

# EEYP Paper

## Evening news at Horizon Cruise

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### INTRODUCTION

#### Welcome to R'dam

Welcome to the place where EEYP originally was founded. Hopefully you are just as excited to be part of this 15th edition of the Erasmian European Youth Parliament as we are. We hope everybody is looking forward to it as much as we do - which is a lot. It won't be an easy week, the committee subjects are intricate, complex, very involved and are evolving with the day. And next to that we are with a fanatic crowd of delegates. The main theme of this year's edition will be innovation. The importance of innovation must be known to every one of us. Innovation means improvement, and as Darwin made clear to everyone: the fittest will survive. And that count for this program as well. We are confident that all of you together will make this EEYP a success once again and we can't wait to see the outcome of your resolutions and the outcome of the debate!



Horizon Cruise at Coolhaven taken by Louk Tilanus

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### So Something about EEYP

#### For if you're new

The program EEYP strives to simulate the European Parliament, which means that during one week student delegates are divided into committees of different topics to write resolutions and debate to defend or attack them in the General Assembly (GA).

But before it is time to debate there will be a lot of preparations and learning about the resolutions. First there will be a lot of writing afterwards a meeting with bosses from who the participants can gain professional experience and after that even more and more writing and thinking. Eventually there will a press conference and a lot of preparing speeches.

All of this seems possible in a week when you hear about it and you know that it is after it has finished. But during you're won't be seeing - as the Dutch would say - the forest through the trees. You will be trapped in a what looks like endless drill of making Europe great again with an questionable amount of stress.

But relief will come when everything will end with the general voting, the ultimate part where all the delegates express either their agreement or disagreement with the work of other committees.



The Erasmiaans Gymnasium, school of the Dutch delegation taken by Louk Tilanus

### Praesidium

The Praesidium is there to help everyone, but their main task is to lead the GA. During the GA they try to make sure that every resolution will be discussed properly and that every committee gets the same amount of chances to make points during the debate.

### Chairs

The chairs lead the committees. In general the chairs help the delegates with making a resolution. They make sure that every delegate participates in the making of the resolution and that everything stays within the time schedule.

### Delegates

The delegates are the most important group of the EEYP, because they're the ones who eventually make the resolutions. During the EEYP the delegates work in committees on their resolution. This resolution will be discussed in the GA and at the end the delegates have to vote in favour/against the resolution of the proposing committee.

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## A Little Welcome to Rotterdam

So you know what you're seeing

Rotterdam is a unique city, housing Europe's largest harbour, the world's largest harbour until 2004. The city was bombed in World War II and has therefore lost its historic city centre. Although this was a sad happening, it did give Rotterdam the opportunity to become the only fully modern metropolis in The Netherlands. The city and its suburbs have a combined population of 1,2 million people.

In my experience is Rotterdam the best city of the Netherlands. It has a crazy vibrant night life - which I guess you have to see for yourself another time when you visit Rotterdam. It is way better than our capital Amsterdam - which is full of tourist and tourist traps. Rotterdam is the most multi-culti city you can visit in here.

If you have time visit of course the markthal and also the food Hallen. Go to an football game - preferably Excelsior and Feyenoord. (Sparta is also fine but just not the same)



The Erasmusbrug taken by Louk Tilanus



The Euromast from Horizon Cruize taken by Louk Tilanus

-the city's code is 010 -  
"it isn't just a number"

- Rotterdam has two of the worlds greatest football clubs in the world -  
Excelsior and Feyenoord

## If you have time...

Learn some Dutch

Goodmorning - Fakka

Goodbye - Doei

Thanks - bedankt

Rotterdam - Roffa

Yes and No - Ja en Nee

You're welcome - Geen Dank

Sandra's Lasagne - Lasandra

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### FUN-Facts

- We are one of the best city's in  
cursing with diseases

-Rotterdam is home to Europe's  
largest port, handling over 15 million  
containers per year.

- One of the city best inventions is the  
Kapsalon.

- The city's nickname, *Manhattan on  
the Maas*, comes from its futuristic  
skyline.

- The Markthal has the world's largest  
indoor artwork.





Picture description: Raf Poley – chair and project organizer - and Jason Yao – also chair and project organizer

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## Meet your Staff

Interviewer: why are you helping to organise EEYP?

Raf: Because I think it is really fun, and also I have to do it for my paper.

Jason: I am helping because it is for my paper, and because it is a project that interest me, that is why I chose to help the teachers organise EEYP.

Interviewer: what is, in your opinion, the most important thing about EEYP?

Raf: For me it is the way it connects people, and the knowledge it gives people, because normally I don't think a lot of people our age are that interested in European Politics but this project helps people to learn more about this. Last but not least I also think it connects people from all over the world.

Jason: I think it is the idea of bringing bright young minds together in order to stimulate them to think about the future of the EU.

Interviewer: What do you like the most about EEYP?

Raf: Personally I am verry interested in European politics so I like that part. I like being a chair more than a delicate, because I like the leadership role and to help people.

Jason: I think it is that you are just working hard, enjoying the moment and meeting new people.

Interviewer: If you would be able to change one thing about EEYP, what would it be?

Raf: I might invite more countries, because now it is 20 people from 5 countries, and I think 10 people from 10 countries would add more diversity, and it would be way more fun. I also think a bit more bonding time between the delegations before the start of the hard work would be useful.

Jason: I think the format is good as it is right now, but if I had to change something I would make it a few days longer so we can have more working hours to reduce stress.

Interviewer: And do you think the stress during the debate needs to be lessened in some ways?

Jason: I don't think the stress is necessarily a bad thing because stress makes you perform better, although I agree that sometimes during the debate there is too much stress and then it can be a bad thing.

