



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Report of the Selection Panel

**The Chairs' Team of the 90th International Session of the
European Youth Parliament in Valencia, Spain**

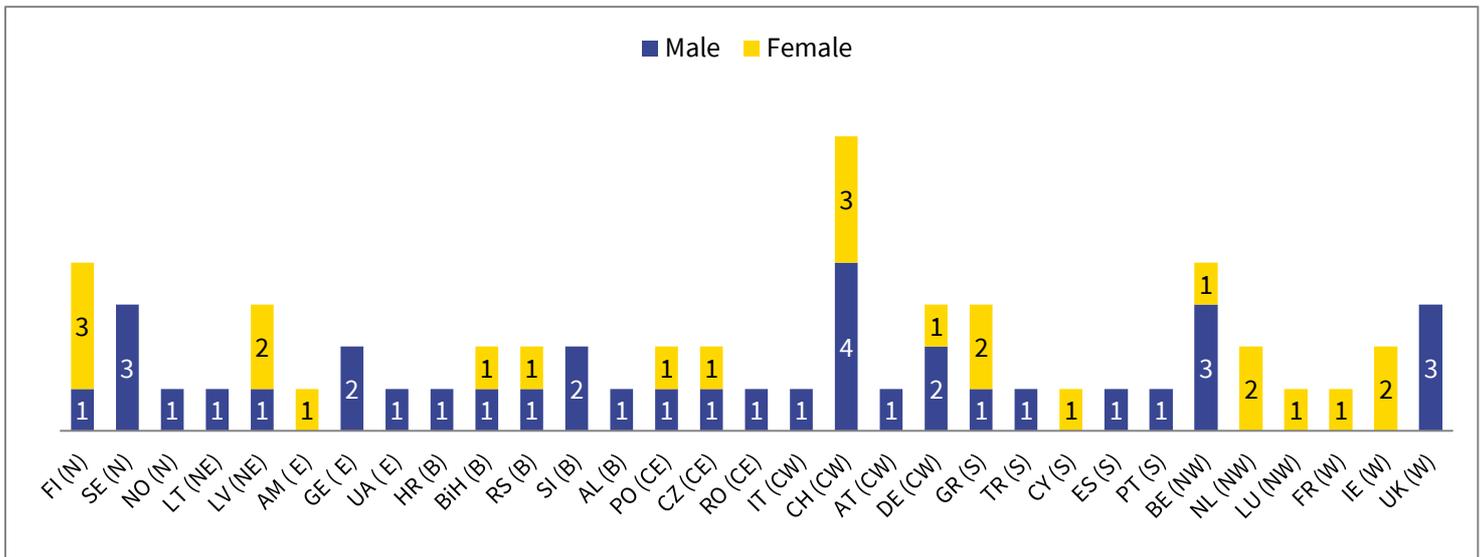


The Selection panel, composed of Ms Julia Fahy (as Session President), Ms Sophie Scannell (as past session President), Mr Dionysis Patriarcheas (as the Member of the Governing Body) and Mr Aritz Labrador Odriozola (as the Session Head-Organiser and the designated Representative of the National Organising Committee) convened on 31st of March and 6th of April, 2019 to select the Vice-Presidents and Chairpersons of the 90th International Session of the EYP in Valencia.

Applicants

The panel received applications from a total of **65** individuals. Out of these **65** applicants, **4** applicants did not have a valid evaluation. Out of the **61** valid applications, **49** applied as a Chairperson, **11** applied as Vice-President and **1** candidate applied for both positions. The following statistics will refer only to these **61** applications. In total, **37** applicants were male and **24** were female.

Regional Clusters: North (N), North East (NE), East (E), Balkans (B), Central East (CE), Central West (CW), South (S), North West (NW), West



Deliberations

Apart from the selection criteria specified in [the Policy on the Selection of International Session Officials](#), the President’s vision and ideas of the team as well as the NOC’s vision for the session were taken as guiding points when discussing the applications. For Vice-Presidents in particular, the panel took special efforts to select applicants that complement each other and could contribute to the President’s vision as well as support the chairs both academically and in their personal development. For chairs, the panel gave particular attention to the applicants’ motivation and vision for the session as well as their self-awareness in terms of their weaknesses and strengths, including their ideas on how the session could help their development.

During the first meeting, the panel only discussed applications for Vice-Presidents . The panel sought to choose a balanced team of individuals with different strengths and extensive experience in leadership positions and in chairing. Due to the large number of applications, their impressive quality as well as the complex task of building such a balanced team, the panel made their final decisions after a couple of days of reflection.



On the second meeting, the panel discussed the applications for the Chairpersons one regional cluster at a time by taking the selection criteria into consideration. Afterwards, candidates were compared to each other only within their respective clusters. During the entire process, the candidates' applications, experiences and their suitability for the role were discussed, with evaluations being consulted for supplementary information only.

Overall, the panel strived to select a team with a cohesive balance of gender, experience and nationality.

Selected team

After thorough discussions and careful analysis the panel agreed to invite the following applicants to the session, to join the team led by Ms Julia Fahy (IE):

Vice-Presidents

Saga Eriksson (FI)

Matthias Masini (CH)

Irida Karasmanoglou (GR)

Chairpersons

Christopher Godina (SE)

Ilvija Mezina (LV)

Realdo Silaj (AL)

Tim Weber (SI)

Alexandru Raicu (RO)

Samuel Hönle (AT)

Aicha Bouleghalem (CH)

Elena Odyessos (CY)

Elisavet Sidiropoulou (GR)

Mila Lethimäki (FI)

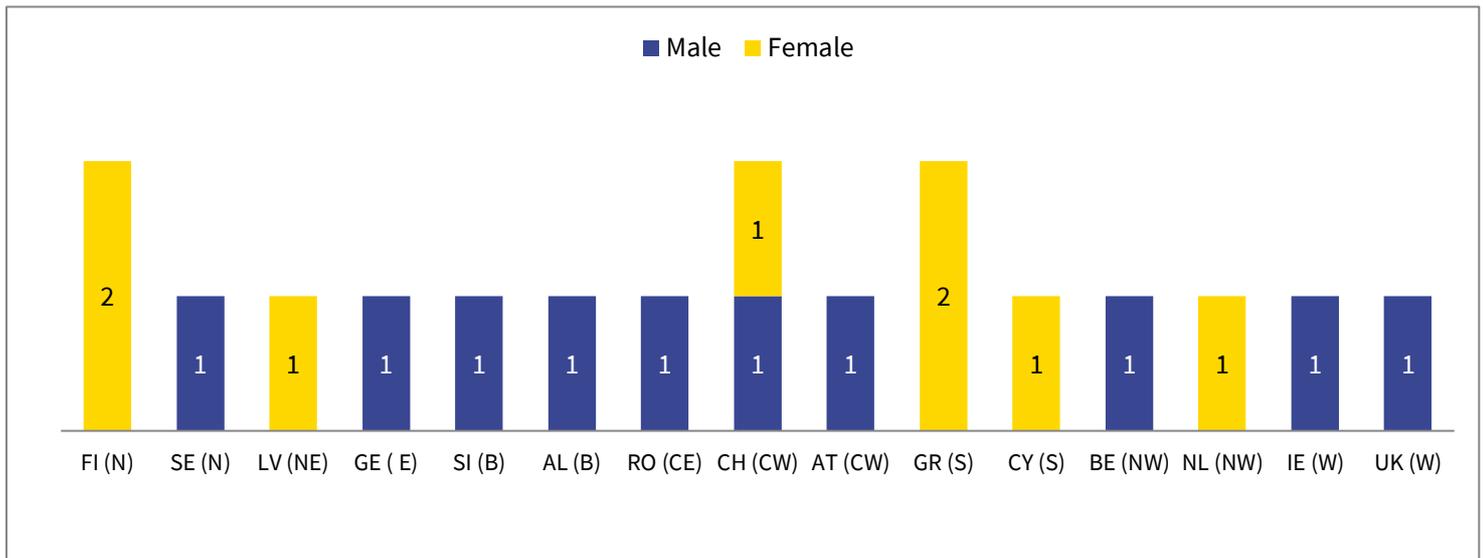
Laura Joël (NL)

Sam van Hoof (BE)

Jago Lynch (UK)

William Eddershaw (IE)

Luka Kvachrelishvili (GE)



The team thus fulfills the criteria for gender, experience and regional balance as set out in the policies:

The team, including Ms Julia Fahy as the Session President, has **9** female and **10** male members.

Out of **15** Chairpersons, **11** of them and all **3** Vice-Presidents will fill their roles for the first time at an International Session. The panel is happy to give the opportunity to become Chairpersons and Vice-Presidents for the first time to so many.

The GB has defined that a sufficient regional balance is reached if the overall team for 15 people has:

- A maximum of two officials in the same team from the same country
- A maximum of three officials in the same team from the same group of countries
- A minimum of one official in the team from each group of countries.

The panel is thus happy to have selected a team that meets the criteria for regional balance.

Remarks from the panel

The panel was impressed by both the number and quality of applications. It is grateful for all applications, which reflected a great motivation for attending the session. It appreciates all applicants who put a lot of time and work in their applications, making this selection highly competitive.

The panel would like to guarantee all applicants that their application was considered thoroughly, both on their own merit and in comparison to other applications from their cluster. Moreover, the panel assures that the entire process was monitored carefully and with complete confidentiality.

The panel would also like to congratulate all the selected members and expresses its gratitude to all the applicants who dedicated their time to apply for the team and thank them for their patience throughout the selection process. Feedback has been offered to every applicant and the panel would like to encourage everyone to apply for the future sessions.

For any questions, comments or doubts do not hesitate to get in touch with the author of the report by writing to hr@eyp.org.



On behalf of the Selection Panel as the silent member,

Lukas Rosenkranz

10th of April 2019