

### **Greece and Sweden joining the other ten at TEDxBinnenhof**

After inspiring campaigns of both Greece and Sweden, TEDxBinnenhof has decided to send them both to The Hague on March 31. There they will join the other 10 speakers to share their Ideas from Europe. Greece and Sweden topped the Wildcard Challenge, where almost 60.000 people casted a vote

With more than half the votes between them, Charalampos (Harris) Ioannou of Greece and Micael Hermansson from Sweden held a fierce campaign over the last few weeks. Harris used his network and his Facebook page to let people know to vote for him. "After a couple of days my friends told me they shared it with their friends and that everybody was voting. Then the local press caught it and wrote an article about TEDxBinnenhof and the Ideas of Europe. That helped a lot."

Micael used his network of the national teachers union of Sweden. Also MP's of the leading parties in the Swedish parliament were involved in calling on people to vote for Micael. All because they find that his idea was worth spreading. "In Luxembourg we had only three minutes to share our idea. Now that we have seven minutes, it will be great."

Both Harris and Micael will be in The Hague on March 31, in The Knights Hall. Along with ten other Ideas from Europe, they will speak about their idea. In the coming weeks we will introduce them to you and you can watch their talk about their idea on the website, [tedxbinnenhof.com](http://tedxbinnenhof.com)

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### **Charalampos (Harris) Ioannou**

Charalampos Ioannou is a 20-year-old undergraduate student and inventor. He is currently studying Electrical and Software Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). In 2012 he won the European Union's competition for young scientists, "The Best Engineering entry" (EUCYS 2012), and in 2013, he was one of the 5 global finalists of Google's global science competition, "Google Science Fair" with his invention of a movement-enhancing exoskeleton glove. He was a speaker at TEDx Athens for both 2012 and 2013, communicating his passion for inventions and creative science projects. Currently, he is a founding member of "Bioassist", a company that applies state of the art software and machine learning algorithms in order to monitor vital health signal of independent living for elderly people.

Watch his Talk in Luxembourg: <https://vimeo.com/146774907>

### **Micael Hermansson**

Micael is a teacher from the Swedish northern town Umeå. He has developed a concept with micro lessons, only 8 minutes, a fairytale of facts. This concept has not only inspired pupils, but also their parents, siblings and teachers all over Sweden. More than 20000 teachers use his concept. He has facilitated the biggest digital educational community and in 2015 Micael was elected as Best Teacher of the year. Micael calls it 'Grej' of the day; a micro-lesson format designed to kick start each day with a knowledge injection.

Watch his Talk in Luxembourg: <https://vimeo.com/146876939>

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