



Dear readers

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Debate gives the delegates a chance to simulate discussion about government policy, current events, and/or ethical issues in a competitive format. Delegates will research and prepare arguments regarding a proposal for change.

The process of debate offers profound and lasting benefits for individuals, for societies and for the global community as a whole. With its emphasis on critical thinking, effective communication, independent research and teamwork, debate teaches skills that serve individuals well in school, in the workplace, in political life and in fulfilling their responsibilities as citizens of democratic societies. Once students have learned how to debate, they are better able to critically examine the pronouncements of their political representatives and to make informed judgments about crucial issues. YPAC offers a great opportunity to learn: delegates are encouraged to argue about their ideas and be critical, but still open-minded about different opinions.

"It is the mark of an educated man to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it" Aristotle



"Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress."

Mahatma Ghandi

YPAC, YAE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ITALY

Elise Trappier, Chamonix



Young people of the YPAC aren't the only ones to move!

On Wednesday we met the Mayor of Bassano, the Mayor of Belluno and Michaela Hogenboom, the representative of the CIPRA in company with by some participants of the YAE. The mayor of our host city was very pleased to welcome us in the ancient and beautiful community hall of Bassano. For one hour we spoke about the YAE project and the actions to improve green economy in Italy.

About YAE:

The Youth Alpine Express is a project of the CIPRA (the international commission for the protection of the Alps) financed by the German Ministry of Environment. Here's the concept: young people from the same countries as the YPAC delegates' travelled in the Alps in the most ecological way possible. The participant of the YAE left their homes to reach some international events: the Universal Exposition in Milano, the CIPRA's Annual Conference in Ruggel and finally the YPAC in Bassano. So they walked, biked, took a bus or hitch-hiked. They travelled slowly and had to

spend a lot of time together. So the YAE is certainly a very good lesson for their lives.

Unfortunately this project isn't well-known. Before this day, I hadn't heard about the existence of the project and I don't think I'm the only. But it's a project that would deserve to be better known. So YPAC and YAE should possibly work together and could learn from each other.

Italian approach to the environment

During the conference we learned more about the environmental policy of Italy. A lot of towns are involved and develop a lot of actions, for example Bolzano, where they're trying to reduce much of their waste. The city has also set up a kind of quiz for the inhabitants to inform them about sustainable development. Another main issue of our meeting was recycling. The city of Belluno wants to increase the consumption of recycled products and to increase the awareness of the people. The town hall is about to launch a project 2020 which aims at reducing as much of their CO₂ emissions as possible. In Bassano the goal is to substitute cars by busses, especially for school transportation. As a lot of children go to school by car, the city wants to build specific paths for the children where they can walk

and bike. So Italy has got the potential to improve the life of its inhabitants and we are sure the country will soon take these steps.

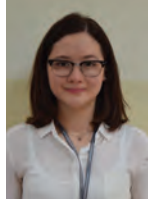
All in all we are moving to make things change, we have got plenty of ideas. We hope now that we will gain more and more unity and make the changes possible.



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**INTERVIEW WITH
CASSIANO
LUMINATI**

*Anna Rizzo,
Bassano del Grappa*



What are you working at the moment?

I'm doing strategy in the Alpine area. In the past years I was the president of the region of Val-Poschiavo in Switzerland, right now I'm not working as a politician, but I've been doing strategic work for the Alpine area. I represent Switzerland in meetings. I'm occupied with education for adults and Alpine projects.

What do you think about the YPAC project?

This is my third time with YPAC. I find it a great project with eminent value both for the participants and for me as I can meet enthusiastic young people like you. It's also because you can see a different view of the world. I always find the discussion level and the participants' preparation really impressive. I think that this project is really important for the Alps, also because it includes young people who discuss political improvement.

Why did you become interested in this project?

The first time I was invited in Chamonix by CIPRA as a political representative. The only thing I can do is to help you to make your proposals more realistic as

the resolutions are really important but sometimes not concrete enough and this is what I did in Committee 3. I see that the resolutions result from a concrete discussion, but you can't identify that in the postulations. For me it's really interesting to see your point of view about the Alps.

Do you participate in another young people's project?

Well, as I work in education, I meet young people a little bit older than you. So this is a really important theme for me, especially in reference to professional training.

What would you like the young people of this year's YPAC to concentrate on especially?

The themes that are discussed this year are really interesting. For me there's one important theme in particular, which is cultural heritage as the engine of economic development. I think that the Alps have a lot of values that are intrinsic to the Alpine community, also because in the Alps people have always had a Green lifestyle.

What would you suggest to the participants of the YPAC?

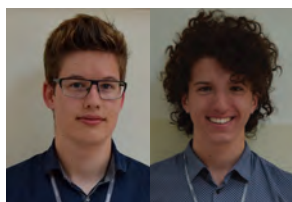
Not to lose the passion in these themes, also because they will accompany you for the rest of your lives. And also to work on politics because you have to let people hear your voice through politics, by participating instead of just being passive citizens. I

have seen older students that have participated in this project who have continued. Because we need young people in politics.



**OFFICIAL
OPENING
CEREMONY
SALA CHILESOTTI**

*Jakob Steck, Innsbruck
Philipp Schulz, Trogen*



After a long first “working-day” at YPAC we were welcomed by a cast of young bassoonists, clarinetists and oboists in the Sala Chilesotti. Thanks to them and other artists both traditional and modern music accompanied us the whole night.

Still impressed by the great statues of the entrance hall we sat down waiting for the ceremony to start. The Major of Bassano

and some other important personalities were present and encouraged us to keep on working and to collaborate because collaboration is of a huge importance, especially in these days that Europe seems to split apart. Furthermore, they told us that we had to develop a personality in order to become better men and women and that what we were doing was good and we should go on doing it. Besides we were told that changing things was never impossible and that our simulation of a parliament is of the same importance as any other real parliament.

In spite of technical problems at the beginning, our president Francesco Mikulis-Borsoi did a good job as interpreter. As soon as the introduction and some honorable mentioning of teachers who organised the YPAC were done the program was up to us.

The representatives of each country introduced their homes and their school. The French gave us the weather forecast for the next weekend and even called attention to climate change. Tiny Liechtenstein was presented in a funny way, too, and all in all we learned a lot about the cities Bassano, Chamonix, Innsbruck, Kamnik, Maribor, Meran, Rosenheim, Sonthofen, Trogen and Vaduz. What a nice first evening!



COMMITTEE 1 →

← COMMITTEE 2



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COMMITTEE 3 →

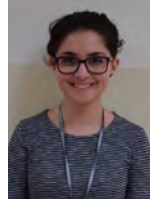
← COMMITTEE 4



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SWITZERLAND

Angela Ventrìci, Trogen



Switzerland oh Switzerland
Where the Alpenqli stand,
With your mountains high and
white,
And no proper German in sight.
Where French and Italian are
taught,
But Rumanish seems to be forgot.
Cheese is good and chocolate
divine,
And we even have fantastic wine!
Our cows are big, our egos
bigger,
And you find a lot of niggards*
The trains are always punctual,
Our system very functional,
we hide gold, money and dia-
monds
and in Lucerne we have lions.
You hear the Alphorn all around
Just like the sweet cowbell
sound
We actually don't yodel all the
time,
And we don't have a lot of crime.
That's it for today,
Not much left to say,
have a nice day!

*niggardly= geizig, tirchio, škrtež, avare,
(avarus,-a-um)



GERMANY

Kilian Schroeder, Rosenheim



There is hardly any other country
in the European Union that the
people's opinion about is so
divided as Germany. For some
it's the land that always takes the
lead in international questions
and decides, and for others it's
the land that represents the EU
best because it acts according to
the European values. But to get
to this point, Germany had to get
through a very long and difficult
history. Following the crime of
the two World Wars the land was
divided into West and East Ger-
many, and while in the western
part the country we know devel-
oped, the communist regime in
the so called GDR oppressed the
population in the east and pre-
vented a life in freedom. Follow-
ing the end of the Soviet Union,
the GDR collapsed as well and
joined the Bundesrepublik, as the
western part was called, and so
now chancellor Angela Merkel
can stand up in the EU to repre-
sent what we learned from histo-
ry: standing together in hard
times, helping everybody who
needs help and not only facing
our own problems, but caring for
the world as a whole.

SLOVENIA*Lucija Ivanuša, Maribor***I feel sLOVEnia**

Massive cave systems, beautiful shores, Pannonian Plains and a sizeable Alpine region, all crammed into a tiny country in Central Europe that is shaped like a running chicken. Nope, not Slovakia and certainly not some part of Russia. We're talking about Slovenia! It could be argued that Slovenia is a country of love, hence the name and our capital city is Ljubljana, which roughly translates to The Loved One. With 48 dialects and a diverse landscape, visiting a

town just 50km from your own can feel like travelling to a whole new country. In the world, we're mostly known for winter sports and for having the oldest grapevine in the world (sorry, South Tyroleans!). It's about 400 years old and situated in Maribor. Nature is extremely important in Slovenia, with 60% of our territory being covered by forests and 11.5% of our countryside protected by various environmental acts. Also, the Lippizaners are ours ;).



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COMMITTEE'S PROGRESS

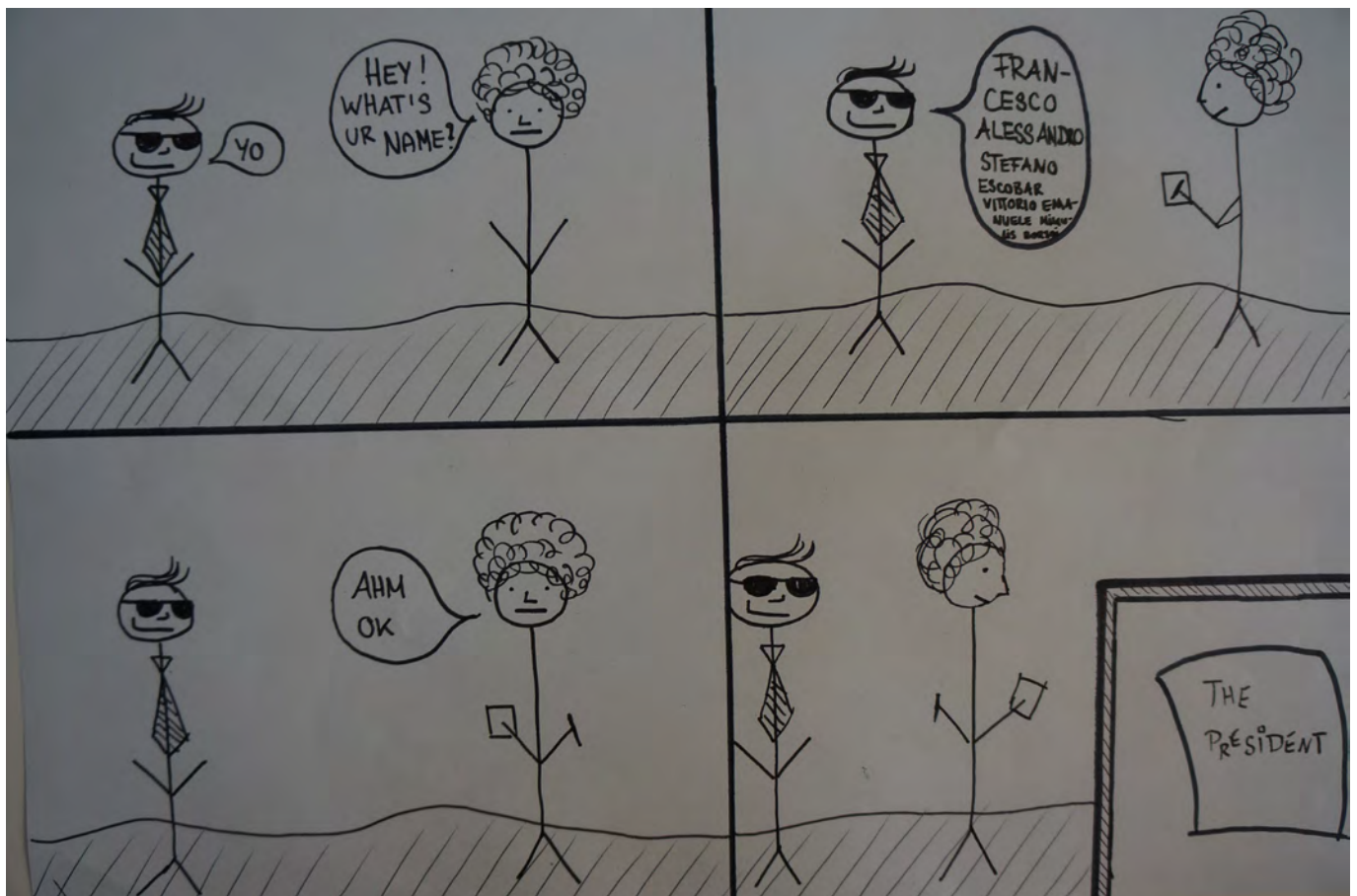
Meriem Jebali, Sonthofen
Dorothea Mähner, Innsbruck



Day 2 had just begun, and due to hard work and heated debates, the committees were able to finish the drafts of all postulations immediately. After the vote on the main suggestions, the delegates were divided in groups of three to formulate and explain their propositions in more detail. Finally they read them out again, so for those who wanted to add something it was the last chance.... Because, imagine that, the General Assembly is already going to be tomorrow! So at the moment there are 16 postula-

tions, four of each committee, all well thought over and considered, but only 12 will be presented to the government.

All in all we think the postulations are many basic, important general requirements but also some concrete, specific ideas, which will hopefully not only be heard but also kept in mind by influential persons.



THE FIRST PERSON WHO GOT THE SOLUTION GETS A REALLY NICE PRICE OF THE PRESS GROUP!!!

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1. What's the Italian word for “bridge”?
2. Which animal can you find on the emblem of the town?
3. What's the name of the river in Bassano?
4. Which famous person lived in the house where you can find the library of the city now?
5. By whom was the first big settlement founded?
6. What was four hundred years ago in the Viale delle Fosse (next to the castle)?
7. On which square can you eat the best “gelato” of the town?
8. What's the name of the province where this year's YPAC takes place?
9. For which vegetable is the region famous for (Italian word)?
10. What was the bridge *Ponte degli Alpini* built of?
11. What's the colour of the church on the Piazza Garibaldi (where our ceremony this evening takes place)?
12. What's the Italian calling code(in whole letters, without a gap)?
13. What do you find on the “Municipio”?
14. The italian committee president is called...?
15. What's the name of one city where some participants are from?
16. How many inhabitants has Bassano got(in whole letters)?

Meriem Jebali (Sonthofen, Germany)&Dorothea Mahner (Innsbruck, Austria)



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