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Dear Delegates,

I am truly honoured to welcome you to the 91st International Session of the European Youth Parliament in Hamburg. The German National Committee has a long-lasting tradition of hosting international events but the upcoming one is definitely going to exceed our high expectations. The location itself and its fascinating history embody a vision for modern Europe. Since the dark centuries when our continent was oppressed by the feudal system, Hamburg was amongst the leading members of the Hanse (anglicised as the Hanseatic League), an association of cities devoted to free trade and cooperation. It is not by chance that such mission brought along a more modern understanding among their citizen, who cherished their relative autonomy and established representatives institutions to safeguard their interests and freedoms. Keeping in mind the Session Theme - Remember. Reflect. React. -, being conscious of the profound historical heritage in which we are going to be immersed in is the key to making the most out of our common experience.

As participants, you will get a chance to live through this theme in all aspects and elements of the session. The organising team has been excellent, working relentlessly to reflect this unique session structure in all aspects. It fills me with pride and excitement to be able to build upon their work and welcome you all to your first steps leading up to the day we will all meet in Hamburg. There are still many things to do before that moment but perhaps the most important one is to begin embracing this experience wholeheartedly. The best way to consolidate all that will be on offer with our choice to participate, to deal with the excitement and the anticipation and channel these feelings into a drive to make the most of this experience.

I hope that Hamburg 2019 will serve as the landmark event it was intended to be: a celebration of pan-European multiculturalism and, more than that, of youth and of the can-do attitude that qualifies us. In that spirit, let us take our work to the next level, raising the bar higher than ever and setting even more ambitious standards for the future.

Moreover, I truly wish that many of you will be inspired by the experience and decide to be further involved in our organisation. The EYP is a platform for young people, by young people. We thrive because so many talented young individuals chose to stay within our network as Organisers, Media Team Members and Chairpersons, and I hope that many of you will choose to follow this path.

Lastly, I hope that all of you Delegates will take this moment as a stepping stone in your lives, opening up to the realities of Europe, learning more about our continent and its people, their politics and institutions and the role you can play in shaping those.

I wish you all an exciting summer and let us make Hamburg a great end-of-season celebration!

Andrea Stagni Morisi
Dearest Delegates,

Moin! We are unbelievably happy to finally welcome you to the 91st International Session in Hamburg taking place already in a few weeks and want to congratulate you on having been selected for this extraordinary event. We know that exciting times lie ahead of all of us.

You might be asking yourself, who are these two girls?
We are Kira and Pascale, both born and raised in beautiful Hamburg, and almost two years ago we started working on this project as Head-Organisers. Back in 2013, much like many of you, we started to participate in EYP events through our school. Ever since then, we had the chance to take part in many different sessions across Europe and try out a variety of positions. The one thing that is closest to our heart though, and we always come back to, is organising. We already had the pleasure to bring EYP to our old high school four years ago, when we head-organised a Regional Selection Conference of EYP Germany. Already then, in 2015, we knew that one day we want to give a lot more people from all over the chance to experience a remarkable event in our hometown - so, the idea of the International Session in Hamburg was born. It has been an incredible journey, filled with many unique experiences, all leading up to this point - preparing an unforgettable session for you and giving you the platform to make friends from all over Europe, enhance your communicating skills and knowledge on current European issues and give you the feeling to be part of something special.

We hope we were able to create a fun, educational, balanced, memorable and sensational programme for this session. You will be able to get a first glimpse of what is expecting you in Hamburg in this Welcome Booklet that was carefully put together by our lovely organising team, from session elements to parties to cultural programme …

We are beyond excited to welcome you to Hamburg very soon. Have fun preparing and researching your committee topics, booking your journeys and waiting in anticipation for ISHH’19.

Yours,
Kira Lange and Pascale Chehadeh
Dear Delegates,

you have probably already gotten in touch with media teams at your Regional or National Selection Conferences. You have smiled for cameras or have been interviewed. You might have seen activities by the media team or printed papers.

Did you like what you saw? The pictures, videos, projects? Have you ever had the chance to tell the media team what you want to see from them?

In line with the session theme “Remember. Reflect. React” we want you to remember media work you have seen in the past (EYP related or not). We want you to reflect on what you liked and did not like. Did you have the feeling there was something missing? Now is the time to react!

In our vision for the media team, your input is an essential part. We want to know what you want us to do. What kinds of projects can you envision? Do you want a certain video? A photo booth? There is no limit to your imagination - we promise you that we will discuss your ideas and see if we can realise them.

The earlier we hear your ideas, the better. Before the session, we will send out a questionnaire asking, what you would like to see from the media team in Hamburg. Also during the session, there will be ample opportunity to approach us to share your ideas.

We are looking forward to what you have in mind!

Sabrina Mellerowic and Tobias Satlow
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“Only with the commitment of the youth can we tackle the challenges of tomorrow: You are the future of a strong and sovereign Europe!”

Federal Foreign Minister
Heiko Maas

“The European Youth Parliament gives students the chance to gain insight into the organisation and working procedure of the European Union. They get to know new perspectives, develop their own positions and make experiences in balancing different interests through mutual exchange. This practical engagement with the European idea promotes the interest and political commitment to a common Europe. [...] I wish them exciting encounters, much joy in the development of new perspectives for Europe and a nice time in Hamburg.”

First Mayor of the City of Hamburg
Dr. Peter Tschentscher
VENUES

The A&O Hostel Hamburg Central Station will be our accommodation for the full duration of the session. The building was used to store goods from all over the world. Being a hostel now, it hosts visitors from all over the world and will be hosting us reunited, from all over Europe. Located close to the Speicherstadt and the Central Station, it will be very accessible and practical to reach throughout the session.

During Teambuilding you will be in contact with your fellow delegates for the first time. You will get to know each other and build strong bonds for the upcoming committee work. For this important part of the session, we will use the classrooms of the Stadtteilschule Hamburg Mitte.

The main church St. Katharinen is a place of rest in the middle of a hectic city. Between the city centre and HafenCity, between the art galleries and the Elbe Philharmonic Hall, the church invites you to pause and contemplate. The church fascinates by its height, by the proud columns and its bright charisma. In the oldest upright building in Hamburg, we will celebrate our Opening Ceremony.

Due to a large number of committees, they are expected to be accommodated in different places for Committee Work. One of them will be the Bucerius Law School, the first private law school in Germany, which is also ranked as one of the best in the country.

The EuroConcert will take place in one of the biggest music halls in Northern Germany - the Friedrich Ebert Halle. It was built in 1929 and is appreciated by musicians and audience due to its excellent acoustics. We are more than happy to use this special location for the artistic highlights we will enjoy all together.

The rooms of the Mozartsäle are one of the most beautiful ballrooms in Hamburg. This impressive building was built between 1907 and 1909. Since the opening, the Mozartsäle have served as a venue for banquets, lectures, presentations and even as a movie backdrop. The high windows, fine wall ornaments and chandeliers offer the right ambience to bring opinions together, defend resolutions and find common solutions during General Assembly.
Teambuilding
Teambuilding is one of the core elements of the session. It will provide you with a fun and challenging way of getting to know your fellow committee members and prepare yourself for the days to come. During the two days of Teambuilding, you will carry out several activities that are aimed at ensuring you get along well with your fellow participants and that your committee becomes a well-functioning team. Bear in mind that Teambuilding will at times take place outside. Therefore we strongly recommend you bring warm clothes and rain jackets in order to protect yourself from Northern German weather.

EuroVillage
During this event, every delegation will represent their own country by bringing national food samples, country flags, national music, souvenirs, costumes and other cultural objects that will contribute to representing your country proudly. During the EuroVillage you will have the opportunity to share your own cultural heritage and we, therefore, encourage all participants to bring what represents your country at its best. We would recommend bringing food/beverages that don’t need to be refrigerated, as we cannot guarantee to provide a fridge.

Opening Ceremony
The Opening Ceremony marks the official beginning of the session. At the Opening Ceremony, several prominent speakers and representatives of the session will deliver speeches and gather for a panel discussion on the sessions’ theme.

Committee Work
Over the course of these three Committee Work days, all committees will discuss their topics and eventually produce a high-quality resolution, presenting their vision to solving the key issues of their topic. During this programme element, it will be crucial to work as a team and fully engage in your topic, whilst at the same time keeping in mind the different backgrounds and cultures within your committee. In order to perform well in the Committee Work, it is of importance to come to the session well prepared with your research available.

General Assembly
During the two days of the General Assembly, all delegates will come together to discuss and debate the resolutions they have produced during the Committee Work. Following the standard parliamentary procedure, all resolutions will be presented and defended, then debated upon by the assembly. At the end of each debate, there is a vote based solely on your personal opinion on the quality of the resolution. Therefore it is not only important that you are fully on top of your own topic, but also have a firm understanding of the other topics. Do make sure to read the entire academic preparation kit. The General Assembly will be your moment to share your opinion and views, practice your public speaking skills and debate pressing European issues you are interested in and feel truly passionate about.
Sunday, 22nd of September 2019

Theme Afternoon:
The Theme afternoon will take place between teambuilding and committee work. During this afternoon you will have the chance to explore the session theme “Remember. Reflect. React.” before starting to work on your more specific committee topics. Panel discussions, conversations with people who witnessed the fall of the Iron Curtain, and interactive content provided by the session’s media team are just some of the activities that you will be able to take part in to engage with history and historical topics. By the end of the afternoon, you will hopefully be as excited as we are about the historical aspects of the session theme and feel ready to tackle the coming days of committee work.

Committee Dinner:
The committee dinner is the ideal chance to spend some time with your fellow committee members, media team members and chairpersons outside of committee work or teambuilding. You will have the chance to create a strong bond over a nice meal at a local restaurant. Please note that the cost of this dinner is not covered by the session’s budget and it will cost you approximately 15€ (we advise you to have some cash on you).

Tuesday, 24th of September 2019

Expert format:
Approximately halfway through committee work on Tuesday, September 24th 2019, you will have the chance to hear from and talk to experts from various scientific, economic, political, and civil backgrounds about your respective committee topics. This will give you the chance to hear about first-hand experiences and the relevance of your committee topic in real life and to quiz someone who works on this topic on a day-to-day basis with all your questions and challenges you have come across. During this time you will also have the opportunity to delve a little deeper into one of the other committee topics and hear from an expert on that topic.

Wednesday, 25th of September 2019

Mid-Session Party:
Dress code: White/Black/Neon
A little party never killed nobody! People who work hard can also play hard. That’s why we will be hosting a mid-session party on the evening of the 25th of September. To make this party even more fun, we decided to have it under the motto ‘NEON’. You can either dress in a bright neon colour, keep it classy with a black outfit or bring a white t-shirt that can be painted on (or not). At the party, we will be providing face and fabric paint in all sorts of colours, so you can unleash your inner artist and proceed to do the colouring (on yourself or your friends). Eventually, there will be only one thing left to do: Hitting the dancefloor and dancing the night away!
Thursday, 26th of September 2019

Cultural Programme:
After three eventful days of committee work, we will try to show you as much as we can of this incredible city called Hamburg. Below you can find the preliminary options for the cultural programme with a short description. In the Registration Form, you will be asked to indicate your top three choices. Please note that we cannot guarantee you one of your choices but we will try our very best to find something for everyone. The dress code varies from programme to programme, keep an eye out for more information. For some options, you will have to pay an already reduced price. If there is an extra fee, it is indicated in the headline of the description. If you choose an option with a fee, you are bound to pay for it at the check-in desk.

Programme for free

1. Visit the “Elbphilharmonie”, Boat ride – Dresscode: casual
   Since November 2016, Hamburg has a new concert hall that is already one of the landmarks of the city - you can even find it in the Logo of ISHH 2019. From the top of the “Elphi” you have a nice view of the city and the harbour, on the ferry boat, you will experience the city in a new way.

2. Visit the St. Michaelis Church – Dresscode: appropriate for the church (no shorts, no tanktops)
   Another landmark is the St. Michaelis church in the city centre. You will be able to get on the tower and enjoy a view over the city, all while getting to know a little bit about the history of Hamburg and the church.

3. Nikolaikirchturm +museum – Dresscode: casual
   As you might know, Hamburg was heavily destroyed during WW II. Due to its height, the attacking planes used the tower of the Nikolai church to navigate. The church was completely destroyed, only the tower is still standing and open for visitors. Up on the tower, you have a 360° view over the city, in the basement, you’ll find a museum that processes the WW II from Hamburgs’ perspective.

4. Zoological Museum – Dresscode: casual
   The Zoological Museum presents specimens of different animals over some 2,000 sqm of floor space. It provides insight into Earth’s diversity. In September, there will be a special exhibition on Alexander von Humboldt, a German naturalist who paved the way for the field of ecology.

5. Free walking tour
   An experienced guide will show you the most important sightseeing spots as well as places of the city that are not as commonly known. You will get to know the history of the town while walking through the city centre.

6. Session choir
   You love to sing with others and want to perform at the EuroConcert? We are aiming to have a session choir, where you will be able to fulfil your dream on the big stage. During the cultural programme, you rehearse with other participants for the EuroConcert in the evening. The songs you will be singing are to be announced.
Programme with costs

7. **Dialogue in Silence**
   - Dresscode: casual - Price: **10,50€ p.P.**, only with a valid student ID
   This is a journey which will enrich you with insights into the fascinating world of deaf people.
   In a 60 minute tour, deaf guides lead you in small groups through especially sound-proofed exhibition rooms. You will wear noise-cancelling headphones and step into a variety of situations which require non-verbal communication.

8. **Hamburg Dungeon**
   - Dresscode: casual - Price: **9,50€ p.P.**, only with a valid student ID
   The Hamburg Dungeon is a 90-minute long trip through 600 years of Hamburg's darkest history. It's a show with professional actors, brilliant stories, 2 exciting rides and a lot of special effects. The show will make you laugh, it will make you scream, and you will have a memorable time!

9. **Miniaturwunderland**
   - Dresscode: casual - Price: **8€ p.P.**, only with a valid student ID
   The Miniaturwunderland is the largest model railway system in the whole world - reason enough to visit this gigantic space full of little trains, houses and nature, that recreates not only Hamburg but different parts of the world. You could spend days in there and you wouldn't see everything. Definitely one of the most exciting and special places in Hamburg!

10. **Bicycle tour**
    - Dresscode: sporty, no open shoes - price: **6€ p.P.**
    Do you want to see Hamburg from a different point of view? Do you like a little bit of a relaxed sports programme during a session? Maybe a bicycle tour is the right choice for you. In a group, you will be able to drive around town, enjoy Hamburg and get in a small work out. As the tour will be outdoors, be prepared for rainy/colder weather.

11. **Bouldering**
    - Dresscode: sporty clothes you can move and climb in - price: **3,50€ p.P.**
    Up, up and away?! You might find your happiness while bouldering (climbing without a rope). Push yourself and others at the bouldering wall and put all your pent-up energy in climbing higher and higher.

12. **Street Art Tour**
    - Dresscode: casual - Price: **4€ - 11€ p.P.**, depending on the size of the group
    Graffiti is one of the most modern art forms, compared with the history of human art. But in this short time period, many artists have enriched the grey sides of their cities with amazing masterpieces. This tour will show you a collection of artworks, the techniques and the artist behind this impressive outdoor gallery. So, get ready for a gallery walk of a different kind!

13. **Hintz and Kuntz City Tour**
    - Dresscode: casual - Price: **2€- 6€ p.P.**, depending on the size of the group
    Hamburg is not only a city where big companies earn high profits by shipping goods all over the world. It is also the home to over 2000 homeless people, humans that fight every day for their survival. The Hintz und Kuntz city tour is one of a kind experience, it will show you the life of these peoples and their places in this city. An unfiltered view on a different side of Hamburg.
    Alert: The tour guides only speak German. We will provide a translation.

14. **Jumphouse**
    - Dresscode: sporty clothes - Price: **13€ p.P.**
    Jump, Jump! In this huge trampoline park, you are able to jump around, try out some tricks, get all your energy out and recharge for the rest of the session. Unleash your inner child and jump away.
Thursday, 26th of September 2019

EuroConcert:
Have you ever dreamed of showcasing your creativity and talent to the session participants? The EuroConcert is the perfect opportunity for talented musicians, singers and dancers, whether for the first or the thousandth time. So get your fingers ready, warm up your voice and show us your own, unique performance. Auditions for the EuroConcert will be organised during one of the teambuilding days. Please note that the organising team will only be able to provide a keyboard and a guitar. Any other instruments that you need for your performance will have to be brought by you. You will be able to notify the organisers about your wish to participate in the Registration Form. Also, be aware that rehearsals will take place during the cultural programme prior to the concert!

Friday, 27th of September 2019

Delegation Dinners:
For good work, you need good food. That’s a fact. And while you will be provided with healthy and energising things to eat during this session, we want to give you one evening to reconnect with your delegation, update each other on what has been happening the past few days whilst enjoying a nice dinner together. And hopefully, with the culinary variety Hamburg has to offer, you will find something new to please your taste. Keep in mind that the cost of this dinner is not covered by the session’s budget, so make sure to take some money (approx. 15€, preferably in cash) with you.

Saturday, 28th of September 2019

Farewell evening:
After two long and exciting days of GA, we want to spend one last unforgettable evening together. More information will follow soon.

Almost daily

Sports programme:
For several years we have been paying special attention to the well-being of all our participants. In addition to the fundamental focus on well-being, we also pay special attention to the physical health of everyone, which is why we are offering our voluntary daily sports programme. We are currently trying to create a diverse programme which fits everybody’s needs and supports you in keeping your batteries full. You will be informed during the session what is offered that day and when it is taking place. So do not forget to pack your sports clothes!
**DRESSCODE**

**Important note**
One of our main goals is your well-being at the session. You are not be forced to wear anything that makes you feel uncomfortable at any point of the programme. Please always remember this, especially for the General Assembly. Moreover, everything you need for the IS is most certainly in your closet, so we discourage you from buying new clothes specifically for the session in Hamburg!

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**Casual**
This dress code applies to teambuilding and informal evening events. Especially during Teambuilding feel free to wear whatever you feel comfortable in and can move around in. Make sure to also bring warmer clothes, even though the session takes place at the end of summer, Germany and especially Hamburg tend to get rather cold and also rainy already in September.

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**Smart**
During committee work, you are expected to follow a smart dress code. This means adequate clothing for a working environment with your committee members and experts.

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**Smart/Formal**
This dresscode is indicated, when we encourage the participants to wear something appropriate and respectful for the occasion.
# Preliminary Programme

## Friday, 20th of September

- Delegates Arrival

## Saturday, 21st of September

- Teambuilding
- Eurovillage:
  - Casual
  - Casual/costumes, traditional clothing from your country

## Sunday, 22nd of September

- Teambuilding: Casual
- Theme Afternoon: Casual
- Committee Dinner: Casual

## Monday, 23rd of September

- Opening Ceremony: Smart
- Committee Work: Smart
- Hamburg Night: Casual

## Tuesday, 24th of September

- Committee Work: Smart
- Expert Talks: Smart
- Academic Night: Smart

## Wednesday, 25th of September

- Committee Work: Smart
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- Mid-Session Party: White/Black/Neon Casual
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The theme “Remember. Reflect. React.” will be present in all the academic work produced in connection with the session. It consists of three distinct, yet, interrelated aspects:

**Remember** - In addition to the anniversaries of the three German constitutions of 1849, 1919 and 1949, the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain in 2019 plays a particularly important role. The end of the Cold War has provoked revolutionary changes for our society, not just for Germany but for all of Europe.

**Reflect** - Current challenges are putting Europe and the social cohesion repeatedly to the test: It is not only since the issue of asylum policy has gained topicality that right-wing parties are on the rise and there are many additional reasons to reflect on the past and its influence on today’s society.

**React** - We do not want to merely leave it at the memory and reflection. We want our words and thoughts to be followed by actions, jointly developing solution strategies on how Europe can face challenges and become stronger together.

All of the following committee topics have been developed with this theme in mind. Each topic addresses a current challenge faced within European politics, yet is also informed by connections to historical events raising the overarching questions of what and how we can learn from our shared pasts. The theme afternoon, which bridges teambuilding and committee work, will address just these questions from a variety of perspectives. We hope that by addressing these questions within different contexts of the session you will not just get to think about the particular topics you will be working on but also have the opportunity to form your own answer to the question of what history can and cannot teach us and how we can use this to shape our futures.
**AFCO - Committee on Constitutional Affairs**
Chair: Alina Khan (LU)

*From the Luxembourg Compromise to Brexit: The crisis of the EU’s institutional architecture.*
In light of the debates regarding the perceived democratic deficit of the EU institutions, the Spitzenkandidat process and a Multi-speed Europe with different levels of integration among its Member States, how can the EU reform its institutional framework whilst protecting its Member States’ interests and fuelling democratic participation?

**CULT - Committee on Culture and Education**
Chair: Lena Kreft (DE)

*Towards a new culture of remembrance: Facing the shades of our past.*
Several European countries promote the positive aspects of their history without acknowledging their most critical legacies. Since this sanitisation of the past has detrimental impacts on society at large, how best can the culture and education sector adapt to reverse the trend? What concrete steps can be taken at both European and national level to improve public recognition of those who have suffered from oppression, colonisation and crimes against humanity?

**DEVE - Committee on Development**
Chair: Kevin Boland (IE)

*From post-colonial policies to strategic partnership: A Marshall Plan for Africa?*
As Africa is home to the world’s fastest-growing economies and largest population growth rates, it is becoming an increasingly important actor in the ever-changing global geopolitical landscape. In the face of growing migration pressures from Africa, ongoing immigration concerns within Europe and increasing Chinese presence, what role should the EU development policy and governmental international aid programmes play in shaping the future euro-african relations?

**ECON - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs**
Chair: Emilie Lutz (FR)

*Tax evasion and tax avoidance: The unsolved issues of Europe’s fiscal policies.*
The Panama papers and Luxleaks scandals have revealed that large networks of individuals and businesses utilise loopholes in financial markets’ regulations to lower their tax contributions and shield their capital offshore. With tax avoidance and evasion costing billions to European countries each year, what steps should be taken to ensure a fairer and more effective taxation while respecting the diversity of political stances taken by national governments on the issue?

**EMPL - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs**
Chair: Rebeca Leal (PT)

*The Fourth Industrial revolution: Doom or boon scenario?*
While bringing many benefits, ongoing automation and digital transformations are estimated to cause the transformation of up to 45% of the European workplaces in future decades. What measures should be taken to ensure that current and future workers acquire and retain the skills to remain relevant in a rapidly changing economy? How best should labour conditions be adapted to this new scenario?
ENVI I - Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety I
Chair: Daša Pogorelec (SI)

Climate change and demographic growth in least developed countries: An explosive combination?
Climate change has already had observable effects on the environment, and its impact is particularly harm-ful to economically least developed countries whose populations are projected to increase substantially. Given Europe’s historic contribution to global warming, what measures should be taken to ensure climate justice and preserve living conditions in least developed countries?

ENVI II - Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety II
Chair: Nikos-Pavlos Kotzias (GR)

Healthy by design: The new frontier of medicine.
With the first human trials using CRISPR on cancer patients underway, there has been growing concern re-garding the future of gene modification as an effective treatment and prevention tool. How can the integrity of patients be safeguarded, whilst realising the potential of precision medicine?

IMCO - Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection
Chair: Vedad Misirlić (BA)

Online service providers and users’ data: Consumers becoming the product?
Collection of consumer data in exchange for online services has become a regular part of many business models. While specific provisions have been adopted at the EU level to protect personal information (e.g. GDPR), the practice of mass data collection remains unchanged. What further steps should be taken to protect consumers’ right to their data, while minimising the financial impact on companies and their stakeholders?

INTA - Committee on International Trade
Chair: Lars Kieni (CH)

The New Silk Road: A pathway to development or a geopolitical threat?
While China’s Belt and Road Initiative aims to connect and integrate Asian, African and European economies, critics perceive the move as a way to foster Chinese hegemony and irreversibly shift the balance of power. How can Europe seize the initiative’s benefits without sacrificing strategic interests, environmental sustain-ability and workers’ rights?

ITRE - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
Chair: Klara Birchley (PL)

Technological innovation in the energy sector: transitioning towards a sustainable Europe.
With the transformation within Europe’s energy systems from conventional to renewable power potentially taking decades, investments in research and development are key to facilitating and expediting the process. What steps should be taken to promote innovation and provide the best conditions for this transition to occur?
JURI - Committee on Legal Affairs  
Chair: Annelotte de Van der Schueren (NL)

The rise of big data and the danger of a surveillance state: Balancing between safety and privacy.  
Although big data is used for the development of knowledge and scientific progress, there are many examples in history of its misuse by the public sector. Given that potential violations of privacy by government agencies are becoming easier with the ongoing digitalisation of services, how can the EU ensure the responsible use of big data within Member States?

LIBE I - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs I  
Chair: Jonas Weider (DE)

The rise of illiberal democracies: Defending civil liberties at a time of crisis of the Western model.  
Over the past decade, some populist governments have been thwarting the democratic order by undercutting the separation of powers, neutralising the judicial systems and actively engaging in propaganda. What steps should be taken to protect citizens’ rights, thus living up to the Council of Europe’s fundamental values?

LIBE II - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs II  
Chair: Sabina Şancu (RO/AL)

Asylum seekers and reception standards: Safeguarding human rights in an increasingly hostile continent.  
Despite European-level legislation addressing asylum seekers’ right to healthcare, in reality their access to it is hindered by practical obstacles such as language barriers and improper reception facilities. What measures should be taken by Member States to safeguard the physical and mental health care needs of asylum seekers following their arrival in the EU?

REGI - Committee on Regional Development  
Chair: Vladyslav Korshenko (UA)

The scars of deindustrialisation in Europe’s landscape: Bringing former industrial sites dismissed areas to a new life.  
With the European Commission’s New Industrial Policy Strategy aiming to empower European industries, how can the social, economic and environmental challenges of deindustrialisation be addressed throughout Europe? What measures should the EU and local authorities take in order to secure the sustainable development of former industrial sites?

SEDE - Committee on Security and Defence  
Chair: Thanos Theofanakis (NL)

From the Pleven Plan to the 2016 EU Global Strategy: A new role for European Defence.  
With the changing nature of foreign threats close to Europe’s borders as well as violent conflicts globally, new forms of defensive cooperation are required. What role should the Member States’ armed forces play? What should the extent of military cooperation at the EU level be in the future?
General Information
During the session, all participants will be accommodated in the
A&O Hostel Hamburg Central Station
Amsinckstraße 2-10
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You should arrive at the hostel no later than 6 pm CEST on Friday, September 20th.
The session ends on Sunday, September 29th. There is no official programme scheduled for that day, so
you can depart from the Hostel whenever it fits you best. However, you do need to be checked out by
no later than 11 am.
If you want to arrive earlier than September 20th or depart later than September 29th, the organising team
will certainly assist you in finding the right accommodation but keep in mind that we will not take any legal
or financial responsibility for the extended stay. Additionally, if you need help finding your way to and from
your accommodation, we will be happy to help you out!

Travelling by plane
There are direct flights from the majority of European cities to the Hamburg International Airport (HAM).
You can also fly to another German city (the closest ones are Hannover, Berlin and Bremen) and then get on
a train or bus that will take you to Hamburg. For train connections and tickets use the Deutsche Bahn web-
When arriving at Hamburg Airport, it’s easy to take a train directly to Hamburg city centre. The train (S-Bahn)
station is easily reachable from both airport terminals by foot, just look out for the signs or ask any available
employee. The journey to the city centre with the line S1 in the direction of Wedel or Blankenese takes
about 25 minutes and trains leave every ten minutes. Buying a HVV ticket entitles users to access any pub-
lic transport options in Hamburg, including trains, buses and passenger ferries. You can download the HVV
App to easily buy the right tickets and check for connections at any time or use one of the ticket machines
you can find everywhere. Please be aware that there are no ticket machines on the train itself! A single ticket
(Einzelkarte, Hamburg AB) will cost you 3,30€. If you are 4 or 5 people, we recommend buying a group ticket
(9-Uhr Gruppenkarte, Hamburg AB) for 12,20€, which also allows you to travel as many times as you wish on
that day. Get off at Hamburg Hauptbahnhof (central station) to get to our accommodation.
**Travelling by train**

Once you arrive at the Hamburg central station (Hamburg Hbf), it will take you around 10 minutes on foot to arrive at the hostel. Leave the main train station in the direction of Mönkebergstraße/Spitalerstraße. Exit the train station, turn left and follow the Steintorwall. Continue onto Klosterwall. Follow the street until you can turn left onto Amsinckstraße. Turn slightly right onto Högerdamm. The Youth Hostel will be on the right side.

**Travelling by bus**

If you are travelling by bus, you will most likely arrive at the Zentraler Omnibus Bahnhof (ZOB) which is the central bus station in Hamburg and it will take you around 15 min to get to the Hostel on foot. Leave the central bus station in the direction of the main train station. Right at the end of the central bus station you can turn left into Brockesstraße. Go straight to its end and turn right onto Altmannbrücke. Afterwards, turn left onto Klosterwall. Follow the street until you can turn left onto Amsinckstraße. Turn slightly right onto Högerdamm. The Youth Hostel will be on the right side.
Registration on the EYP’s Member Platform
Prior to the session all participants are required to create a personal account on the EYP’s member platform and register to the 91st International Session of the EYP in Hamburg, Germany, as a delegate. This platform will also come in handy after the session when documenting your session history and contacting other participants of EYP events you have attended. If you do not have an account yet, please take the following steps. If you have an account already, you can skip the first two steps.
1. Create an account on the EYP Member Platform. If you already have an account on the new Member Platform or also on the old Alumni Platform, go to step 3.
2. Activate your account after receiving an email.
3. Log in and update your profile.
4. Register for Hamburg 2019 as a delegate via the menu on the right of the Hamburg 2019 event page.
If you encounter any problems or have any questions regarding the Member Platform, please email us.

Registration & Travel Form
To ensure we have all the required information for the event, you will be asked to fill out the Registration and Travel Form for Hamburg 2019. This will also provide the organisers with information regarding your dietary requirements, contact details, special needs, etc.
Please make sure to fill it out by August 18th.

Consent Form
In order to take part in the 91st International Session of the European Youth Parliament, parental consent is mandatory for all underage participants. We would ask you to please have the appropriate form filled out and signed by your parents or legal guardian. If you are 18 or older please fill out the “consent form participants 18+” yourself. You will be asked to upload this sheet in the Registration and Travel form. The Consent Form refers to the Code of Conduct that you can find on the Members platform. Make sure to read it as well.

Medical Emergency Sheet
The filled-out Medical Emergency Sheets are crucial to have for the organising team in case of an emergency that requires medical assistance. Please fill out the sheet and have your parent or legal guardian sign, if you are underage. You will be asked to upload this sheet in the Registration and Travel form. The private information you submit in this sheet will only be available to the session medics.

EuroVillage
On Saturday, September 21st in the evening all the participants will gather to celebrate the EuroVillage. Each delegation will have its own table and is expected to present its country in the EuroVillage event. Bring as much food as your delegation would eat itself to avoid food waste. You are also highly encouraged to wear national costumes and to bring flags, pictures, postcards, etc. – anything that is representative of your country.

How much money should I bring?
You need to bring enough money to pay for your committee dinner on Sunday, September 22nd (15-20 Euros) and for your delegation dinner on Friday, September 27th (15-20 Euros). You will also need to bring money for any snacks and refreshments during the evening programme. We highly recommend that you bring cash rather than having to rely on ATMs.
The International Session in Hamburg should be a memorable and unique event for every participant. In order to ensure respectful and appropriate behaviour, it is necessary to follow some rules that you will read carefully about below.

**Visa**
Please note that all non-EU nationals require a visa in order to enter Germany. Please verify your visa requirements on the Website of the [Federal Foreign Office of Germany](https://www.bua.de). If you are in need of a visa or an invitation letter please fill in [this form](#) and the [office of EYP Germany](#) will be happy to help you.

**Insurance**
It is vital that all participants have a valid personal health insurance card. We remind all participants who own a European Health Insurance Card to bring the card with them to the session in case of an emergency, which requires hospital treatment. Please note that travel insurance covering loss of luggage, accidents, disease, etc. is recommended. It is the participants’ responsibility to ensure they bring their insurance card with them if their respective insurance company requires such a proceeding.

**Individual needs**
If you have any need concerning allergies, medical treatment or handicap facilities, please send an email to [info.ishamburg@eyp.de](mailto:info.ishamburg@eyp.de) as soon as possible with all the relevant information. We will do our best to ensure that everyone will have a great experience in Hamburg!

**Alcohol and behaviour policy**
Alcohol (beer and wine) will be available at some events. The delegates are asked to remember their national legal requirements concerning alcohol. As young ambassadors of their country, the participants are expected to understand that the organisers would not wish the participants’ stay in Germany and memories of Hamburg to be ruined by misbehaviour. The EYP frowns upon overindulgence. Participants are reminded that any overindulgence in alcohol will result in the participant’s exclusion from the session on the participant’s own expenses. The EYP operates a total zero-tolerance policy with drugs which means that anyone who consumes drugs will be excluded from the session immediately.

Participants of the session are allowed to drink alcoholic drinks with less than 15% alcoholic content (such as beer or wine). Any stronger beverages will not be allowed and are confiscated by the organisers. Please see the [Code of Conduct](#) should there be any questions. Delegates who are younger than 16 years old are not allowed to drink alcohol under any circumstances!

**Leaving the session programme**
Managing an event with over 300 participants is not easy and requires the organisers to know where participants are. This means that participants cannot leave without the permission of an organiser. Even when permission has been given, participants must stay with an organiser or chaperone at all times. Under no circumstances can participants leave the official programme by themselves.

**Preparation**
Delegates are encouraged to arrive prepared for the Committee Work, which can be done by researching on their respective topic, as well as following the current news and international political scene. You will receive all the necessary information regarding the selection of the topics in due time. The academic preparation kit will be sent out to you as soon as possible to ensure adequate preparation.
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PACKING LIST

**Essentials**
- valid passport or ID card
- visa if required
- insurance evidence (health insurance card, etc.)
- money (notes and coins) in Euro and/or credit/debit card for evening activities and possibly merchandise
- mobile phone and charger

**What else to bring**
- power plug and/or adapter if needed
- towels (can also be borrowed in the Hostel for 1,50€)
- food and decoration for the Eurovillage

**Committee Work**
- committee work materials (your own research, academic preparation kit, preferably in digital form)
- laptop/tablet/notepad and charger if preferred
- notebook and pens

**Clothing**
- sufficient clothing for all days of the session (remember the different dress codes) - make sure to check the weather forecast for Hamburg before packing
- raincoat and/or umbrella + waterproof shoes
- sports clothing if you want to participate in the sport activities
- warm clothes and shoes for the outdoor activities
- traditional clothing for Eurovillage, if wanted
- neon/white clothes for the Neon-Party

**Personal items**
- personal hygiene items and any emergency medication
- hairdryer if needed
- for participants taking part in the EuroConcert: instrument, music on an external flash drive, costume etc.
- travel tickets

*Important*: bed sheets will be provided at the accommodation!
I. Book tickets for travelling to and from Hamburg. Should you need any extra nights, do not forget to book those too
II. Apply for a visa, if necessary
III. Check the expiration dates of your travel documents
IV. Create a profile on the EYP’s Member Platform, if needed
V. Register as a delegate of the 91st International Session of the European Youth Parliament in Hamburg on the EYP’s Member Platform by August 18th
VI. Complete the Travel and Registration Form by August 18th
VII. Do your academic preparation for your topic and do not forget to bring your research material to the session (ideally in digital form)
VIII. Prepare your national food, drinks, costumes and other representative items for the EuroVillage
IX. Consider applying for the EuroConcert if you want to be part of this unique event. For those applying, bring your instrument, music on a USB stick/ a CD, or any other equipment your performance requires. A piano and guitar will be available.
X. Pack warm and comfortable clothes, appropriate for cold and rainy weather, smart and formal clothes and outfits for the parties
XI. Like our Facebook page and Instagram account and stay updated
XII. Visit our website
XIII. Should you have any questions, contact our Delegates’ Support Angie at info.ishamburg@eyp.de
XIV. Get excited about meeting all participants in Hamburg

We ask you to please take the deadlines above seriously. If you see problems fulfilling it, please contact us immediately so that we can find a common solution. Finally, we wish you all a good and successful preparation for the session. We hope this document has answered your questions; however, should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We cannot wait to welcome you all in the wonderful city of Hamburg!
The Organising Team
The Schwarzkopf Foundation is the international umbrella organisation of the European Youth Parliament (EYP). EYP Germany is a National Committee in the EYP network.