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Why Concept Booklet?

George, Nicolas, Sofia, Vasilis and I have clear personal goals for the session. We also have pretty specific ideas of what we would like participants to take away from the session.

We were considering to present all of these as our session's vision, however we realised that there is so much valuable input that people set to join the session in the upcoming weeks can bring to the team, that we would rather only share our general thoughts and hopefully tease your mind, so you feel motivated to join us.

Why Concept Booklet?

So please look at this Concept Booklet as our invitation to you - an invitation to give feedback and share your thoughts on the content we share here, or even to contribute with something you feel like we did not pay enough attention to.

Ilja

President's Introduction

I am beyond excited to have been given the opportunity to join George, Nicolas, Sofia and Vasilis on this fantastic journey of Athens '19.

With 300 days of sunshine, there is no better forum for the participants of the session to explore the ins and outs of democratic debate than the place where it all started.

That is why I want this session to be not just the place where we talk, but also listen, respond and engage; I want this session to be a meaningful and impactful experience for all participants and, finally, I really hope that session activities will influence people's skills and mindset, even beyond the EYP framework.

HOs'

Introduction

Returning to the city where everything started - a retrospective;
2 years ago the four of us were just starting our own EYP journey as Officials, having no idea where this choice would take us.
Today, still a bit unsure, miles apart from each other, we are trying to shape Athens 2019.

We thought it could never happen, but now with Ilija by our side, we feel more than ready to pursue this journey. However, as a band of vagabonds, we are always on the lookout for new companions. We want this adventure to be not only memorable, but also engaging and thought provoking. After all, nothing is behind us, everything is ahead of us, as is ever so on the road.

**Building the Europe we desire,
a young Europe, a union of values,
rebuilding principles and
ourselves achievable goals.**

Internal principles and ideas for smoother communication

The Officials of Athens 2019 will be working together for 5 months with the aim of making this session a valuable experience for all of its participants.

In order to tease your mind, we would like to share some of the matters we discussed so far;

Increased transparency

of each team's work in order to facilitate knowledge-sharing.

Outsourcing

relevant knowledge and skills not necessarily obtained through EYP framework.

Increased ownership

for individuals or groups who share passion for making a part of the session a bit different or feel strongly about something which would add value to the experience for participants.

Having said that,

5 people cannot decide on values and principles everyone else should adhere, so we hope to take the following weeks to hear from you and come up with something which would reflect the spirit of the session and needs of the participants to full extent.

Academic content and ideas for a better impact on participants

The umbrella topic of Athens 2019 is :
“Youth Employment in Europe: Ensuring effective infrastructure to provide young people with equal and ample opportunities”.

While it may seem specific at first, there are plenty of factors that contribute significantly to youth unemployment.

We hope that

we will manage to discuss working conditions and environment, especially for people entering the labour market, with a special reflection on internships and volunteering.

Finally,

we would not miss exploring how political and social narratives of different European regions impact this topic.

On the other side,

technology is transforming the market at a fast pace, and especially for young people, it is vital to keep up with those changes.

**These are only some of
the topics we hope we get
to hear being debated in
Athens this April.**

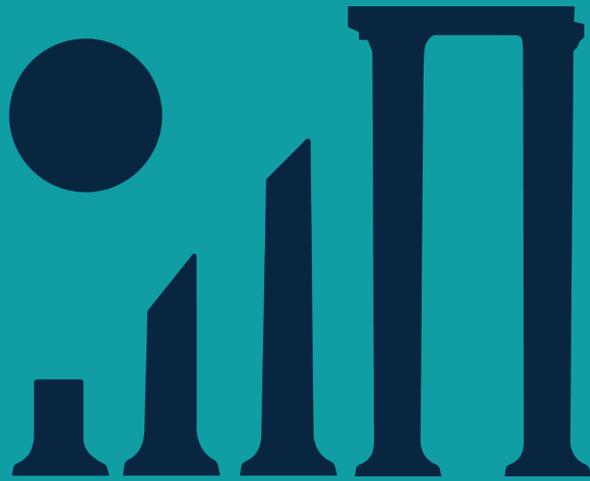
**Vice Presidents will be vital in drafting and phrasing the
session topics directing us to a new angle we have not
considered so far.**

We encourage you to be bold and go beyond the ideas
we presented here when proposing either a topic or a
cluster which deserves the attention of the session's
participants.

Finally there will be a special timeslot for the Media Team to contribute to the Topic Overviews.

Dear Editors to be, it is of paramount importance to make sure that there is a dynamic, engaging and user-friendly content when delegates receive their Academic Preparation Kit.

We encourage you to be bold, see behind the ideas we presented here and come up with your own, creative way of implementing them throughout the session.



See you somewhere in Athens.