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Editorial

Finally the big day has arrived. The General Assembly has taken place at the Town Hall of Meran/o where delegates have presented and voted for the best postulations. Postulations are very important because politicians hear them out and they can implement them in the local government. Hopefully our hard work will lead to a change!!!!

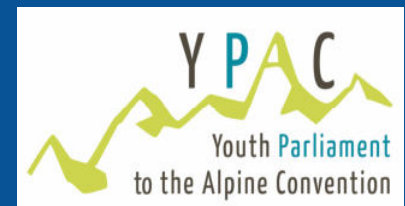
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Our host family has a hotel and so we, as delegates, can live in the hotel for the whole week. They have two children, one boy and one girl. Both of them go to the FOS, so that is how they got in contact with the school to put up some students. The host families have a very important task, because the students have to be in a good mood to do a great job. Without the host families, it would never be possible to create interesting discussions and effective postulations

What do you know about YPAC?

Parents: Before the event, we never heard about YPAC. But now we know a lot about it and we like the spirit of YPAC.

Children: We heard something about YPAC at school, but we never really got much information about it.

What do you think about YPAC?

Parents: We think it is a great way to show the students how a political system works and how they have to work and create something, which is good enough for useful postulations.

Children: it must be a great experience for the students because they get in contact with many different people and I would say they never did anything like that before.

Would you like to be a delegate of your school one day?

Parents: If only we were younger!

Children: Yes and no, because I cannot speak English as well as I should.

Do you think YPAC is a good opportunity to integrate the youth into politics?

Parents: We think it is a good way to show the youth how the system works, but it will not integrate them into the system.

Children: I share my parents' opinion, because if the students just discuss with one another, it is not like in a debate with real politicians. By Fabio Brocker

INTERVIEW TO THE HOST FAMILY: the backbone of YPAC

As we all know, host family are an extremely important part of YPAC as they give the support to create a comfortable environment so that the students can work at their best. That is why I have interviewed one of them: the Schlechtleitner family.

I am personally very happy I could meet the Schlechtleitner family, they have been so nice to me while also showing me the beauty of South-Tyrol. The house where I, with two of my fellow delegates stayed, is a beautiful biological 'maso' in the middle of apple fields. The scenery is majestic and the people are even better, they made sure we felt comfortable and at ease. They have been so supportive of the YPAC project and I am honestly so delighted I could share this experience with them.

-Did you know about YPAC before this year?

- No, I heard it through the school (FOS). Since I work as a teacher there, I heard of the project during the preparations.

-How does it feel to host other students in your home?

- I personally wanted to contribute to the project and I also think it is a great and new experience that allows me to meet new interesting people.

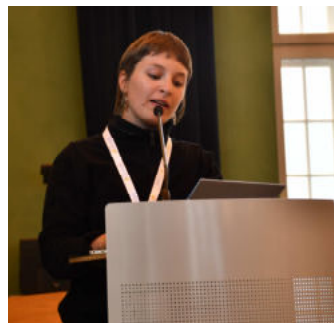
-What do you think about YPAC?

-It is very interesting for young people because they can meet people that otherwise they would not meet and they can practice politics.

-What do you think about youth participation in politics through YPAC?

-I think it is very important, especially given the preparation that this project implies. Hopefully, their ideas will not only

By Alice Andrea Dall'Alba



World Café? Yes please!

Wednesday afternoon in the Aula was the World Café. I interviewed Maximilian Baustetter, delegate from Sonthofen in Committee 4 and he told me his mind about it.

Maximilian, did the World Café help your Committee to find the perfect postulation, to prepare and finish them?

Yes, I think that it helped a lot, because there were different people with different interests, different suggestions and different minds. Therefore, we heard many suggestions and ideas, that opened new doors for us and we were able to make improvements in our postulations.

Have the politicians and experts you criticized a lot?

No, they gave only ideas for improving our postulations, they said her mind but there was not many critic. Moreover, when they criticized something, the critic was very constructive.

What is a negative point about the World Café? Do you have any suggestions?

I would say that in general it was very good and it was important, only the time was too short. We had not enough to speak about all.

By Martina Patzleiner



The General Assembly – No personal attack, but facing facts

All of the effort, brainstorming, studying and great discussions held by the students, were made just in order to give their best during the General Assembly. However, what is the General Assembly? The General Assembly represents the moment in which the delegates are able to defend the resolutions they have worked out in the last two days. It is a special time, and not just because of the formal dress code, but especially because everyone is excited, nervous and shy to show all the others their value and explain the ideas they had and the postulations made.

Because only ten of the sixteen postulations will be approved, the delegates have to “fight” bravely and must do their best to convince the members of other delegations to vote in favour of their resolutions. In this debate, delegates felt very personally attacked in state of focus on the theme or show self-confidence.



No one-way plastic dishes after 2021 in the EU

The EU parliament have been discussing a ban of one-way plastic dishes after 2021 and voted for that today. If all member states give the green light, this ban will take effect in all EU member states. It would be a nice start in the right direction for reducing the pollution of plastic and it would help to get the oceans free of plastic.

By Fabio Brocker



Side facts

10-20 million

Tons of plastic ends up in our oceans every year, according to a report released by the Worldwatch Institute in 2015.

5.25 trillion

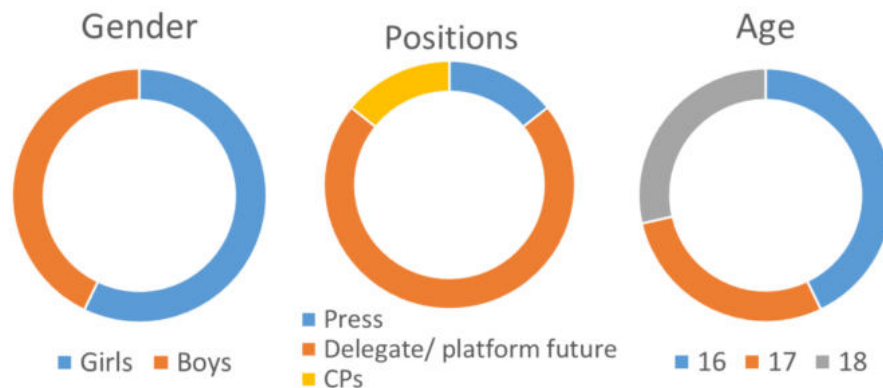
estimated number of plastic particles currently floating around in world's oceans.

\$13 billion

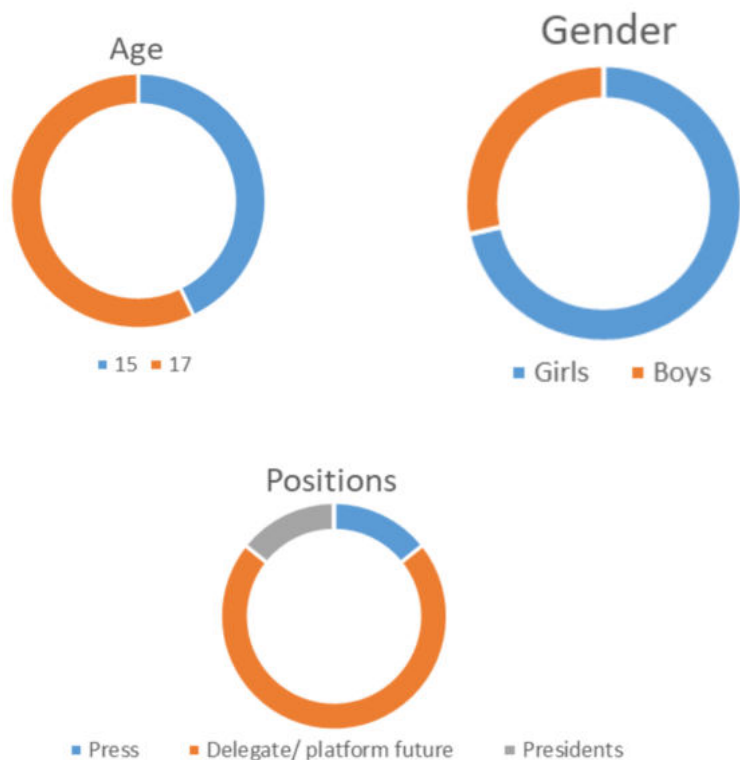
number of estimated losses per year associated with marine plastic debris due to the negative impact on marine ecosystems.

Diary of Delegation part 3

Switzerland



France



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In order to reach the greatest number of positive votes, during the initial speech (which is held by one of the member of the committee), the delegates have to do their best to convince the other members of the strength, innovation and validity of their postulations. This undertaking is also up to the student that is going to do the final speech, which can be considered a crucial moment where everybody decides if the reso-

lution is worth it or not. So it's your last chance to get as much as possible votes for your postulation. All in all the General Assembly is a good opportunity to get in contact with parliamentary debates and how to deal with different opinions from other delegates. It is the main part of the YPAC and the event, where the delegates profit the most, when it comes to parliamentary work.

By Nadine Vogt, Fabio Brocker



Postulations

Committee 1

This postulation tackles the problem that are affecting agriculture due to climate change as the usage of harmful pesticides or the non-eco-friendly machinery add to the CO₂ emissions. In order to solve these problems, the delegates proposed to local governments to finance the local farmers and the farming industries based on the fact how eco-friendly their production really is.



Committee 3

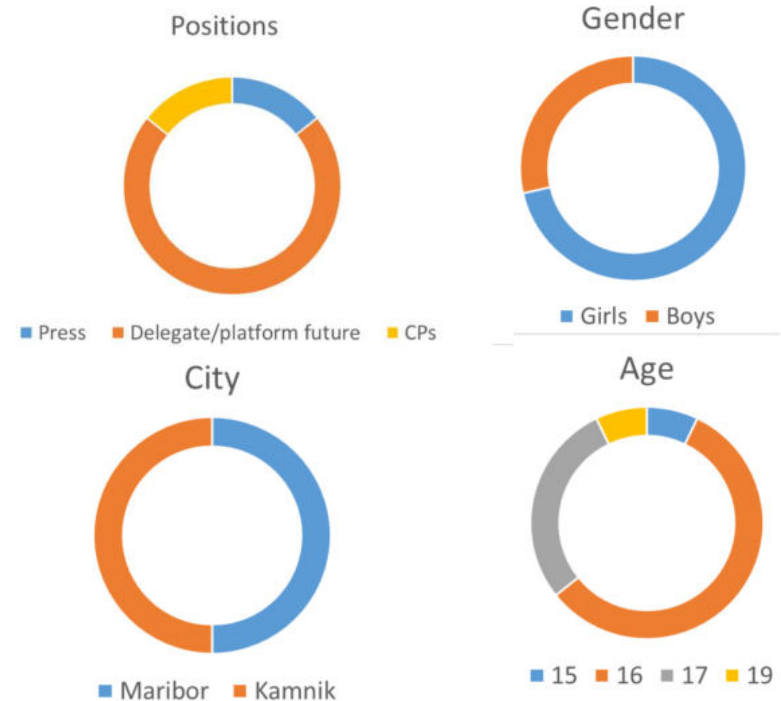
The postulation 4 deals with the human right to have access to water. The delegates suggest a law created by scientists working with the government in order to set limits to the use of water sources and to distribute it to people who are in need for free water.



Diary of Delegation part 3

Slovenia

The country of Slovenia is represented by two delegations: the one from Maribor and the one from Kamnik.

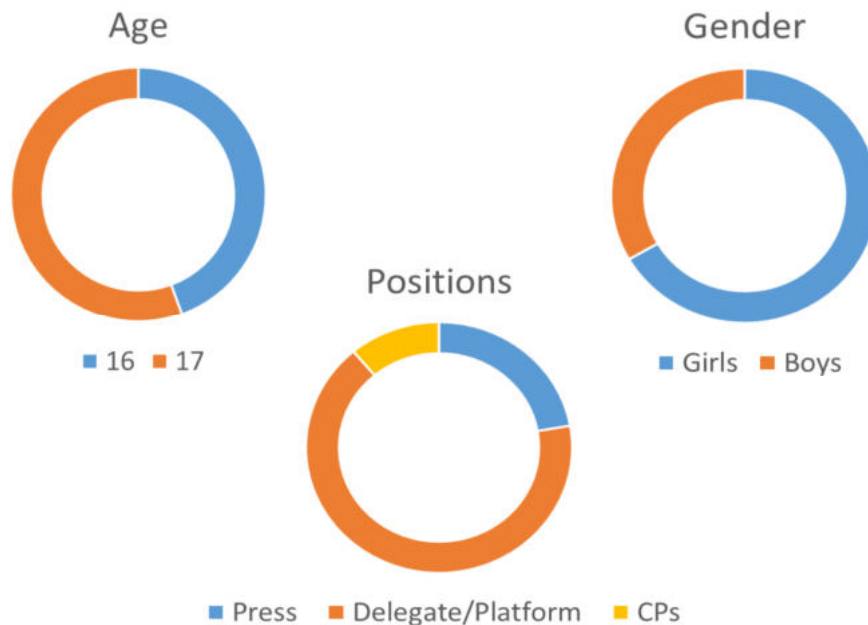


Diary of Delegation part 3

Till now we presented Delegations from Italy, Germany and Liechtenstein and today we present the different aspects about the Delegations from Austria, Slovenia, France and Switzerland.



Austria



Postulations

Committee 2

The postulation 3 deals with the issue of how to reduce pollution made by transporting cargo. In order to reduce the harmful emissions, the committee 2 delegates proposed to transport cargo for longer distances between the cities by trains and for shorter distances. Moreover, they announced that trucks may also be used. In addition, the speed limit should be reduced for the trucks, too.



Committee 4

This postulation is about the lack of awareness about global warming. The delegates proposed a reward that offers tax refunds to companies and other institutions that take measures against climate change and penalizes counter-productive behavior.

By Estelle Senbati

