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TOWARDS A FAIRER UNION

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THE EUROPEAN **YOUTH** PARLIAMENT

THE EUROPEAN NETWORK

The **European Youth Parliament** (EYP), founded in Fontainebleau in 1987, is a Europe-wide network dedicated to involve **young Europeans** in the institutional life of today's society by fostering debate, constructive dialogue and intercultural communication. Since 2004, EYP is a programme of the Schwarzkopf Stiftung "Junges Europa" and has its headquarters in Berlin. EYP events and activities involve more than **30.000 young citizens** aged **16-25** from **40 countries** in more than **500 events** each year.

THE ITALIAN ASSOCIATION

The **Associazione Parlamento Europeo Giovani** (PEG), founded in Milan in 1994, is the Italian committee of the EYP Network, promoting European citizenship in Italian high schools and universities. PEG's events are officially recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education as educational activities aimed at the recognition and valorisation of academic excellencies.



THE 49th NSC OF EYP ITALY

OUR EVENTS

Our events are simulations in English language of a **parliamentary assembly's decision-making process**. The participants, split into **Committees** according to the European Parliament's Committees, through debate, knowledge sharing and negotiation produce **Motions for Resolutions** on key challenges of today's world. During the last day of each event, all the participants debate together on each Motion in a **General Assembly** that follows the procedure of the European Parliament.

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One year ago, as COVID seized Europe for the first time, from the cooperation between the European Commission, the European Council and the European Central Bank stemmed the **EU's Roadmap for Recovery**, built on three pillars: a more **resilient, sustainable** and **fairer** Europe.

After having dedicated an event - the 48th National Selection Conference of EYP Italy - to the first pillar and a series of webinar - EYPITxSustainability - to the second one, at the **49th National Selection Conference of EYP Italy** we would like to focus on the final one: a **fairer Europe**.

More than 100 young people from **all over Europe** will meet online to talk about today's **most pressing challenges** to this goal and about the **necessary steps** that need to be taken to address them.



THE 49th NSC OF EYP ITALY - COMMITTEE TOPICS

AFCO - Chaired by Jason (GR)

Democracy for sale: With Euroscepticism on the rise, many citizens are feeling democratically detached from the European Union, while 92% agree that their voices should be taken more into account for decisions relating to the future of Europe. What actions can the EU take to ensure all citizens feel democratically represented while respecting their sovereignty?

AGRI - Chaired by Giacomo (IT)

Food for thought: With around 88 million tonnes of food wasted annually in the EU and with the associated costs being estimated at 143 billion euros, what further actions can the EU take in order to prevent food waste and strengthen the sustainability of the food system?

CULT - Chaired by Ioana (RO)

Rewriting history: Several European countries have begun the process of a cultural remembrance that subverts old patterns of national heroisation and affirmation and urges for a new encounter with forgotten and denied history. What measures can be taken, both at national and European level, to increase public recognition of phenomena like historical oppression, colonisation and crimes against humanity?

EMPL - Chaired by Monica (FI)

Power and privilege: As COVID-19 cases rose in European cities, wealthy residents chose to leave urban areas, while low-income groups and residents displaced by gentrification had no such flee option, remaining at a greater risk of contamination. What steps can the EU take to better address demographic data and urban living conditions in its policy response?

ENVI - Chaired by Katarina (RS)

Herd immunity: With an increase of anti-vaccination movements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EU faces the challenge of preventing and resisting a mass infection. What steps can be taken to uphold the percentage of vaccinations needed for proper population immunity while still safeguarding and respecting citizens' rights?



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FEMM - Chaired by Froso (GR)

The shadow pandemic: Emerging data suggests that, since the beginning of the pandemic, calls to domestic violence helplines have increased in many countries. As the number of domestic violence victims appears to grow amidst the crisis, what can Member States and civil society do to prevent violence and protect the victims?

LIBE - Chaired by Isabella (IT)

Equality for all: Following the implementation of “LGBT-free zones” in Poland, it becomes clear that the European society’s acceptance and tolerance towards the LGBT+ community varies among Member States. What stance can the EU take to safeguard the rights of the members of the LGBT+ community across all Member States?

SEDE - Chaired by Sofia (GR)

Catch me if you can: Despite the establishment of the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism in 2018, a number of terrorist attacks have recently taken place in major European cities, such as Vienna and Paris. What further steps should the EU take to prevent acts of terrorism within its borders?

TRAN - Chaired by Marija (RS)

It's a bird, it's a plane: CO2 emissions from aviation activities continue to have a significant impact on climate change, noise, and air quality, largely affecting the quality of life of European citizens. How can the EU address the environmental footprint of air transport while ensuring affordable and competitive transportation opportunities for European citizens and airlines?



THE STAFF

THE ORGANISING TEAM

The team of Event Organisers will handle all the platforms, and will be responsible for social activities, conferences with experts, and in general for the event's administration. It is composed of nine youngsters, of which four Italians and five international participants, with **Tommaso Zollo** (IT, 20) and **Chiara Lupi** (IT, 21) as Head-Organiser.

They will be the reference contact for all experts and guests before and during the event.

THE ACADEMIC TEAM

This is the team composed of all chairpersons, the facilitators of the committees, together with Vice-Presidents and the President, that will help them in preparing for the event, alongside with preparing documents of analysis on all topics, the Topic Overviews. The team is presided by **Elisavet Sidiropoulou** (GR, 22).

THE MEDIA TEAM

This is the team responsible for the media output of the session, for social media management, and the development of interactive projects on the topics discussed, in synergy with the Academic Team. The Editor, the leader of the team, is **Ellen Knight** (UK, 21).

THE JURY TEAM

This is responsible for stimulating the personal development of each non-staff participant. They will observe the participant throughout the event and be available to them for suggestions and feedback. At the end of the event, they will select seven non-staff participants to join an International Session, the EYP Network flagship format. The Head of Jury is **Nikos-Pavlos Kotzias** (GR, 22).

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The National Committee oversees all events and promotes coordination between the teams, ensuring the overall quality of the event. The Events Team at the National Committee consists of **Riccardo Rastello** (IT, 20), Board Member for Events, and **Adriano Coppa** (IT, 20) and **Enrico Zonta** (IT, 18), Junior Board Members for Events.



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