



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT BELGIUM

Call for Session Presidents

3rd Regional Conferences of EYP Belgium



Word from the Board of EYP Belgium

Dear applicants,

It is with great pleasure that the Board of EYP Belgium launches the call for Presidents for its two Regional Conferences of 2019, taking place in autumn later this year. The **third generation of our Belgian Regionals** will be hosted in the beautiful Flemish cities of **Ghent and Sint-Niklaas**, and will be head organised by Charlotte Vanhandenhove & Pauline Gils, and Anastasia Milcev & Jef Druyts respectively. These Head Organisers are coordinated by the Board, and specifically our National Coordinator, Eline Inghelbrecht, one of the two Head Organisers of Mechelen 2018, the 3rd International Forum of EYP Belgium.

In the **end of October**, this year's first Regional Conference will take place **in Ghent**. This student city, famous for its university, was the setting for both the 11th and the 40th International Session of the EYP. In 2013, Ghent also hosted the 2nd International Forum of EYP Belgium, gathering around 160 youngsters from all over Europe. With EYP Belgium having big parts of its **history linked to the city**, from the roots of the founding of the Belgian National Committee to flagship events in the network, we will, with a session **focused on equality and education, bring EYP back to the city where it all started for EYP Belgium**.

In the **beginning of November**, we will rediscover the **city of Sint-Niklaas**. The city has a link with EYP Belgium when it comes to members events, hosting several weekends where new members experience EYP Belgium outside of its session atmosphere. With further discovering Sint-Niklaas, it would be the **first time we organise a regional conference in a city that is not listed as a capital city of a province or a region**. The conference will take place on the premises of one of the long-standing partners of EYP Belgium, being the Broederschool Humaniora, which is a more than 100-year-old high school, situated in the heart of Sint-Niklaas. The **theme of the session revolves around making changes as one united front**: *"Alone you can make a difference, but together you can make a change"*.

As the President of the Session, together with the Head Organisers and two Board Members of EYP Belgium, you will be on the Selection Panel for the Editors, two Vice-Presidents, and six solo-chairing Chairpersons. We will **count on you** to help ensuring that our Regional Conferences reach the **high session standards EYP Belgium has come to be known for**, as you will be in charge of drafting the topics and leading the chairs' team. Moreover, as the vast majority of the delegates will be experiencing EYP for the first time, we expect you, together with the rest of the leadership and the Board of EYP Belgium, to **strive to create a welcoming environment** to our organisation **for every participant present**.

We are looking forward to reading your application and hopefully seeing you in Ghent or Sint-Niklaas later this year!

On behalf of the Board of EYP Belgium,

Lars Van Bourgognie
President of EYP Belgium



Ghent Regional Conference: Word from the Head Organisers

Dear,

Thank you for showing interest in joining us in Ghent next autumn. We have been thinking about organising this Regional Conference for half a year, and are extremely excited to make this session one to never forget. With your commitment and motivation, we believe that we will succeed in doing so.

Ghent is known as a lively city: rich in culture, open-minded people, and tasty food. More importantly, we chose Ghent because of its historical value, beautiful scenery, and diversity of students, which provides both delegates and officials with a pleasant environment to discover and develop themselves. This is exactly what we want to achieve with Ghent 2019, providing a platform where the participants can **learn, create, and discover**.

To emphasise this goal, we chose the theme “**Establishing equality through education**”. As education influences our view on the world and on how we perceive others significantly, we believe that it plays a vital role in fighting intolerances and inequalities. Within EYP, we are confident that open communication and honest debates are the solutions to such issues.

In order to make Ghent 2019 a place to talk about these issues, we are looking for a President who is **open-minded and has a positive attitude**. Furthermore, we are counting on your motivation to take on a new challenge: shaping the new generation of EYP Belgium. We strongly believe that being approachable, taking initiative, and being supportive of the delegates will help you achieve this goal.

Continuing with the vision on the officials team, we think that **inter-team cooperation is key** for a positive atmosphere. We want to achieve this by having **extensive pre-session activities**, while taking into consideration a limited amount of workload. The purpose of this vision is to create a close relationship between all officials, which will result in an enjoyable working environment for all.

If you have any questions regarding our vision, the session, or the application, do not hesitate to contact us as we are more than happy to help you!

We are looking forward to reading your applications!

Big hug,

Anastasia Milcev and Jef Druyts
Head Organisers of Ghent 2019



Sint-Niklaas Regional Conference: Word from the Head Organisers

Dear,

We are very glad you want to apply for our amazing session! Sint-Niklaas is a beautiful city with a lot to offer. That is why we would like you to complete this amazing session and join us, because **“each of us can make a difference, but together we can make a change”**. That is what Sint-Niklaas 2019 will be all about, achieving our goals through teamwork. What we see happening in politics is that everyone works against each other and tries to achieve their own goals without listening to each other. Within EYP, we do listen to each other, even if we do not agree, and that way we achieve the best goals possible, which is a very beautiful thing to us.

Sint-Niklaas is a city with a lot of hidden gems. It is a bustling city full of young people and we want to make sure these young people can be heard, since they are the future and will soon be trying to make a change in this city, in Europe, or even the whole world. As Sint-Niklaas is not the biggest city in Belgium, we still want to show that even if you are not the biggest, together you might be the strongest and the smartest.

What we are looking for in the perfect president for Sint-Niklaas 2019 is that he or she **supports the delegates**, so they can **increase their personal development** and feel good, which makes them able to come out of their comfort zone and dare to speak in front of a public. We both had amazing presidents in our first sessions, which made us the people within EYP we are today, and we want to give the same experience for these first time delegates too. No one of us is perfect and there will always be room for improvement. And there it starts. **Cooperation** is the key of a working system. Sharing ideas, listening to each other, correcting and most importantly **supporting each other**. We attach enormous importance to support, help, and positivism. We truly believe cooperation only works when we tell each other what we appreciate, instead of always being critical and tend to correct each other.

If you have some more questions for us regarding our vision, theme, or what we expect from you, do not hesitate to contact us! We are glad to help!

We are very excited to read your applications!

Good luck and hopefully see you soon,

Pauline Gils and Charlotte Vanhandenhove
Head Organisers of Sint-Niklaas 2019



Practical and contact information

The Board of EYP Belgium

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Regional Conference Ghent 2019

Dates - From the 23rd until the 25th of October 2019 (this includes the CMO Training Day)
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Eline Inghelbrecht, Anastasia Milcev, and Jef Druyts

Regional Conference Sint-Niklaas 2019

Dates - From the 6th until the 8th of November 2019 (this includes the CMO Training Day)
Contact - sint-niklaas2019@eyp.be

Eline Inghelbrecht, Charlotte Vanhandenhove, and Pauline Gils



Application Questions

General

1. Introduce yourself without mentioning your name, age, nationality or occupation, then elaborate on your motivation to preside this session in particular.
2. Keeping in mind that most officials will be rather inexperienced, what is your vision for the chairsteam and how will you ensure quality output and a good working flow between all the teams?

Specific to Ghent Regional Conference

- a. Bearing in mind that our session theme is “Establishing equality through education”, what is the most valuable thing you learned in life? How will you implement this in your work as a President?
- b. If you could have dinner with only one well-known person from the past or the present, who would it be and why?

Specific to Sint-Niklaas Regional Conference

- a. The theme of Sint-Niklaas 2019 is “Alone you can make a difference, but together you can make a change”. If you could change something in Europe, what would it be and how would you do it?
- b. Introduce yourself by comparing yourself to an animation movie character. Which traits of this character would you bring to the session?

Links to the events on the members platform

- [Ghent 2019 - Regional Conference of EYP Belgium](#)
- [Sint-Niklaas 2019 - Regional Conference of EYP Belgium](#)