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Message from the Board

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the Internal General Assembly of the English School European Youth Parliament Club 2021!

We are glad to finally deliver an in-person GA, after the difficulties we all faced the past two years. We believe that the fact that we missed gatherings and human contact has allowed us to create a new and more constructive experience for all of you.

Adapting to the rapidly changing COVID-19 pandemic, we have all made compromises and rose to the occasion to make the best out of this situation. We are proud of our adapted version of the club's running this year and we hope that it has equipped you with skills, experiences and memories to help you get through hard times. Our aim has always been to provide a learning environment where you can target areas of your skill-set and work towards your long term goals. Seeing how you all developed on a personal level, we are so proud of you!

Your welfare is our top priority, and we want to emphasise that we are here to assist you and cater to your needs.

Have a great session,
Alexia, Eleni and Andreas



The General Assembly

General Assembly Procedure and Location

The **General Assembly** is where all delegates come together to debate the **resolutions**. It is where you and your committee must work together as a team to defend your own resolution and to debate proposed resolutions for other topics. So it is important that you familiarise yourself with the other topics that will be presented at the GA. **The General Assembly will take place at the Hall.**

All participants will need to arrive from the Main Building Entrance C (by the ramp), through the Presidential Palace Roundabout.

Dress Code

The dress code for the whole event is **formal**, as the day will consist of a formal debating procedure. This is because, we would like to keep it as close to the real experience as possible of the European Parliament.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Regardless of vaccination history or not, **ALL PARTICIPANTS will need to take a rapid test on the day before, Friday the 10th of December.** All participants will have to take the rapid test on their own responsibility, at the designated rapid-testing sites of the government. **All safepasses will be checked at the entrance with COVSCAN.**

Masks should be worn at all times, both indoors and outside except when eating or drinking. A **seating plan** must be recorded for all participants. They should remain seated at all times and not wander around the room. **Hand sanitisers** will be available, and doors and windows must **remain open** for ventilation. Upon arrival, participants should not gather in groups but must be directed straightaway to the location of the meeting. During breaks, **social distancing** and respect to **bubbles** should be maintained at all times. If anyone feels unwell (has fever, a sore throat, cough, runny nose, fatigue etc.), they must be isolated in a designated safe location immediately and parents called to collect as soon as possible.

If anyone refuses to respect these protocols, they will be asked to leave immediately.



Structure of the GA

The total allocated debating time is **30 minutes for each committee**, and the order in which resolutions will be debated will be random and announced on the day prior to the event.

The General Assembly will require communication with your chair in order to declare any points or speeches. Each committee will be **recognised by the Board and through their Chairs** in order to deliver a speech, make a point or propose an amendment.

1) Defence Speech

This is a speech prepared in advance of approximately 3 minutes which is presented by the proposing committee to explain their proposed resolution. It is used to explain the underlying goals and motives of the committee and to show how the current resolution is an efficient way to tackle the issue at hand. It usually tends to focus on factual than emotional points.

2) Position Speech

This 1.5 minute speech is given by any opposing committee. It should substantially agree or disagree with the main ideas behind a resolution. It should not be a collection of general debating points. It is used to explain why certain underlying clauses and motives of the proposing committee are or are not sufficient enough to reach the general goals. It is more factual and logical than emotional.

3) Response to position speech(es)

The proposing committee will have a chance to respond to the any position speeches made previously by opposing committees. This response aims to present facts confounding the previous points raised in speeches and/or presenting new facts that support their resolution.

4) Open Rounds of Debate (3 rounds)

The board will recognise a varying number of committees depending on time before returning to the proposing committee for a response. The chair acting as the committee placard will raise their virtual hand to indicate that they have a point. Points should refer to Operative Clauses of the resolution, focusing on one singular cohesive idea.

5) Response to Open Rounds of Debate (3 responses)

The proposing committee will have a chance to answer to the points made at the end of each round of debate once again validating their proposed resolution.

6) One Amendment After the Second Round of Debate & Response

Amendments by opposing committees reviewed by the board and one per round is presented. A discussion of first amendment will take place in a short open round of debate. There will be a response to the round of debate on the amendment by person proposing amendment. Then, the proposing committee will decide on whether they wish to adopt the amendments in their resolution.

7) Summation Speech

The summation speech will be used to convince the Assembly to vote in favour of the proposed resolution. It is the last speech given by the proposing committee before the voting procedure, and therefore it can often include emotional points.

8) Voting

Every delegate of every committee will vote in favour of or Against the motion for a resolution presented, deciding if the resolution has passed or was rejected. The votes will be collected from the chairperson of each committee.

Programme of the Day

Internal General Assembly

Saturday, 11th December

08:30-9:00

Delegate's Arrival and Registration

9:00-9:30

Opening of the GA and Mock Debate

9:30-10:30

Debates 1 & 2

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

Debates 3 & 4 & 5

12:30-13:30

Lunch Break

13:30-14:30

Debates 6 & 7

14:30-15:00

Closing Ceremony

15:00-15:30

Departures



IMPORTANT: As we are following an eco-friendly procedure, you will need to bring your OWN INDIVIDUAL cups for water and coffee and/or tea. You may bring two, one for water and one for your coffee/tea. We will also provide you some juice.

Debating Topics

Motion for a Resolution by The Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA)

Give fighters tools to fight: Although demand for cancer treatment is on the rise, only 25% of patients at global level receive timely, affordable and high-quality surgical care while more than 25% do not receive radiation therapy. What steps should the EU take to ensure cancer patients are treated safely and promptly depending on their needs?

Motion for a Resolution by The Committee on Development (DEVE)

The Future of Cities: Two thirds of the world's population will live in cities by 2050, and more than 60% of Europeans living in cities use technology in their daily life and in relation to public services. How can the EU utilise technology in smart and resilient cities to ensure sustainable patterns of development and mobility, prosperity and efficient allocation of resources?

Motion for a Resolution by The Committee on Human Rights (DROI)

Too hot to handle: With the effects of climate change intensifying, the number of environmental migrants is expected to increase in the coming years. How should the EU mitigate but also prepare for environmentally induced migration?

Motion for a Resolution by The Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI I)

Science in diet: With the animal farming industry having broad environmental impacts, scientists are exploring the option of cultured meat, although concerns exist about its effects in the long run. What actions should the EU take in order to ensure that scientific advancements will contribute to a sustainable diet for its citizens while reducing agriculture's toll on the environment?

Debating Topics

Motion for a Resolution by

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Merging sustainability and tech innovation: The European Green Deal set the ambitious climate target of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050. Bearing in mind that policies which reduce emissions have had different success rates across Member States, how can the EU most efficiently and sustainably utilise and innovate technology in order to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050?

Motion for a Resolution by

The Committee on Civil, Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE I)

The Cry for Basic Human Rights: The world is slowly becoming more aware of women's difficulty in accessing the reproductive healthcare they require, as they are often undermined by healthcare providers and oppressed by the law. What should the EU do to ensure uniformity of reproductive health laws and rights across Member States?

Motion for a Resolution by

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE II)

Cry for Democratic Help: With more than half of the EU countries classified as "flawed" democracies, what can the EU do to increase freedom of the press, and safeguard democracy within the EU?



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