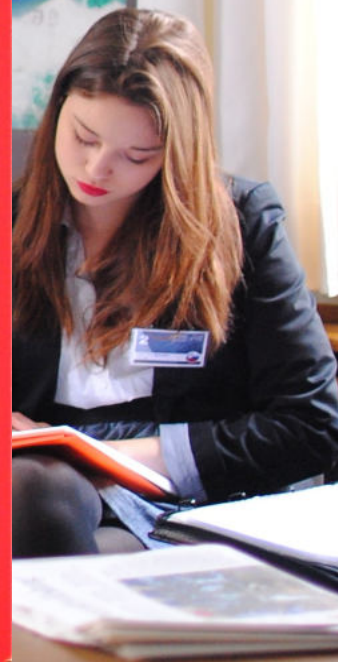


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Dear Reader...

Dear reader,
this is our second edition of the YPAC - newspaper "Flying Facts". We hope you will enjoy reading it. 24 people are working the whole week to support this great project with their texts. To avoid a boring lecture, we are trying to publish some fun parts to make you laugh. While writing this text, the atmosphere is very concentrated in the redaction. Hopefully, our work will have a positive feedback!
Enjoy reading it!

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Committee 1

Freight/Industrial Transport

Committee Meeting:



Today the Committee 1 continued their discussion about freight and industrial transport. Everyone agrees that there is way

An additional factor is that the companies which bring the products on a environmentally friendly way on the market get a green label for their products and the other ones red labels. By this the customers is aware of the way the goods come in the store.

Besides this a big aim is to build more railways and transport more products by train.

too much traffic and not only because of the lorries. This morning they got one step closer to the resolution that they are willing to present.

Again, there was a great discussion and the committee presidents Benno Locher and Catherine Huguenin handled the situation in the meeting room just as professionally and perfectly as yesterday.

After a great deal of discussion they got, among other things, to the conclusion that taxes should be higher in general and even higher for the "unnecessary transports".

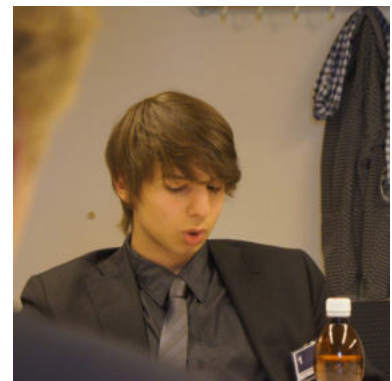
Another point is that if the companies cooperate in a way that no more empty lorries cross the mountains, they get money for the constructive work and they are saving the environment. Only full lorries should cross the Alps.

In the afternoon the committee spent a lot of time to find the right words for their resolution.

After some "technical"

problems they worked hard to write down an appropriate definition for the problem.

Every member of the committee participated a lot in the discussion even though they were already pretty exhausted from the intensive work of the morning and the day before.



Committee Meeting

Yesterday's problems became today's solutions as the committee members divided themselves in two groups in which they collected ideas to solve the previously discovered issues. Working in small teams, the delegates of each group suggested plans on improving public transport. The discussions continued until the transfer meeting and after lunch committee came together in order to gather their ideas and in the end form a resolution. The presidents pointed out that the timetable has changed and stated they have to write the resolutions until the end of the day. During the debate each delegate pointed out their opinions and commented the others views. The discussion went very fluently and the atmosphere seemed relaxed and the participants were really motivated.



Committee president collected the members ideas and began writing a resolution with them. As they were working a guest – CIPRA expert in forming resolutions- interrupted them. She gave them some good information and told them on what to pay attention. Finally everything went according to their plans and they finished their resolution in time.



Committee Meeting

By picking up the results of the last meeting, they started with a discussion about security in the special case of bike renting. During the whole meeting there was a creative atmosphere and a good mood. Many interesting suggestions were made, also some weird, several were thrown away, but they picked up most of them.

An important point was the idea of car-sharing. Most discussed was the question of security in the private cars. A big problem was the antagonism between security and privacy.

They wanted to design a website which contains all options of individual transport and traveling, also including



the car-sharing. The website should be used for planning individual trips between two places within the alpine region

with the ambition to travel as ecological as possible. A connection with social networks like facebook as an advertisement for the idea of environmental traveling in general was another suggestion which came up during the active discussion.

In the afternoon, the delegates were informed about the adjournment of the deadline for handing in their conclusions and so they had to decide which topics would be their resolutions as well as arranging the opening and the closing speech for the General Assembly tomorrow. So they parted into two groups to phrase their reports. One of the topics would be the website about economical traveling and the other mainly discussed theme at this meeting would be a "car-free area" in the downtown of Alpine cities. The suggestion for achieving this were combining the ideas of renting bicycles, "e-cars" and "pedal-cars" to use them in downtown and so reduce the number of individual non-economical transport within cities.

Committee 4

Environment, health and traffic

Committee Meeting



Due to the missing of the expert for committee 4, this committee has already tried to start their discussions in the morning.

Since the program couldn't be held as planned, the delegates made use of the spare time and started with introducing themselves to the group, followed by a brain storming concerning their topic "Health & Environment".

It occurred a heated debate in which especially the delegates from Slovenia, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Liechtenstein were involved. Issues like air & noise pollution or the traffic systems/public

transport of the Alpine states (especially Italy's) have been named. The delegates showed the disadvantages and advantages of their countries, after that they debated on solutions for the most important points of the previous brain storming. During the discussion, it became more and more obvious that our delegates have completely different points of view. When the time came to find a solution for the noise pollution, the Liechtensteiner delegate argued, that barriers can't be a solution for every country because there is no place to build them up. The French delegate – who had supported the idea of the barriers at first – changed her mind because the highways in Italy are too long to build these barriers. Besides this, there was the argument to raise the petroleum taxes. We are looking forward to follow this interesting debate in the upcoming days.



Transfer Meetings

Today, the seven different delegations came together to discuss the resolutions, problems and efforts they made the last days.

Liechtenstein

First, every delegate presented the problems and the ideas how the committee decided to solve them. Every committee is working in a different speed. So some already have their resolutions and others are still deciding which ones are the best and the most economically developed ones for the Alpine regions. In the discussion, the delegates got to know that the different topics are very connected to each other.

Secondly, the delegates shared their opinions and gave new inputs to the others.

Switzerland

At the beginning, the member of the committee 1 has explained their themes, their problems and what they talked about during their meetings. Afterwards there was a discussion about their solutions which they have found so far. The themes have been discussed with the other Swiss participants. This process has been repeated for each committee. The atmosphere during the whole meeting has been very funny and pleasant.

France

We had a great discussion about the different exposed topics!

Quentin, Committee 1, said :

- "So one of the resolution we found was to subsidise national products and make the transport by train more attractive."

Mathieu, Committee 2, told me :

- "We defined two different kind of resolutions, I think the most important resolution about the public transport is to make it more attractive!"

Margot committee 3 explained to me :

- " We want to install a policy to have a good bike renting systeme in the cities!"

Elodie Committee 4 exposed me :

- "Our committee wants to install a system of an Alpine Crossing Permission to regulate freight traffic."

Austria

First, every delegate presented their committees' ideas and solutions. After that, the discussions about the different resolutions started.

The Austrian delegation especially liked the ideas to raise the charges for trucks, to create units (every corporate has a selected number of units, and this is the number of trucks, which are allowed to drive) and to support the rail corporations and also to increase advertisements for public transportation.

Italy

During the transfer meeting Italian delegates shared their points of view on how things were going on in the different committees in a friendly chat in which first impressions and opinions came up. They all seemed to be very interested in their tasks. If some of them find the discussion a little bit complicated, they mostly manage to take part to it with an ironic approach, finding out the stimulating side of any exchange of ideas.

In the Transfer Meeting, the committee members of Merano had prepared a lot of reasonable solutions. The ideas of the individual delegates made sense and they are interesting. It has been suggested, that trucks should make less return road, improving the hygiene and the comfort in the public means of transportation, the idea of car sharing, a call taxi and higher punishment for pollution of the environment.

Slovenia

After two committee meetings our delegation had a special „conference“ called transfer meeting where we were talking about what our committees had done. Everyone took part in the conversation, because it was quite interesting to hear what is going on in other committees and gave their opinion about it.

Every delegate told us his/her explanation of the problem. We noticed that all committees already knew what the main problem is, but committee has done all resolutions yet. There are some who have almost done one, but nobody did more.

Germany

Our first Transfer Meeting took place in a little coffee bar. At the beginning, someone presented us the advice of the first committee: because of the high number of empty lorries, they want to support companies that share lorries for their freight.

One resolution of the second group was to make more advertising for means of public transports and they want to inform the pupils in order to motivate them to take more environmental friendly means of transport.

Furthermore, the third committee wants to create a website where people can see how much CO₂ emission they have on their holiday trip and where they can find car-sharing stations.

Finally, a member of the fourth committee told us, that his group had planned to establish tickets and a time table for lorries who want to travel over the alps.

So let's see what is going to be true...

Fun Facts



HOROSCOPE

Delegates:

Love: give a little present to your partner today! It could save your relationship.

Health: Stay in bed today. You will hurt yourself if you get out of your house!

Career: If you're unhappy with your job, today is a perfect day to quit!

Committee Presidents & Presidents:

Love: If you have more than one option to get a partner, take the one you know longer.

Health: You will stay healthy today if you drink a lot of water and do sport.

Career: Today is a good day to work hard, because you are very concentrated!

Press Group:

Love: The upcoming days are a good time for your relationship. You and your partner will stay together for a long time!

Health: Don't eat sweets today, because you would put on weight very fast.

Career: If you have a test today you will get a good mark or a positive review for it.

Little Dictionary

English	Italian	Slovenian
Hello.	Ciao.	Zdravo.
Please.	Per favore.	Prosim.
Thanks.	Grazie.	Hvala.

To get to know somebody:

What's your name?	Come ti chiami?	Kje si doma?
Where are you from?	Da dove vienu?	Od kje prihajas?
How old are you?	Quanti anni hai?	Kolio si star/a?
My name is...	Mi chiamo ...	Ime mi je ...
I'm from...	Venigo da ...	Sem iz ...



... continued from the previous publication

RECIPE

How to make typical Swiss „Äplemakaroni“:

INGREDIENTS: (4 servings) 200 g potatoes; 3 onions; 40 g butter; 1/2 clove garlic; 3 deciliter whipping cream; 400 g macaroni, salt, freshly grounded pepper; 40 g Gruyere cheese; 25 g 'vacherin de fribourg'- cheese; apple sauce

DIRECTIONS: Boil the potatoes in their skin and let them cool and slice them. Peel onions and cut them into thin slices. Heat up butter in a large frying pan and saute the onions until they are light brown. Add cream, add garlic and bring to mixture to boil. Stir in the cooked macaroni, the sliced potatoes and stir them into the pan. Reheat. Grate the cheese and stir it in. Put apple sauce and some grated cheese on top! Serve and ENJOY!

Thu Mar 31	Fri Apr 01	Sat Apr 02
7°C	9°C	10°C
13°C	16°C	20°C
		

Weather

Lichtenstein and its politics

Liechtenstein is a very small, but also very special country. Liechtenstein is known for its multi-party parliamentary representative democratic monarchy, which sounds very difficult, but isn't that hard to understand. More or less, it means that the Prince is not the only one who has power, therefore it is sectioned into the Princes power as well as into the peoples power. The Prince is the head of the state and represents it.

The politics in Liechtenstein are divided into 3 parts, the legislative, called *Landtag*, the executive, called *Regierung*, and the judicative, which are the courts.

The *Landtag* is made up of 25 members who are voted by two different parts, which are the *Oberland* which vote 15 members and the *Unterland* which vote 10 members. Every 4 years those members have to be revoted.

On the other hand the *government* consists of 5 members, in specific by the Prime Minister and 4 members. The Prime Minister is the head of the government.

In addition, every village has its own little parliament, which decides the important things of its village.

Italy

Refugees in Lampedusa

In the last months a lot of refugees came from north of Africa to the Italian island Lampedusa. Nowadays there are too much refugees and the place is completely cramped. The Italian government is planning on shipping back the poor refugees, because there is no more space in the reception camps.

Big Don (Mafiaboss) arrested

One of the most notorious mafia bosses has been arrested yesterday in Italy. The long sought-after Carmine

Morelli, member of the Casalesi clan, classified particularly dangerous, was arrested in an apartment not far from Naples. With him another four persons were arrested.

Special exhibition "Ötzi20": Leaderships for families in April

For families the South Tyrolean archaeology museum offers a leadership for a special exhibition in Bolzano. At every weekend in April there will be science, fiction and reality offered all about "Ötzi", the glacier man.

Germany

FDP aspires a change of course relating to nuclear power. After the miserable result of the federal state elections in Rheinland-Pfalz and Baden-Württemberg the Free Democratic Party urges to definitely shut down the atomic energy piles. General secretary Christian Lindner defends his party's strategies by pointing out the latest decisions of the government and explaining that FDP wants to reinforce this course. At the same moment Lindner also opposes the Green Party's demand to decommission all nuclear power plants by 2017, since this wouldn't be a realizable imagination.

Voices of the own party are being raised and demand the resignation of party chairman and foreign minister Westerwelle (FDP) and suggest

Lindner as his follower.

New interior minister Friedrich provokes scandal while leading the Islam conference

Friedrich (CSU) demands more interaction between Muslims and safety authorities, however the participants of the conference assume promotion of denunciation and don't want become an instrument for the government's safety policy. In the speech to the accession to his new function as interior minister Friedrich said it would nowhere be provable in history, that the Islam belongs to Germany. Aydan Özoğuz, integration designee of SPD, appeals to the Muslims to boycott the conference.

Sandra Appelt

Latest News

The latest flash information is the following : "Did you know that committee one and four had to choose three elected people that are meeting now because of one resolution that both of the committees had?" Isn't it interesting that two committees with totally different topics "health and environment" and "freight and industrial transport" come up with almost the same resolution!

This is one out of many reasons why YPAC is such a challenge for everybody!

Who we are



The press group

YPAC consists of seven units. There are four committees, one "group" of presidents, teachers and at the end a press group. Delegates in committees talk about



problems with Alps and try to find simple and good solutions, so they are really important and useful, presidents and teachers control (actually terrorize) them and that's why we say they have reason for existence too. But what the hell is pressteam? Are they just some losers who do nothing? Are they noisy journalists who grab every chance to make fun of serious delegates and ask

stupid questions? NO, we are important as well. I can prove it. **The Typical day of a press team member:** At 8.15. the editor(s) tells everyone what to do in the following day, so most of us go to committee meetings. "It is easy work," would say a delegate who doesn't know what the situation is like, "you only sit, sleep and maybe write a word or two!" That is definitely not true. We have to listen to discussions and even find out what is the most important in it, because our articles must be short and understandable, but not boring. When the discussion is over, the press usually hasn't got much time for writing, sometimes just one or two quarters of an hour.

than the delegates, but that is what we deserve, because being a journalist is mentally a really hard job. You have to listen to people who criticise your work, do inter-views with impatient delegates and you are under pressure of a deadline for articles in in time.

During writing I "sometimes" (critics would say all the time) wasn't really objective, because journalism is one of my hobbies so it's hard to write without including my own opinion. This is also something that should't be done in the article, but I did it just to show you again how hard is being a press. Did you change opinion about us now?

You better did.

It's true that we have more free time

Short Welcoming Speech of the Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard

*Dear youth parliamentarians,
I'm glad you came to Switzerland for your ongoing collaboration – just a few weeks after our state undertook the chairmanship of the Alpine Convention. Seeing young people like you espousing for the Alps in a specially therefore founded council, delights me in particular kind. Across borders you are seeking for common solutions for this unique habitat every one of us wants to preserve and cultivate as sustainable as possible.*

At the moment we have not yet reached this status. But we're working on it. So Switzerland wants to strengthen all of the people, who are – like you – voluntarily and relentlessly involved in projects and networks for the Alpine region to continue and to deepen their functioning. Moreover we'd like to promote more appreciation for the concerns of the Alpine states at the European Union by illustrating the importance of the Alps – be it as a water reservoir and area of production for clean, CO2-free hydropower or as North-South-Transit center line for the traffic, as tourism region or as a space for biodiversity.

I'm confident we can count on your support for the realization of these aims for the future. For that reason you merit my honest thanks.

Federal councilor Doris Leuthard

Directress of the Swiss confederate environment, traffic, energy and communication department

Translated by Sandra Appelt

Welcoming Speech

Social Activity

Finally „Füraobad-chörli“ (leisure time chorus)

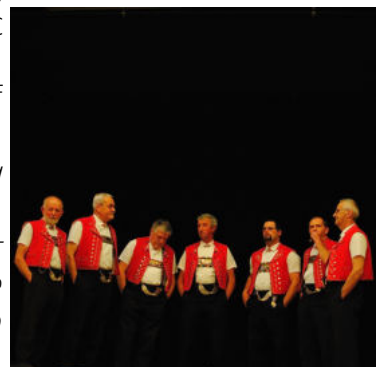
The second social activity was opened with a short speech of the president Olivia Rauchegger who introduced a local singing group Füraobad-chörli which looked absolutely nice with their typical costumes. Their lovely songs brought the whole audience back to childhood, when we all used to watch that pretty mountain child called Heidi. Some of them had particularly high voices and all together they formed a wonderful and harmonic group.

Their special instruments were cow bells and a very curious kind of bowl in which they made a coin spin. The public appreciated the singers and their touching voices and music very much - many from the public went on the stage to try „jodeln“ and „coin spinning“ with them! In the end the singing group earned a lot of applause and positive feedback.

' The big cow bells were great! I've never seen such big ones before! ' (Rosenheim)

' This kind of music is something really special, but it won't become my favorite music style. However, the big bowls were great and it was very funny trying to balance the coin! ' (Meran)

The local group sang „happy birthday“ in a special Swiss way, so we all discovered that it was the birthday of one of the teachers, Mrs. Rauchegger, and a gorgeous cake with candles was brought in the room. After that there was time to chat and to enjoy a really good piece of birthday cake.



Interview with the Füraobad-chörli

I: You guys did a great job! How many years have you been singing together?

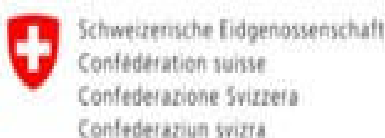
F: Thank you, we have been singing together in september for 20 years and we rehearse twice a month. With some of the guys in here I have even been singing for fourty years, this is tradition!

I: How many concerts do you usually hold per year?

F: Once we had 137 concerts per year.

I: Are you only singin in Switzerland?

F: No, we were on a world tournee. A radio team that heard us singing asked us if we would like to do that and we were willed to. So we have been to Guatemala, America, Tunesia, Greece and many more countries.



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