



## European Integration = Guarantee for Freedom in Europe

### Pupils visit battlefields of WWI at Ypres/Flanders

**Max-Beckmann-Oberschule (Berlin) – a Regular Guest in Brussels and Strassbourg It has become a tradition - since 2004 groups from Max-Beckmann-Oberschule, a comprehensive school in Berlin, have visited the European Parliament in Strassbourg or Brussels.**

Discussions with German MEPs (Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Michael Cramer) or members of their staff were important events during these visits.

Part of one of the stays in Brussels was a visit to Ypres/Flanders where terrible battles took place during WWI. The war cemetery in Langemarck is a particularly good place to see how nationalist fanaticism produced innumerable

victims during the first half of the 20th century. After these visits the pupils hopefully understand better why members of a generation that had seen and survived two terrible wars founded the project of European inte-

gration after WWII. It was their intention to end the era of European wars and start an era of European cooperation.

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