

For this recap there had to be a lot of work done because it had to be finished before the PC. This recap is thereby based wholly on the amazing sightseeing and investigation from the journo's.

Most people underestimate this skill that the journo's have but how do you think they are able to always be at the right place at the right time to take a picture?

So there we were sitting at the conference hall of the EUR. Even though this event wasn't in formal uniforms everything was quite neat.

For some people it was apparently nice to just ask questions for the reason that they could. But that's okay - personally I would've done the same. But anyway it definitely was a long sitting - but it wasn't even much longer than an hour.

And I must admit I wasn't listening to all it and I wasn't the only one, some people are even caught mentally breaking on the camera.

But it surprised me how much people actually were taking everything in. Like, even the praesidium didn't have that much energy.

We love the press conference



Anyway in brief I suppose it was nice for some delegates to know the answers to some questions if they need to write an attack speech. And I can't imagine anyone already knowing about every single resolution. But that will come with time.

We better prepare for this evening because it will be the longest one of them all if I may say this so prosperously. We all are supposedly making notes at resolution and trying to comprehend every appendix.

Debate tips

The GA is getting closer, and the tension is rising. To help you prepare for the GA, I got you 10 debating tips from the chairs, here they are:

“think before you speak”
-Chair of Big Tech

“try to gaslight”
-Chair of Big Tech

“thank you for the floor madam president”
-Chair of Big Tech

“Have fun and don't say: my hart goes out to you.”
-Ex-chair of Economic affairs

“if you state an opinion, stick with it”
-chair of economic affairs

“put words in the mouths of other people”
-chair of migration

“don't be afraid to speak”
-chair of climate

“Don't be to technical”
-Co-chair of foreign affairs

“be confident”
-Co-chair of foreign affairs

“I don't know, I'm always nervous”
-Chair of Social affairs



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The other half of them

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How are the committees doing?

An Update on the Committee on Big Tech

By Wick Dutilh

This committee just knows where they are getting in to. Having a strong resolution that will start the ideological debate on freedom of speech and knowing it from top to bottom this will be a committee where you have to be scared by at the GA. Or maybe they will be the exact opposite.

If they haven't been online because they try to stop social media and its influential algorithms they might be living under a rock for the last week. Do they even know what's still going on right now? While they work they do look like they know what they are talking about. More than I have seen in some different committees. But that is no surprise because if you are having a debate about freedom and educating you do want to be involved. Everybody wants to know if they are given misinformation or not. It matters so much to know what's real or not that it will give an amazing clash with the freedom of speech - everybody loves freedom of speech. Hopefully I will be able to make some amazing photos from people standing in long lines for the microphone at the GA.



An Update on the Committee on Climate

By Wick Dutilh

In this last committee everything was almost done but that's for the best because in not a too long time the resolutions will be send and printed. While this committee is getting the last things stable I think they are ready for the next phase of EEYP, that being reading the resolutions of others as firmly as you can and prepping the press conference. Maybe they think that they are allowed a break?

But no, it must be battling to the end if you want to make it in EEYP. Using whopping amounts of the EU it's power to make everything a better place is a nice goal but does have a lot of obstacles on the road. You must be ready. I don't think enough of the people here are willing to sacrifice their good night sleep for the sake of the committee.



An Update on the Committee on Social Affairs

By Wick Dutilh

The ambiance inside was a bit pained, for example I heard one yelling: "Come on guys tomorrow we'll just take a lot of coffee!" when I came in during the early morning. But I think it just was a long day already - while it only was 10.30 - because it couldn't be that they didn't want to work anymore. That couldn't be it because this committee is so passionate about their subject like I don't know if their chair just indoctrinated them to believe in their cause or that they already were crazy enthusiastic about everything. Some people say that it is easier to defend something when your opinion is opposite but I'm convinced that if you're so enchanted by your own work like this committee then it is even better than hating it. I don't blame them because who isn't passionate about the rebirth of a new united Europe?

An Update on the Committee on Big Snack

By Wick Dutilh

The most interesting committee by far. And it's too bad that this isn't really an update because I haven't said anything about it yet but that doesn't make this story less interesting because it does is big snack we are talking about. Like, who isn't interested by a motion for a resolution that completely came out of the people themselves to change the current rules about snack attendance. Well it certainly appeals to me and the other committees will better be prepared for this dreadful menace.

THE BOSSES

Yesterday 2 bosses visited every committee to give advice and critique on their resolutions. The bosses reviewing the resolutions is one of my favourite parts of EE events.

This is because when experts on your topic review your resolution it not only gives you a feeling of it becoming professional, the amazing building we stayed also helped with this, but it also is really interesting to have a conversation with someone of this level of intelligence.

This is why I interviewed 3 Bosses to not only get their opinions on EEYP but also about the resolution of the commission they have been. These were the questions:

1. Why did you say yes to being a boss?
2. What do you think is the importance of EEYP?
3. What were your thoughts on the resolution?
4. How do you think you will help the Commission in which you will be a Boss?
5. Do you think the resolution would pass in the European Parliament.

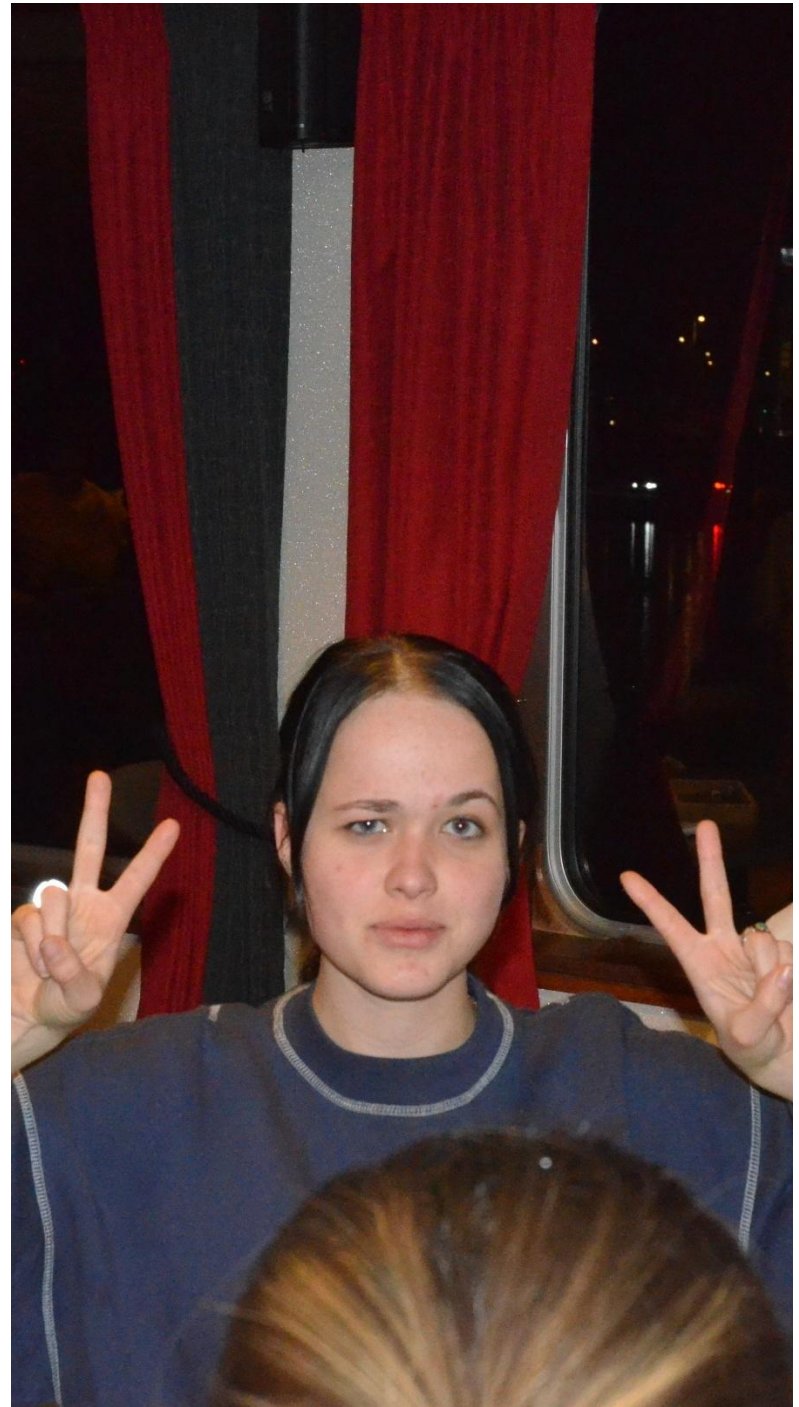


Derk Loorbach (Boss climate)

1. As former erasmian I always like coming back and I like to support our talented youth to become European citizens
2. to experience European politics, meet international students and work together internationally!
3. it was really well developed and structured but we had some comments as we found it a bit too globally oriented (Europe first!) and emphasizing technology too much; Europe is also about social innovation
4. we tried to make concrete suggestions to improve the focus and solutions proposed
5. I am confident that in an improved form the parliament will embrace the resolution, it will make Europe great again!

Joan Van Marwijk Kooij (Boss social affairs)

1. My colleague at HAL has agreed to host the event and then asked me to be “a boss”. I said yes because I very much believe in the EU project and it is very important to share this with young ambitious high school students.
2. Indeed, EEYP facilitates that students from different EU countries - possibly future leaders - meet and discuss EU related topics and think about how to enhance the European project. This should start as early as possible.
3. The Social Committee subjects are difficult to grasp in concrete, specific resolutions. The proposed resolution was daring but probably too ambitious/grand and unlikely to be accepted. Rather than creating a new “state” / EU, I believe the focus should be on improving the EU by (i) better explaining and communicating to the public the achievements and benefits of the EU (compared to the situation with almost 30 nation states not being integrated in some way), particularly with all global issues facing us these days and (ii) specifically improving the EU governance.
4. I am not sure. Yesterday I saw a lot of enthusiasm and idealistic thinking. This is great. I hope my more realistic and pragmatic approach was not too negative.
5. With some amendments, as discussed, possibly yes.



Mirande mulder (Boss foreign affairs)

1. My daughter Anna has participated in previous editions so I have heard from her in the previous years how it works. I was impressed by the level of work and thought that went into these discussions and I was glad to be able to participate this time.
2. It is very enriching to communicate within a group of international people that you probably wouldn't have met otherwise. You gain new perspectives, practise your language skills and it's also a lot of fun.
3. The resolution of the International Affairs committee was very thought provoking and very relevant. The EU leaders were having a discussion on the same topic at the same time.
4. I hope that my co-boss and I challenged the team to help them prepare for the debate. And also added some perspectives. The group had clearly already put a lot of effort in, so a lot of subjects were thought out, well done!
5. Right now, it would be too radical. But elements of it might certainly be adopted in the years ahead.

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VOCAB

Apetrots - Really proud

Fietsventieldopjesfabriek - A factory for valve caps

gezellig - When it is nice with a groep

uitwaaien - Letting the wind make you relax

lekker - We use this for everything

yusu? - seriously?

kapsalon - The best thing you are able to eat anywhere in the world, but also a place they cut your hair.

Fun Facts about The Nederland's

1. A country below sea level - About one-third of the Netherlands lies below sea level, so when the dikes break, most of us will die.
2. There are more bicycles than people in the Netherlands, with over 23 million bikes for 17.5 million people.
3. The tallest people in the world - Dutch men and women are the tallest people on Earth, with an average male height of 1.84m and female height of 1.70m.

