

TEACHERS' BOOKLET



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Teachers,

One and a half years ago, I had the pleasure of being responsible for the teachers at the International Forum of EYP in Amsterdam. During these eight days spent with a group of 12 amazing teachers, I realised the true value you all have, not only for our organisation, but mainly for your students and for society. Therefore, let me open this message by personally thanking you for the effort you put into providing your students with the opportunities EYP provides them, and for supporting their growth and personal development in such a way. I personally believe that by signing up for this event, you already showed a level of care for and about your students, which should serve as an example for all teachers around the world.

My name is Samuël Nelemans. I am 21 years old, was born and raised in Amsterdam, now I am in my fourth year of University, studying for a double bachelor's degree in Econometrics and Philosophy. I started my journey in the European Youth Parliament 5 years ago, and despite never having been selected for any event, I stayed involved in our organisation and have therefore never stopped learning about myself and the world around me. Now, this journey has led me to presiding over one of the first two Regional Conferences of EYP Czech Republic, which I see as both a great honour and an amazing learning opportunity.

My role at the session consists mainly of leading the Chairs' Team. Assisted in this job by my two Vice-Presidents, we have and will continue to spend our time training the Chairs and guiding them in their academic and non-academic preparations. Together, my Chairs and the board will try to ensure that all Delegates have a safe environment to enjoy the experience of the session. My team will not at any point be judging your students, but rather make sure all participants have an equal opportunity to reach their maximum personal potential during this session. This I consider the key purpose of the European Youth Parliament: to make sure that everyone gets space to grow and develop themselves as much as possible.

For this reason, I must ask you one thing in particular: when discussing, promoting and preparing for this event with your students, please do not take it as a competition. The European Youth Parliament is not a debating competition, it is a platform for cultural exchange and personal growth. Ultimately, those Delegates, who put effort into creating a constructive and supportive atmosphere at the session, will make a greater contribution to the event as a whole than those, who are determined to show their personal capability. In the end, our organisation is built and maintained by the former group. I have seen the tremendous effect teachers can have on the attitude with which their students go into the session, and I hope that you will join me in this mind-set.

During the session, I will spend the vast majority of my time with the committees, supporting the chairs in their efforts to improve the atmosphere and the quality of their academic output. However, I definitely want to make time during the session to speak to each one of you at least once and hear about your take on and vision of the European Youth Parliament. That being said, I am looking forward very much to meet you in Hradec Králové in December! If you have any questions or remarks before that time, feel free to contact me at any time at samuël.nelemans@eyp.nl, and I will be there for you and your Delegates.

Sincerely yours,

Samuël David Nelemans (NL)
President of the session

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD ORGANISERS



Dear Teachers,

We would like to officially welcome you and thank you for choosing RSC 2016 Hradec Králové as the session you visit with your students. We are aware of the significant role you play during our sessions, because if it was not for you, there would be no

Delegates. Therefore we would like to provide your Delegates with everything you promised the session will give to them.

We started working on this session in January and since that time we've walked a long way. We chose the city's most significant venues and planned the whole programme so that everybody can get the whole experience and nobody feels left behind. Therefore, we thought about you and your programme, which will definitely include shifts to the committees, so you can see your students working at the resolution.

As Head Organisers, our job during the session is mostly to make sure everything is running smoothly. For that purpose, we will have the helping hands of 9 Organisers that will be taking care of the Delegates' and your needs. So whenever you are in need of something, contact them and they will try to help you as much as it will be possible.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Hradec Králové.

Regards,

Jana and Pavel

Head Organisers



Dear teachers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Regional Selection Conference 2016 Hradec Králové on behalf of the Jury Team.

First of all, I would like to thank you. Thank you for supporting EYP CZ, thank you for going the extra mile above your necessary duties, and leading students towards further endeavours. Thanks to your support EYP transcends from an interest activity to a proper academically enhancing platform.

Furthermore, we are entering a new format of a session, which allows the existence of my role at the event. My team and I will be choosing the crème de la crème, which will continue their journey to the National Selection Conference of EYP CZ in Písek. Delegates will be evaluated based on several criteria, such as academics or teamwork. However, the most important to us is finding a balanced Delegate who will take from EYP as much as they will give EYP back.

I am looking forward to seeing you in December!

Olga

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF JURY



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Teachers,

It is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to Hradec Králové and this wonderful session of the European Youth Parliament!

I have been involved in EYP for over 3 years. It has allowed me to learn a lot about myself and about a wide variety of topics. Not only have I gained knowledge about the institutions and structure of the EU along with the main problems they're trying to tackle, I've developed skills in debating, problem solving and most importantly leadership.

There are many roles one may take on in EYP and each role comes with a different purpose and required skill set. In this session I will be leading the Media Team. We aim to produce content, which will remind the Delegates of their fond memories from the session along with providing them with content, which will help in this new journey, they are beginning.

As the Editor, my job is to provide the tools that Media Team Members need in order to produce unique, creative and innovative content. As you are the teachers, I believe you would agree that visualizing something is often a very helpful and useful way to learn something. Our Media Team Members are therefore producing infographics with the aim to help Delegates get a better understanding of their committee topics and perhaps look at the topic from a different perspective.

Our team will also be working on multiple video projects along with other projects they will brainstorm during the session with a final session issue at the very end to put everything on ink. I hope that you all enjoy this experience as much as we will and see all of your students succeed.

Kind regards,

- Ali

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EYP CZ

Dear Teachers,

The fact that you are reading this booklet means that you are the teachers accompanying your school delegation to the Regional Selection Conference of EYP Czech Republic, taking place in Hradec Králové. For this sole fact I would like to thank you – teachers are the backbone of our organisation and without their effort and enthusiasm, the work that we do would be much harder.

At the session in December, your students will learn new things about international affairs, improve their communication skills in English, and find out about creative ways of approaching problems. This event is not a one-off affair, but it can open the door for its participants to dive deeper into the world of EYP and continue attending different events throughout Europe. The opportunities are endless – the only limit is their own willingness.

Over the past couple of years, we in EYP Czech Republic have not only focussed on making our events enjoyable for the students, but also for the accompanying teachers. Since teachers are not the main target group of our events, it has happened in the past that they were a bit side-lined. We are always trying to gather as much feedback as possible from the teachers attending our events in order to improve the teachers' programme. Our main aim is to make your weekend relaxing, but also interesting. Striking the right combination of the two attributes also gets tricky, so any programme we provide for the teachers is voluntary – you can create your own schedule to suit your needs.

Once again, thank you very much for taking this responsibility upon you – EYP CZ values you greatly.

I look forward to meeting you in December in Hradec Králové.

With anticipation,

Marek Navrátil



Session info

THE CITY OF HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

In the medieval ages, the city was the traditional dowry of Czech Queens. Hradec Králové is famous for its urbanism and the architecture of the early 20th century – you will be able to see two of its highlights yourselves!

Hradec Králové is also a traditional rival of the nearby city Pardubice (where the other Czech RSC accidentally takes place). People from Pardubice often call Hradec the Moss-town. Why, you ask? One version of the legend tells us that scientists from a local university used to plant huge amounts of moss because of an ambitious research project – which did not turn out to be successful.

THE SESSION MOTTO

“Challenging the Concept of Culture”

We took a long and arduous journey to come up with our session motto but we believe it's one we can be very happy about. Hradec Králové is a very cultural city, it hosts many festivals and has a rich cultural life, so we wanted to have a session motto reflecting that. But the session motto reflects that culture is not just going to the theatre, it's not just that set of things that make up a nation/country/group of people who live in one spot and have similar upbringings. There is much more to culture – education, social systems, food, drink, literature, jokes, rules of behaviour... Culture is pretty much everything that helps us being social and we wanted to make sure everyone at the session thinks about their own culture and how different it might be from someone else's... and how very similar they actually are in many ways, a thing one needs to be constantly reminded of in contemporary Europe.

ABOUT THE SESSION

There is a first time for everything and RSCs are not different to that. The preparation of the whole concept began 2 years ago and the preparation for the session itself started in January 2016. It is a new concept for EYP CZ. The sessions will be twins, Hradec Králové and Pardubice (alphabetically, but in temporal order it would be reversed), both three days long and each providing space for about 80 Delegates and roughly 150 participants in total. Most of the Delegates will be first-timers and it is they who we try to hook in and get interested in EYP.

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HOW TO PLAN YOUR TRAVEL

All Delegates should arrive before 12:00 on 9 December. It is crucial for us to start with the programme on time. Since it takes approximately 20 minutes to get from the train/bus station to the hotel, we advise you to plan your travel with a time reserve (meaning you should not arrive to the station at 11:55 unless you come from great distance and you have no other travel option).

FIRST DAY

When you arrive to the accommodation, there is going to be a check-in. You are also going to get a lunch box. At 12:30 everybody is going to move to Gymnázium J.K.Tyla for the Teambuilding. Teachers are going to have separate programme during that time. In the evening, everybody is going to gather at the Opening Ceremony. After that the Global Village is going to take place (every delegation is going to have a country for food assigned) and it is also going to serve as a dinner. That means you should encourage your students to bring the best food they can.

EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONY

The official initiation of the whole session packed with remarkable speeches from people who are somehow part of the session (the President, Head Organisers etc.) or are indispensable for it.

Dress Code - Smart Casual / Business Formal

GLOBAL VILLAGE

The Global Village gives the Delegates a unique opportunity to share and taste typical food and beverages from various countries all over the globe. Every delegation is required to prepare a little degustation of cuisine of their allocated country. But you are strongly encouraged to bring other items, such as souvenirs, traditional dresses, flags or anything connected to the country and its culture. Please be aware that there is no dinner on Friday, so bring enough food to feed all the participants. Also, please take into account that only alcoholic beverages with less than 15% of alcohol are allowed.

Dress Code - Smart Casual / Business Formal (directly after Opening Ceremony) or Traditional Costumes

TEAMBUILDING

Teambuilding is essential for the Delegates because they to get to know each other and their chairpersons through fun games, energisers and challenging tasks. They connect and form a functional team. This will help them later on during Committee Work, because only teamwork leads to a good atmosphere and therefore to an easier way to create a great resolution.

Dress Code - Casual (comfortable clothes)

COMMITTEE WORK

The heart of every session. During Committee Work, current topics affecting each and every one of us are discussed and compromises are reached during tough negotiations. The outcome is a final resolution, which is later presented to other committees in the time of General Assembly.

Dress Code - Smart Casual

PARTY

It cannot be only about the work. Our Delegates need time to relax and loosen up a little bit. And a party is the perfect way to do it. This years' theme is Make your own superhero! Please encourage your students to get as creative as possible with their costumes because there are no limits and endless fun is guaranteed.

Dress Code - Superhero costume

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

The last but definitely not the least important part of the session. The General Assembly gives all Delegates the opportunity to summarize and defend their resolutions, engage in heated discussions, share their ideas and opinions and have the ultimate power to decide, which resolutions are bulletproof and elaborated enough to pass.

Dress Code - Business Formal



PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

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| until 12.00 | Arrivals |
| 12.00–13.00 | Lunch |
| 13.30–14.30 | General Teambuilding |
| 14.30–18:30 | Committee Teambuilding |
| 19.00–20.00 | Opening Ceremony |
| 20.00–22:30 | Global Village |

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

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|---------------|----------------|
| 9.00 – 12.00 | Committee Work |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | Lunch |
| 13.00 – 17.00 | Committee Work |
| 17.00 – 18.00 | GA prep |
| 18.00 – 19.00 | Dinner |
| 20.30 | Theme party |

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

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|---------------|------------------|
| 8.30 – 12.00 | GA |
| 12.00 – 12.40 | Lunch |
| 12.40 – 16.00 | General Assembly |
| 16.00 – 17.00 | Closing Ceremony |
| 17.00 | Departures |

Please note that this is the programme for the Delegates. Teachers will have a separate programme model, which will be provided shortly before the session. Also, there will be shifts to Committee Work on Saturday afternoon. Otherwise, teachers (and all other participants) are **not allowed** to visit committee rooms as it distracts the Delegates from working.

COMMITTEE TOPICS

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION (CULT)

In the light of the main objectives set by the European Agenda for Culture, how can the EU support museums, art and other forms of culture in contributing to European society?

COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS I (EMPL I)

Internships: An opportunity or a form of exploitation? As large numbers of young people enrol in unpaid and unregulated internships and traineeships in order to gain access to professional work in their domestic job markets, how can the EU protect the rights of interns and trainees whilst ensuring a high quality learning experience from these programmes?

COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS II (EMPL II)

The rise of the creative class: In the light of the social friction related to gentrification and the stimulation of this process by local governments, what stance should the EU take regarding this form of urban development?

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY I (ENVI I)

A healthy mind in a healthy body: As the number of Europeans suffering from mental health issues keeps rising, how can the EU ensure the availability of proper medical care and a societal acceptance of citizens affected by mental illnesses?

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COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS (JURI)

In the light of the European Commission combatting geoblocking as one of the main obstructions of the digital single market, how should the EU work towards the harmonisation of online copyright laws amongst its Member States?

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS I (LIBE I)

Freedom of religion and the limits of multiculturalism: In an increasingly multicultural Europe, to what extent should governments respect religious values, attitudes and traditions in order to ensure the integration of minorities and cohesion of European societies?

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS II (LIBE II)

Given the recent surge in cases of online sexual extortion and the slow development of a legal basis for protection from such offences, how can the EU contribute to prosecuting online sex offenders and reducing their number in the future?

VENUES



HOSTEL ACADEMIC

Our shelter, which will protect us from the chilly nights. Not only will it provide us with cosy beds, you will also find WiFi and a small café in there. It is conveniently located, within a short walk from the city centre.

GYMNÁZIUM J. K. TYLA



This beautiful building is going to provide us with its facilities during the Teambuilding and Committee Work. Moreover, we will enjoy most of our meals in its cafeteria. It is the seat of a high school, which claims its origins back to the fourteenth century. The building itself was designed by a famous Czech architect, Josef Gočár, as a masterpiece of the early constructivism. Note also the sculpture on the column – Vítěz (The Winner) by Jan Štursa. From the interesting personalities, who have attended this school, you might know Karel Čapek.

DIVADLO DRAK

The Opening Ceremony and the consequent Global Village will take place in this curious venue. Welcome to a Puppet Theatre! Mainly fairy-tale productions have been performed here so far, some of them influencing the world puppets' scene (such as „Šípková Růženka” - The Sleeping Beauty, „Popelka” - Cinderella, or „Pinokio” - Pinocchio).



MUZEUM VÝCHODNÍCH ČECH V HRADCI KRÁLOVÉ

This Art Nouveau museum building was designed by another significant architect of the early 20th century, Jan Kotěra. When inside, have a look and note that its structure reminds of medieval temples; it forms a latin cross, the navel being even ended by a presbytery and crowned by a cupola. We are excited to have our General Assembly in this impressive building!

TEACHERS ´ ACCOMMODATION

Teachers will be accommodated in a hotel near the city centre. Detailed information will be provided before the session, depending on the number of teachers participating. The hotel will provide you with breakfast, other meals will be provided by us.

TRAVEL GUIDE

FROM PRAGUE TO HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

There are two options how to get from Prague to Hradec Králové .

BY TRAIN

By train that departs from Prague Main Train Station (it is at metro line C – station Hlavní nádraží)

BY BUS

By buses that depart either from Florenc Central Bus Station (which is at the intersection of metro line B and C – station Florenc) or from Černý most, which is a final station of metro line B.

For the specific coach or train c(z)ech out the following website: <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>, which also has an English version. Keep in mind that you are supposed to be in Hradec Králové at 12:00 CET on 9 December!

SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS

9.15 Bus departing from **Černý most** station; will be in Hradec Králové at 10:30

10.00 Bus departing from **Florenc** station (platform 7); will be in Hradec Králové at 11:35

10.00 Another bus departing from **Florenc** station (platform 24); will be in Hradec Králové at 11:40

10.00 A train departing from **Hlavní nádraží**; will be in Hradec Králové at 11:51

FROM BRNO TO HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

THERE IS ONLY ONE DIRECT BUS FROM BRNO TO HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ THAT MORNING:

- 7.40** Bus departing from Zvonařka station- will be in Hradec Králové at 10:35

BUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO GET TO HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ:

- 8.36** A train departing from Brno central station, you have to get out of the train at 10:10 in Pardubice and change for another train, which leaves at 10:32; will be in Hradec Králové at 10:55
- 8.57** A train departing from Brno central station, you have to get out of the train at 10:54 in Pardubice and change for another train, which departs at 11:02; will be in Hradec Králové at 11:21

WITHIN HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

In Hradec Králové a ticket for public transport costs 20 Kč. If we use public transport during the session, you will not need a ticket (we will take care of that :))

WE WILL BE THERE FOR YOU ONCE YOU GET TO HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ, BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW:

If you want to get from the Central Station (bus or train, they are just one station of public transport apart) to the accommodation, you have to take a bus number 1, 9 or 28 and get out at Heyrovského station or a bus number 16 or 24 and get out at Fakultní nemocnice B station.

WHAT IS EYP



The European Youth Parliament is a politically unbound non-profit organisation established in 1987. EYP involves 40 different countries as well as about 40 000 youth participants. It aims to promote active citizenship, international dialogue, involvement and understanding, and to bring together young people from all over Europe to develop their ability to work in a team, communication and organising skills, and also to form a lifelong friendships.

OUR EVENTS

Apart from Regional Selection Conferences and then the following National Selection Conference, EYP Czech Republic organizes other events, such as EYP Days at schools (for future Delegates to learn about the concept of the European Youth Parliament and to try Committee Work and General Assembly before applying for real sessions), annual meetings for its members, European Fora, the project Understanding Europe and last but not least, the upcoming International Session Brno 2017.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1** There will be an Organiser waiting for you at the train/bus station, when you arrive. He/she will hold a transparent saying “EYP”.
- 2** Please fill out the Travel Form so we know when and where you arrive.
- 3** Please arrange your travel so you are at the accommodation at 12:00. The journey from the station to the accommodation takes approximately 20 minutes.
- 4** Delegates will receive a lunch box at the check-in.
- 5** Global Village on Friday evening is the dinner, so do not forget to bring the food. Also, many Delegates forget non-alcoholic drinks.
- 6** Do not forget the appropriate clothes (formal for the GA), remind that to your students as well.
- 7** It is not possible to enter the committee rooms because it distracts the Delegates from work. There will be, however, organised shifts on Saturday afternoon.
- 8** Even if you are from Hradec Králové, the Delegates must be accommodated in our session hostel.
- 9** Please plan your departure after 17:00 on Sunday.
- 10** We will provide you with food during the whole session (except for Friday evening - the Global Village)

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