMUN goals in the spirit of “students for students”.

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