

TEACHERS' WELCOME BOOKLET

14th Regional Selection Conference
of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023







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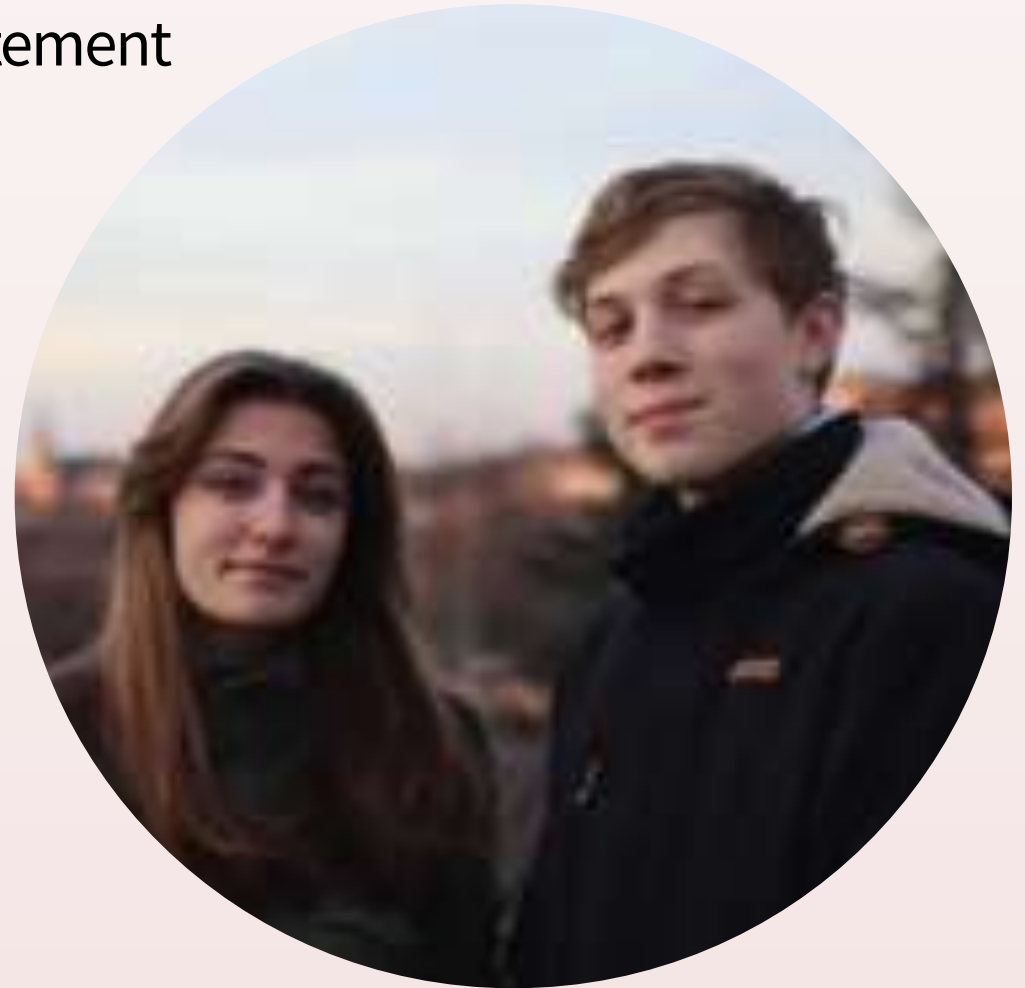
WORDS OF WELCOME

Head Organisers

Dear Participants,

greetings to the 14th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023.

The Conference has been in the works since January and our excitement is now immeasurable, as there are only a few weeks left before its start. The dedicated Organising Team has worked restlessly to provide everyone with a truly unforgettable experience and we are looking forward to the exiting output you will create under the motto “*Designing Europe's future*”. If this is your first time participating in an EYP event, we hope this opportunity will open new horizons for you or, at least, create a fond memory to look back on. See you in Olomouc!



Kamča Lešková (CZ) and Theo Nimrichtr (CZ)

Head Organisers of the 14th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023



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Session President

Dearest Participants,

My name is Michele, and I will be your President for this session! It is my greatest pleasure to welcome you all to the 14th RSC of EYP CZ that will take place in Olomouc! Together with the rest of the Leadership and Official's Team, I will try to the best of my capabilities to make Olomouc 2023 a positive and memorable experience for everyone involved: Regional Sessions constitute the perfect opportunity for learning and discovering more about EYP in general. Everyone has to start somewhere, so take advantage of this amazing chance to be curious, make new friends, and improve your skills and knowledge: make sure to go back home with many memories and a feeling that all of this was worth your time!

Cannot wait to see you in December,



Michele Rivetti

Michele Rivetti (IT)

President of the 14th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023



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President of EYP Czech Republic

Dearest Teachers,

It is my pleasure and great honour to welcome you to the 13th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023!

Whether this is your first time attending an EYP CZ Conference or you have been with us for several years, I am very grateful for your active participation and for all your work. Without you, we would not be able to bring the Conference to the students. Without you, we would not be able to fulfil our mission of inspiring young people to become active citizens who are not indifferent to how the world around them is developing. In fact, without you, EYP CZ would not exist at all.

It has been 25 years since Jiřina Vitásková, an English teacher from Prague, founded EYP CZ. We are happy that even after all these years, we have been able to preserve the tradition and that with your help, we are continuing to create a platform for safe, open, and tolerant discussions about topical issues. We hope that this tradition stays for many years to come and that our cooperation only flourishes.

I am grateful for your participation and support, and I firmly believe that we can create more remarkable events together in the years ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Michaela Nguyenová (CZ)
President of EYP CZ





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Editors

Dear all,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Olomouc 2023, the 14th Regional Session Conference of EYP CZ as your Editors. We are thrilled to be a part of this exciting event and even more to see all of you there.

Together with our lovely Media Team, we strive to produce an outcome that will be a sincere reflection of the vibrant atmosphere we will all create at the session. We encourage you to engage, share, and collaborate with other Participants. Whether it is a project, a resolution, or a friendship, let's all come together to create something unique and memorable.

In line with the motto "*Designing Europe's future*", we hope that this session will be a place for you to grow and evolve both personally and in the network. The diversity of thought, backgrounds, and experiences you'll find here will undoubtedly help you learn and broaden your horizons. Take from this experience as much as you can, but don't forget to live in the moment, and enjoy your time here just as much. Creating happy memories at sessions and building new friendships is the core reason why we keep coming back to EYP, and we hope that you will find the same joy with us in Olomouc.

We want everyone to truly feel connected in the moment and come back home with a feeling of fondness along with accomplishment. We hope that our Team will help you relive all of your fond memories through the photos, videos, and projects we will create at the session.

All the best,

Robin Pleslová (CZ) & Alla Zapovitriana (UA)

Editors of the 14th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023





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Head of Jury

Dear participants,

It is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to the 14th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023. My name is Kuba and I am the Head of Jury of this session. As the theme of the session looks towards the future, I hope that every participant finds the way to learn something new and find ways to utilise those skills and knowledge in their future lives, be it in or outside of EYP. Even though EYP may sometimes feel like an overwhelming experience, I wish you all that you take away amazing memories and take those on your further EYP journey.

Although the Jury is often perceived as a daunting presence not only for the Delegates, one of our goals for Olomouc is to change this view and, hopefully, bring our Team closer to everyone. Additionally, we would like to take the attention away from the selection process, because we believe that it does not matter if you are selected. If you enjoy EYP and you want to participate, you will find a way regardless.

To conclude the welcoming round, I am looking forward to seeing your lovely faces and, hopefully, contributing to the amazing experience that Olomouc is almost certainly going to be.

Yours sincerely,

Kuba Rech (CZ/SI)

Head of Jury of the 14th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023





ABOUT EYP CZ

The European Youth Parliament (EYP) is a student non-profit, politically neutral organisation, providing one of the largest platforms for extra-curricular education in Europe. It provides a forum for its participants to develop and express their opinions on a wide range of topics. By bringing young people from different backgrounds together, it builds intercultural understanding and friendships across borders. Thousands of young people from all over Europe are actively involved in the organisation. Making it truly youth-driven – for young people, by young people.

European Youth Parliament CZ, the Czech branch of the network, was founded in 1998. Our National Committee organises two Regional Selection Conferences and one National Selection Conference per year. However, besides those, it offers many other educational events and informal gatherings for its members.

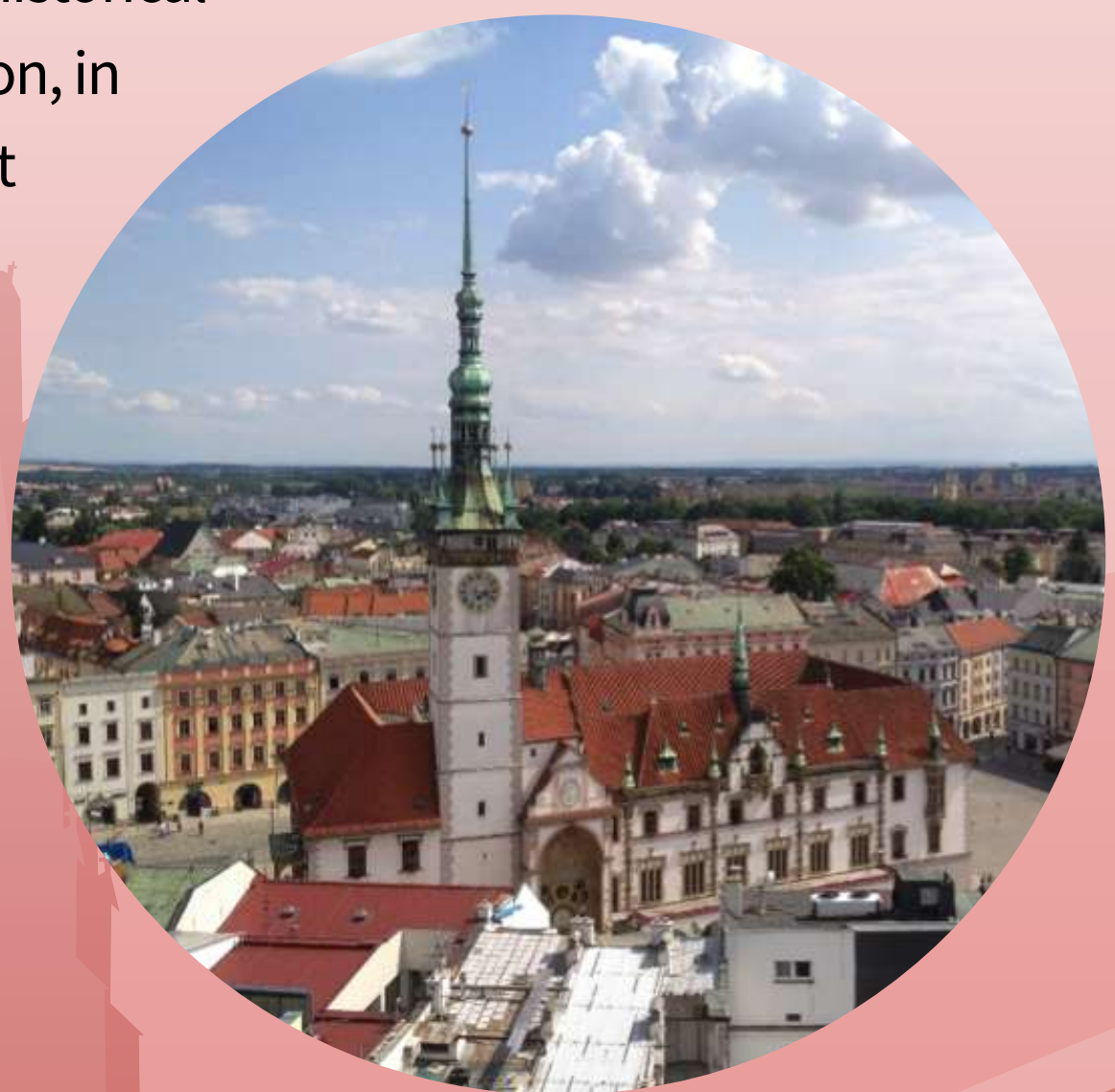
SESSION MOTTO AND LOGO

“Designing Europe’s future.”

We live in a very fast-developing era, but our quick leaps come at the cost of little thinking ahead. Our current way of living cannot be maintained forever, so we must think of new ways to use and handle resources that will ensure long-term quality of life without depleting our environment. Our logo symbolises this goal of sustainable innovation with revolving salmon fish that stick out their fins and form the letter O.

OLOMOUC

The Conference will be taking place in the picturesque and historical city of Olomouc, which lies in the heart of the Moravian region, in the eastern part of Czechia. It was one of the most important towns in the medieval ages, second only to Prague. Being a regional city, it houses an archbishopric and a high court, and has its own asteroid named after it. The Moravian Museum and Theatre are situated here. Thus, with many other institutions, making it the cultural and community centre of Moravia.





THE TEACHERS' ROLE AT THE CONFERENCE

Motivation of your students

Discuss with your students the true aim of this Conference: meeting new people, gaining knowledge, and practising their English communication skills.

Preparation for Committee Work

Delegates will study the topics of their Committees from the Academic Preparation Kit, which they will receive after their Committee allocation. Do not hesitate to **encourage them to read the topic overviews** and discuss together any potential questions they might have.

Communication during the Conference

Your students will be very excited to share their new experiences and knowledge with you, **supporting them and being there to listen to them** is a very important part of your help.

Appreciation of the work of your Delegates

Appreciation and praise are some of the best rewards a student can receive from their educating authority. A mention of their activity in EYP CZ in the class or in front of other Teachers will definitely please them.

Help with the Dress Code

Some newcomers sometimes underestimate the Dress Code of different parts of the Conference, which can cause discomfort. A conversation on this topic can prevent such a situation.





TRAVEL GUIDE

General Information

For **Delegates**, the session will start **on Friday, 1 December 2023**. School delegations are expected to arrive between **9:00 and 12:00 CET**.

You should arrive at the **Olomouc Hlavní Nádraží** station.

After arrival, you will be **picked up** by a friendly Organiser and taken to check-in.

The address of our check-in venue is **Šmeralova 1122, 779 00 Olomouc**.

After the Closing Ceremony on Sunday, plan your **departures from Olomouc to be after 19:30 CET**.

Sustainable traveling

We understand that travelling from all over Europe is a very complicated process and we acknowledge how important convenience, cost, and safety are in your consideration.

With that being said, we also want to acknowledge the environmental costs of all that travelling. While travel is essential and should not be the priority in reducing global carbon emissions, we often tend to ignore the scale of the problem. For example, aviation contributes around **2.4%** of the worldwide carbon emissions. For scale, if it was a country, it would be the **5th worst emitter**, right after Japan. Trains on average emit 80% less carbon than planes, and even less on high-speed, high-capacity railway corridors like the French TGV or Japanese Shinkansen. Buses are usually 30% more efficient than planes.

With that in mind, we encourage you to travel greener by choosing to follow the subsequent recommendations:

- Take a **train** for distances shorter than 10 hours.
- Choose **direct flights** to Prague from your destination.
- Limit other emission-producing activities. Do not pack too much stuff, fill a reusable bottle with tea instead of getting a bottled one, share a taxi to the airport, and combine multiple travels.

From the Prague airport

The best solution for you is to take the train to Olomouc from Prague's main train station. To get there, you can use either the Airport Express or the **119 Bus** and transfer to the metro at **Nádraží Veleslavín** station, taking the **A line** (green) to the **Muzeum** station, where you can transfer to the **C line** (red) and take it to the **Hlavní nádraží** station (you can find these in the map attached below).

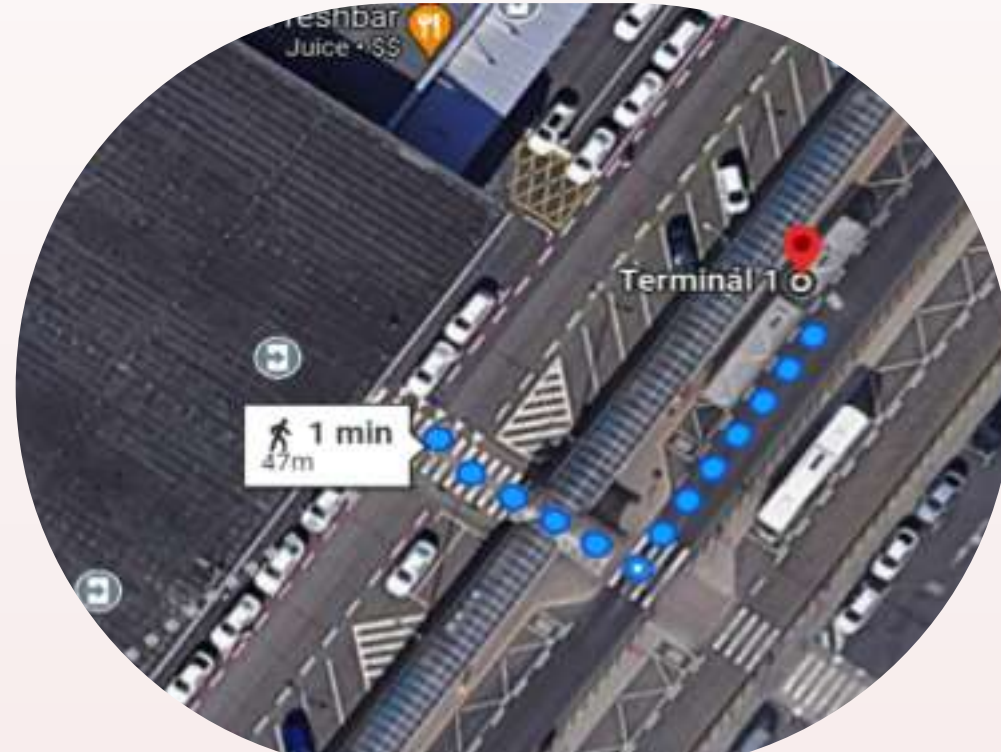




Timed tickets for public transport are available either in big **yellow machines** in every metro hall or online in portal Lítačka (also available as an app). We recommend buying the 30 minute ticket (30 CZK), as it should be sufficient for your journey to the Hlavní nádraží station.



Validating ticket machine



The route from the airport building to the bus stop

If you do decide to use the metro, don't forget to **validate your ticket** in one of the yellow boxes located right before the ticket compulsory area. For further information, we recommend using the PID website.

By train

From Prague

The ride takes approximately **2,5 hours** and costs around **300 CZK**. Trains depart from **Praha, Hlavní nádraží** train station located at the Hlavní nádraží station of the metro C line. Find a suitable train to the station named Olomouc Hlavní nádraží. For buying your tickets, we recommend the train companies České dráhy or Regiojet (also available as apps).

Consider the possibility of applying for a **student discount** with a valid **ISIC** card or any other Czech student card.

We recommend using **IDOS** (also available as an app) for checking out connections within the Czech Republic and for buying your tickets. Please, remember to book all of your **tickets in advance**.

From other Czech Cities

We recommend taking a direct train from your destination to Olomouc. You can look up all connections on **IDOS**.

By bus

If you are travelling from central Europe, there is also the possibility of travelling with Flixbus. However, it is necessary to add that in terms of sustainability, speed and comfort, it is the best to use trains for travelling in and to the Czech Republic.

Here are some examples of connections from Prague Airport and some European cities to Olomouc.



VENUES AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation:

Generál Svoboda Dormitory (UPOL) - Dormitory for students with comfortable, cozy rooms.



Committee Work, Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, GA:

Moravian College Olomouc (MVŠO) - Moravian College Olomouc focuses on economics and management education and will provide us with a wonderful venue for the Conference.



Canteen:

Beata Lunch & Coffee – A restaurant in the MVŠO building, which serves traditional Czech cuisine. Here, we will have the main dishes of the day.





SESSION ACTIVITIES

Teambuilding (TB)

In the first part of the programme, the Delegates will get to know other Delegates and Officials via games and activities. The Delegates will take part in the General Teambuilding with all Participants of the Conference, then they will join your Committee and spend the rest of the day teambuilding with them. The aim is for the Delegates to feel welcomed into the EYP atmosphere and to get to know their Committee members, Chairpersons, and other participants not just by name. Teambuilding will strengthen their bonds, so that everyone is comfortable with working with each other.

Dress code: Casual



Opening Ceremony (OC)

Every Conference starts with an Opening Ceremony, which will present the Team Leaders and important members taking part. The aim is to welcome all the participants and officially begin the Conference.

Dress code: Formal



Eurovillage

After the Opening Ceremony, dinner on Friday evening will be conceived as a buffet from all across Europe. Each delegation will represent a country (they will be allocated in time before the session), whose food they will prepare, bring with them, and serve. The Delegates will be able to express your own culinary skills and taste various foods.

Dress code: Formal



Committee Work (CW)

The main part of the Conference during which the Delegates will work inside their Committee, brainstorm ideas, and come up with a solution to their selected academic topic. They will be guided through the entire process by their Chairperson. The outcome of the Delegates' work will be presented at the General Assembly on Sunday.

Dress code: Smart Casual

Panel Debate

The theme of the Panel Debate will be How will AI change the professions of today and a few experts have been invited to speak about this topic, which is becoming increasingly relevant in this day and age.

Dress code: Smart Casual



Farewell Party

The Party will take place on Saturday and the theme is yet to be announced! The Delegates will get to have some fun after an exhausting day of work.

Dress code: Party outfit

General Assembly (GA)

During the General Assembly on Sunday, the last day of the Conference, all Committees will present and advocate their resolutions one by one. An open discussion will then follow with the other Committees' questions and proposals. Finally, everyone will vote in favour or against each resolution in order for it to pass.

Dress code: Formal

Closing Ceremony (CC)

Taking place directly after the General Assembly, this official ending of the Conference will feature speeches from the Official's Team Leaders and traditional EYP goodbyes. The President of the event then officially declares the Conference closed, as is the longstanding tradition.

Dress code: Formal





DRESS CODE

Casual

Clothes for Teambuilding. Put on anything that offers the most comfort and makes you feel good so you can move around! Something you would wear on a regular day, for example: jeans/trousers and a shirt/T-shirt.

Events: Teambuilding

Smart Casual

Clothes mainly for Committee Work—smart casual clothing should make you look sharp yet still be comfortable enough so that you feel snug wearing it for extended periods of time. Trousers/skirt and a shirt/blouse or sweater are recommended. Keep in mind that you will wear these clothes for most of the session and avoid overly casual clothes such as sweatpants/baggy jeans.

Events: Committee Work, Panel Debate

Formal

Anything that makes you feel professional and elegant. Adequate for Ceremonies and the General Assembly. A suit with a bow or a tie, dresses or longer skirts are allowed.

Events: Opening Ceremony, Eurovillage, General Assembly, Closing Ceremony

Party outfit

The theme of the party is a surprise, so stay tuned!

Events: Farewell Party





PROGRAMME

Friday 1.12

Arrivals	9:00	11:45
General Teambuilding	13:00	13:45
Special Programme 1	14:00	18:30
Opening Ceremony	19:05	20:05
Eurovillage	20:05	21:45

Teambuilding day

Saturday 2.12

Breakfast	8:00	10:00
Special Programme 2	10:00	13:00
Lunch	13:00	14:00
Committee Visits	14:00	16:00
Special Programme 3	16:00	19:00
Panel Debate	19:00	20:20
Dinner with the Board	20:45	

Work day

Sunday 3.12

Transfer to Venue	8:10	8:30
Breakfast	8:30	9:00
Opening of GA	9:00	9:30
GA Committee 1	9:30	10:15
GA Committee 2	10:15	11:00
Coffee Break	11:00	11:20
GA Committee 3	11:20	12:05
GA Committee 4	12:05	12:50
Lunch	12:50	13:45
GA Committee 5	13:45	14:30
GA Committee 6	14:30	15:15
Coffee Break	15:15	15:30
GA Committee 7	15:30	16:15
GA Committee 8	16:15	17:00
Closing Ceremony	17:10	19:00
Departures	19:00	-

General Assembly Day



ACADEMIC TOPICS

Committee on Human Rights (DROI)

Home, A Place Where I Can Go: With at least 600,000 stateless people present in Europe, what steps should the EU take in order to assist Member States in addressing statelessness determination procedures and ensure the access of stateless people to their fundamental rights?

Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE I)

Peace Signs All Around: Considering the amount of distress, uncertainty, and fear the acts of terrorism in Brussels, Nice, Berlin, and London have caused since the launch of the European Counter Terrorism Centre in January 2016, what further steps should the EU take to prevent acts of terrorism within its borders?

Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE II)

Phishing Emails: With the Norwegian and Finnish parliaments recently facing cyber attacks, and rampant misinformation campaigns being spread on social media, what can the EU do to protect Europeans from disinformation and data theft by third countries?

Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

Blood Money: Countries such as Germany, France, or Switzerland are major arms exporters, often trading with governments regularly violating international law or human rights. Taking into account the aforementioned economic interests, what steps can the EU take to ensure no European weapons fall into the wrong hands?

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)

Material Girl: In the wake of economic crises, such as the one triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, women are disproportionately affected, facing an increasing amount of challenges regarding wealth gaps, living conditions, and gender bias in the job market. What measures can the EU take to uplift women economically and ensure gender equality?

Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation (INGE)

Given the rise of sophisticated attempts at election interference, the integrity of European Parliament elections in June 2024 is considered to be at risk due to disinformation, cyberattacks, covert funding and many more. What steps can the EU take to ensure its resilience to foreign interference and protect the 2024 European elections?

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)

Trouble in heaven: With over two thirds of global offshore wealth accumulated in EU tax havens, off-shore tax havens within and outside Europe are a strain to Member States' public budgets. How should the EU and its Member States jointly address the criminal avoidance of taxes while respecting their citizens' right to privacy and foreign states' sovereignty?

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

The 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change set the goal of "holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below two Degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels". What role, if any, should nuclear power play in reaching this goal and ensuring a sustainable and reliable energy supply for Europe?



EVENT SAFETY

To ensure that the 14th Regional Selection Conference of EYP CZ Olomouc 2023 is a safe, respectful, and friendly environment for all the Participants, an **Event Safe Person** will be available during and even before the session. **Sarah Benešová** will fulfil this role joined by the **National Safe Person, Hana Vicherková**.

You can contact an Event Safe Person in **case of personal or work conflict** or if you experience **any behaviour that you find inappropriate, disrespectful, or uncomfortable**. They provide a **safe, discreet space** to either resolve conflict between two persons or to be there for an individual. Event Safe Person will also always help you only in the capacity in which you want.

If you experience any situation you would like to discuss with the Event Safe Person, feel free to reach out at **any time before or during the Conference** via email at [**benesova.s@eyp.cz**](mailto:benesova.s@eyp.cz) or at **+420 731 443 671**. Or you can contact Hana as a National Safe Person via email at [**vicherkova@eyp.cz**](mailto:vicherkova@eyp.cz) or at **+420 721 255 170**.



GOOD TO KNOW

Packing list:

- Documents (ID card/ Passport, Visa)
- Signed Code of Conduct and a picture of it
- Travel insurance if you are travelling from abroad
- Money for Merch **in cash** if you have ordered any
- Eurovillage food, snacks
- Laptop, tablet, smartphone, or any other form of electronic device where you can work (parts of Committee Work will be digital)
- Chargers for your electronic devices (Czech Republic uses the type E outlets), a power bank
- A reusable cup (for drinking during the Coffee Break) or a 50 CZK as a deposit for one
- Clothes in accordance with the Dress Code
- Toiletries and a towel
- Any medicine you take regularly

Paying in the Czech Republic

The best way to pay in the Czech Republic is by card. Don't forget to always pay in the local currency if you are presented with the option to choose.

When searching for an exchange place, please try to change as close to the current exchange rate as possible.

The current exchange rate can be found [here](#), and it is about 24 CZK for 1 €.

Emergency numbers

State police – 158

City police - 156

Ambulance – 155

Firefighters – 150

European emergency number – 112

Alcohol policy

By Czech law, the drinking of alcohol is **prohibited for people under 18 years of age**. The usage of any sort of hard drugs (including hemp) is strictly prohibited and punishable by law. On all EYP CZ Conferences, 18+ participants are allowed to consume alcohol with **only up to 15 % of alcohol volume**.

Visa

Participants from countries that do not have visa-free access to the Czech Republic have to obtain a visa from the consulate or embassy of the Czech Republic from your country.



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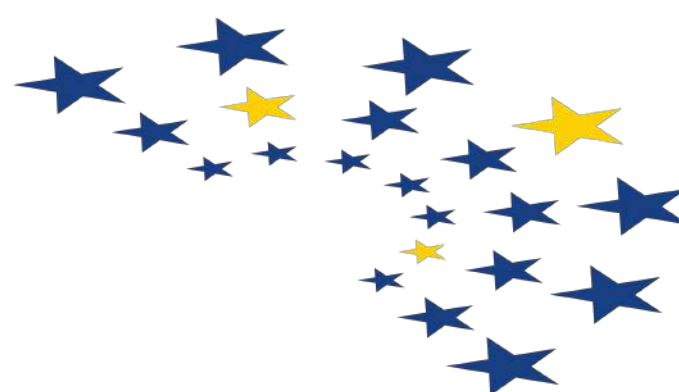


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