

Dear Delegates and Participants,

The 50th International Session of the European Youth Parliament is getting closer and the excitement is growing high. The Alumni team and the Governing Body are getting ready to welcome you in the best possible way, and so we hope you are doing the same.

The research and preparation for the session will be of benefit, both to your own personal fruition and to the quality of the session as a whole. Remember the concept of EYP and benefit from this unique learning experience that you have before you.

Here we wish to encourage you to properly prepare for the most important role of the Session: being a Delegate. EYP needs to benefit more and more from your knowledge, creativity and brand new ideas. This is why during the Session, you will be prepared on all aspects of Teambuilding, Committee Work and GA, and you will be given the wonderful opportunity of discussing your topic with important experts during Committee Work.

Committee Work and General Assembly are the basis and highlight of every Session so please be aware of the seriousness and importance of being active and well prepared for both events.

Here is what we suggest to you, in order to properly prepare for the Committee Work (CW) and the General Assembly (GA):

- prepare specifically for your own topic, and generally for all of the others, to have better chances of contributing during GA;
- identify the issues of the topic by becoming accustomed with abbreviations, language and factual information relating to the topic;
- make use of materials and literature available in your individual countries by visiting government institutions and EU information bureaus;
- make use of the literature available in your university/school libraries, in English or French, as well as in your native language;
- familiarise yourself with your topic by using newspaper articles published by major international and national newspapers;
- use the links provided below;
- strengthen your perception of the topic by discussing it with your family, friends, schoolmates and teachers to familiarise yourself with different views and opinions;
- We would appreciate it if you could bring with you at least 3 printed documents (either in English or French) of the research you have prepared for your own topic in order to create a committee literary background should any factual doubt arise.

To conclude:

For all of you, this is not your first time as delegates and you are aware of what is expected from you. Approach this event using the experience gained from your previous session as delegates to challenge yourselves and make the best possible preparations for the session. Be aware that your chair will be there to help so there is no need for anxiety or stress. Each committee will have the opportunity to speak to an expert about their topic and you should use this occasion to explore your topic on a deeper level and ask questions that have arisen as a result of the research that you have conducted.

Most importantly of all: we hope that you will enjoy yourselves when conducting your research and experience to the full extent what EYP has to offer!

WEBSITE LINKS AND RESOURCES

INFORMATION is a way for you to form an OPINION.

Remember that these links will offer links to other websites also and the opinions reflect the opinions of their authors only.

General Links

Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe

http://europa.eu.int/constitution/index_en.htm

Think Tanks and Institutes:

http://www.europeaninstitute.org	The European Institute
http://www.fedtrust.co.uk/default.asp?groupid=6	The Federal Trust
http://www.euobserver.com	EU Observer

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AFCO1 - Committee on Constitutional Affairs 1

AFCO1 – Commission des Affaires Constitutionnelles 1

http://www.religioustolerance.org/const_eu.htm	Site of multi-faith consultants group on religion. Link to a paper of the consultants that explains the debates on the religious background of the EU Constitution (pro, contra, proposition, etc.)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Separation_of_church_and_state	On-line encyclopaedia. Article on the principle of separation of State and Church
http://www.vie-publique.fr/decouverte_instit/citoyen/citoyen_3_1_0_q2.htm	Article de la Documentation Française sur le principe de laïcité en France (sur vie-publique.fr, le site du secteur public français)
http://www.cafebabel.com/en/article.asp?T=A&Id=1461	Article of the e-newspaper Cafebabel. "EU, a Christian club?"
http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101050411/obessay.html	A Time article about Pope John Paul II's heritage.
http://www.muslimheritage.com/	A complete site on the Muslim heritage in History.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4243651.stm	A BBC article: "Poles rediscover Jewish heritage", by Adam Easton.

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AFCO2 - Committee on Constitutional Affairs 2

AFCO2 – Commission des Affaires Constitutionnelles 2

http://europa.eu.int/constitution/futurum/index_en.htm	Site of the European Union on the debate around the Constitutional Treaty.
http://european-convention.eu.int	Official website of the Convention
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/3954327.stm	EU constitution: Where member states stand
http://www.vote-no.com/home/home.aspx	website of non partisans of the Constitution
http://europa.eu.int/constitution/ratification_en.htm	Map of the ratification process.
http://www.euractiv.com/Article?tcaturi=tcm:28-140668-16&type=News	Page du portail médiatique de l'UE montrant comment une majorité de députés réclament une pause dans le processus de ratification.
http://www.lpc.france3.fr/dossiers/8382742-fr.php	Site de la chaîne nationale France 3 sur les enjeux liés à la ratification du Traité établissant une Constitution pour l'Europe.

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AFET1- Committee on Foreign Affairs 1

AFET1- Commission des Affaires Etrangères 1

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/rehn/index_en.htm	Homepage of Olli Rehn, Commissioner responsible for Enlargement
http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/turkey/	Page of the EU dedicated to Turkey
http://www.turkishpress.com/	Turkishpress.com is a comprehensive information website collecting news from and about Turkey. Especially, see: http://www.turkishpress.com/news.asp?id=75760
http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/	Page of the EU dedicated to the enlargement of the EU.

http://www.deltur.cec.eu.int/Default.asp?lang=1	delegation of the European Commission to Turkey
http://cemoti.revues.org/	Revue en langue française dédiée à la Turquie et à ses problèmes actuels dans sa marche vers l'Union Européenne.
http://www.about-turkey.com/	Learn more about Turkey.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/29/AR2005092902240.html	A Washington Post article titled "In Turkey, a Clash of Nationalism and History: Exhibit Marking Anniversary of Istanbul Pogrom Breaks Taboos and Kindles Anger", by Karl Vick
http://quantara.de/webcom/show_article.php/_c-476/_nr-194/i.html	Article from a German-Islamic website titled "The Road to Political Change Runs Via Europe".

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AFET2 - Committee on Foreign Affairs 2

AFET2 – Commission des Affaires Etrangères 2

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/ferrero-waldner/index_en.htm	Homepage of Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Commissioner responsible for External Relations and the European Neighbourhood Policy
http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/cfsp/intro/	Page of the European Commission on the common foreign and security policy
www.watsoninstitute.org	Brown University's Institute for International Studies.
http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/constitution/minister_en.htm	Page of the European Union on the role and missions of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
www.iue.it/EFPB	Text database from the Academy of European Law (European University Institute of Florence).
http://www.info-europe.fr/document.dir/fich.dir/QR001014.htm	Mémo sur la Politique Etrangère et de Sécurité Commune
http://www.guardian.co.uk/elsewhere/journalist/story/0,7792,547190,00.html	A Guardian article on refugees in Europe, with a focus on Italy.
http://www.useu.be/Terrorism/EUResponse/	Page of the US mission to the European Union dedicated to the UE response to terrorism.

5)

EMPL - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL – Commission de l'Emploi et des Affaires Sociales

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/spidla/index_en.htm	Homepage of Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4379370.stm	Article titled "Analysis: Europe's social model" by Kirsty Hughes.
http://www.euractiv.com/Article?tcaturi=tcm:28-146338-16&type=News&textlg=FR	Page of the EU-media portal euractiv.com dedicated to EU debates European social model
http://www.etuc.org/	Homepage of the European Trade Union Confederation. See in particular its aims at http://www.etuc.org/r/2 .
http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/social_model/index_en.html	A quick guide to EU employment and social policies.
http://www.franceurope.org/article.php3?id_article=89	Liste de liens liés à la politique sociale en France et en Europe.
http://www.cer.org.uk/articles/grant_wsj_30oct03.html	A Wall Street Journal article titled "The Liberal Case for the Constitution" by Charles Grant.
www.socialplatform.org	European social NGO.

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ECON - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

ECON – Commission de l'Economie et des Affaires Monétaires

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/grybauskaite/index_en.htm	Page of Commissioner Dalia Grybauskaite, responsible for Financial Programming and Budget.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/budget/index_en.htm	Page of the European Commission dedicated to the budget of the European Union.
http://www.fipp.com/1376	Marian L. Tupy of the Cato Institute considers the costs, benefits, and strategies for Central and Eastern European countries...
http://www.euractiv.com/Article?tcaturi=tcm:29-110046-16&type=Analysis	This page of the EU-media portal euractiv.com deals with the budgetary implications of enlargement on agriculture.
http://www.vie-publique.fr/decouverte_institut/europe/europe_3_3_0_q1.htm	Mémo sur la Politique Agricole Commune.
http://assembly.coe.int/Documents/WorkingDocs/doc05/FDOC10649.htm	Rapport de la Commission de l'environnement, de l'agriculture et des questions territoriales sur le coût de la Politique agricole commune

7)

ENVI - Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

ENVI – Commission de l'Environnement, de la Santé Publique et de la Sécurité Alimentaire

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/dimas/index_en.htm	Homepage of Stavros Dimas, Commissioner responsible for Environment
http://europa.eu.int/pol/env/index_en.htm	Presentation of the activities of the EU related to environment.
http://www.unep.org/	Homepage of the United Nations Environment Programme
http://www.epe.be/	Homepage of the European Partners for the Environment, a network of business, government and NGO devoted to sustainable development in Europe.
http://www.worldbank.org/depweb/	The World Bank's web site of classroom-ready sustainable development materials with online books and learning modules.
http://www.cordis.lu/growth/	Homepage of the European Commission's community research on competitive and sustainable growth.
http://www.globalizationinstitute.org/	Homepage of the NGO Globalisation Institute.

8)

LIBE - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

LIBE – Commission des Libertés Civiles, de la Justice et des Affaires Intérieures

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/frattini/index_en.htm	Homepage of Franco Frattini, Commissioner responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security
http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/index_en.htm	Web site of the European Commission on the area of freedom, security and justice.
http://www.euractiv.com/Article?tcmuri=tcm:29-110181-16&type=Analysis	Article called "Can the EU achieve an area of freedom, security and justice?" on the EU-media portal euractiv.org
http://www.globalsecurity.org/	American organisation specialised in war and intelligence issues.
http://www.cdi.org/program/index.cfm?programid=39	Page of the American Centre for Defence Information (CDI) on terrorism.
http://www.coe.int/T/E/Legal_affairs/Legal_co-operation/Fight_against_terrorism/	Page of the Council of Europe dedicated to the fight against terrorism.
http://www.iris-france.org/docs/pdf/actes/livre-terrorisme-EN.pdf	A study on Europe facing to terrorism.

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ITRE1 - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy 1

ITRE1 – Commission de l'Industrie, de la Recherche et de l'Energie 1

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/verheugen/index_en.htm	Homepage of Günter Verheugen, Commissioner responsible for Enterprise and Industry
http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy_transport/en/lpi_lv_en1.html	Green Paper of the European Commission: Towards a European strategy for the security of energy supply
http://www.eubusiness.com/guides/energy	EU guides provided by the media portal Eubusiness.com. Page focusing on the Energy Policy in the European Union
http://www.euractiv.com/Article?tcmuri=tcm:29-142665-16&type=LinksDossier	Geopolitics of EU energy supply provided by the EU-media portal Euractiv.com
http://www.seerecon.org/index.cfm	Co-operative web site of the European Commission and World Bank on the economic reconstruction and development in South-East Europe. See in particular the page dedicated to energy issues in this area at http://www.seerecon.org/infrastructure/sectors/energy/
www.energybulletin.net	EnergyBulletin.net is designed to be a clearinghouse for current information regarding the peak in global energy supply. It publishes news and research.
http://ogj.pennnet.com	Web site of the Oil and Gas Financial Journal
http://www.monde-diplomatique.fr/2004/07/SARKIS/11335	Article du Monde Diplomatique intitulé "Croissance des besoins et essouffement de l'offre sur fond de guerre d'Irak. Aux origines de la nouvelle crise pétrolière", par Nicolas Sarkis, Directeur du Centre arabe d'études pétrolières et du bulletin Le Pétrole et le gaz arabes.
http://www.observateurocde.org/	L'Observateur est le magazine de l'OCDE. Il diffuse en français et en anglais des informations sur les grandes questions économiques et sociales à travers le monde.

10)

DROI - Committee on Human Rights

DROI – Commission des Droits de l'Homme

http://www.un.org/french/aboutun/dudh.htm	Déclaration Universelle des Droits de l'Homme
http://www.coe.int/DefaultFR.asp	Portail du Conseil de l'Europe.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/publications/2001/ke3801730_en.html	Leaflet presenting the action by the European Community to combat discrimination.
http://eumc.eu.int/eumc/index.php	Website of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC).
http://www.migpolgroup.com/	Homepage of the Migration Policy Group.
http://europa.eu.int/youth/your_rights/all_different_all_equal/index_eu_fr.html	Page of the Youth Portal of the European Union dedicated to the European dimension of the fight against racism.
http://www.enar-eu.org/en/	Network of the European Network Against Racism.

11)

FINP - Committee on Policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013

FINP - Commission temporaire sur les défis politiques et moyens budgétaires de l'Union élargie 2007-2013

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/grybauskaitė/index_en.htm	Page of Commissioner Dalia Grybauskaitė, responsible for Financial Programming and Budget.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/rehn/index_en.htm	Homepage of Olli Rehn, Commissioner responsible for Enlargement
http://www.europarl.eu.int/comparl/tempcom/finp/default_en.htm	Homepage of the temporary Committee on Policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013 of the European Union.
http://www.europarl.eu.int/comparl/tempcom/finp/background/com/proposals_en.htm	Legislative proposals on the financial perspective 2007-2013 of the Committee on Policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013.
http://act4europe.horus.be/module/FileLib/CSCG%20amendments%20FP%2004-08-05.pdf	Amendments and propositions from the European Civil Society Contact Group.
http://www.foeeurope.org/publications/2005/Green9_briefing_financial_perspectives.pdf	Reaction and proposals of the environment NGO network "Green 9" on the outcomes of the discussions of the Committee.
http://www.etuc.org/a/1149	Article of the European Trade Union Confederation on the vision of the Committee and the need of a sustainable European social model.

12)

JURI - Committee on Legal Affairs

JURI – Commission des Affaires Judiciaires

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/wallstrom/index_en.htm	Homepage of Margot Wallström, Commissioner responsible for Institutional Relations and Communication Strategy
http://www.citizen.org.uk/index.html	British web site on the education to active citizenship. See in particular the page called "speak out!" focusing on European citizenship.
www.activecitizenship.net	Web site of an NGO focusing on active citizenship in Europe.
http://www.sociology.org/content/vol002.003/delgado.html	"Cultural Citizenship and the Creation of European Identity": online study paper on European identity and citizenship by the former Spanish Minister of Education, Juan M Delgado-Moreira.
www.european-identity.net	Web site of a cultural project aiming at stimulating debates on European identity.
http://europa.eu.int/youth/active_citizenship/index_eu_fr.html	Portail européen de la jeunesse (Commission Européenne)

13)

DEVE - Committee on Development

DEVE – Commission du Développement

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/michel/index_en.htm	Homepage of Louis Michel, Commissioner responsible for Development and Humanitarian Aid
http://europa.eu.int/comm/trade/issues/respectrules/tdi_sme/index_en.htm	Page of the European Union on fair trade issues.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_trade	A definition of fair trade.
http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/	The UN millennium development goals.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/development/index_en.htm	Page of the European Commission on development issues.
http://www.atd-quartmonde.org/	Site de l'organisation d'aide au développement ATD Quart Monde.
http://www.coe.int/T/E/Com/Files/Events/2005-10-misere/	Page of the Council of Europe on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/4576321.stm	A point of view on the EU's aid to development.

14)

ITRE2 - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy 2

ITRE2 – Commission de l'Industrie, de la Recherche et de l'Energie 2

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/potocnik/indexfl_en.htm	Homepage of Janez Potočnik, Commissioner responsible for Science and Research
http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/index_en.cfm	Page of the European Commission dedicated to the research.
http://www.crdf.org/	Homepage of the U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation (CRDF), a non-profit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration.
http://www.oecd.org/topic/0,2686,en_2649_37417_1_1_1_1_37417,00.html	Page of the OCDE dedicated to Science and Innovation.
http://www.oecd.org/document/0,2340,en_2649_34487_25998799_1_1_1_1,00.html	Science, Technology and Innovation for the 21st Century. Meeting of the OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy at Ministerial Level, 29-30 January 2004 - Final Communiqué
http://epp.eurostat.ec.eu.int/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-NP-05-008/EN/KS-NP-05-008-EN.PDF	Online study from Eurostat on telecommunication in Europe.
www.umtsworld.com	Free and almost unbiased UMTS and 3G technology and industry information.

15)

CULT - Committee on Culture and Education

CULT – Commission de la Culture et de l'Education

http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/figel/index_en.htm	Homepage of Ján Figel', Commissioner responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism
http://cm.coe.int/ta/decl/2000/f2000dec2.htm	Déclaration sur la diversité culturelle (adoptée par le Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe le 7 décembre 2000)
http://www.choike.org/nuevo_eng/informes/3506.html	Article of the portal on Southern civil societies choike.org about the adoption by UNESCO of a Convention on Cultural Diversity.
http://www.culture.gouv.fr/dep/telechrg/circular13/focus13_ang.pdf	A study made for the French government called "EU enlargement, Popular Culture and Cultural Policy: Transition and Change".
http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Culture/Action/CCC/b_basics.asp	Page of the Council of Europe dealing with the creation of cultural capital.
http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/PRBpubs/bp453-e.htm	Study on the linguistic and cultural diversity in the context of economic integration of the Americas hosted by the Parliament of Canada Web Site.
http://www.relais-culture-europe.org/site2002/acc.htm	Centre de ressources sur la culture et l'Europe.
http://www.europarl.eu.int/facts/4_17_0_en.htm	Fact sheet of the European Parliament on its culture policy.