

THE FLYING FACTS

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Weather
Sunny till Friday

Opening ceremony

It's on! The Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention 2015 has officially started.

On Monday evening the Opening Ceremony took place in the school hall of the Rudolf Maister Grammar and Vocational School and it ended up in a great party, where the participants had the chance to get to know each other better and to share their experiences.



At the beginning politicians held very interesting speeches about this great project. In between we enjoyed musical entertainment and got a little insight into the Slovenian music culture. Really talented young people showed us their skills and everybody was infected by the euphoria.

After an entertaining and interesting first part, the hungry participants and teachers were provided with a diversified buffet.

This great evening was finished with a nice party, where the students danced to live music and had a lot of fun.

Theresa Kreisl, Innsbruck



Dear readers

*Magdalena Steinlechner,
Innsbruck*

The starting pistol was fired. The official opening ceremony which took place yesterday evening was the peak of the second day of this year's YPAC.

Today's Flying Facts inform you about the events and highlights of Wednesday and Tuesday evening. They shall be a memory of this great week!

I wish you all lots of energy and motivation to discuss and work out good postulations and much creativity for the media work. But especially I strongly recommend you to catch the YPAC spirit in all its uniqueness. Talk to people you have never talked to, dive into different cultures be open minded!

The Media group is doing their best and so we hope you'll enjoy reading.

*All the best,
Your Mediagroup*



Hard work will pay off!

Stefanie Malleier, Merano

Today the task of every single committee will be to change ideas into solutions for problems, so that tomorrow at the general Assembly the other Committees can be convinced that their proposals are the ones that can change the future to the better. 4 proposals have to be completed until this evening, productive solutions that apply to the topic of how to protect soil. Not realizable ideas are being sorted out, to make way for ideas that will have a chance to get accepted by Parliament. Another task is the right phrasing of the postulations and finding a solution to the organizational question of who will perform the opening speech. Tomorrow the proposals have to withstand the critical questions of the other three committees, but with ambition and hard work, the presentation of the proposals will be a great success and the delegates can be proud of their work.



Final spurt to the general assembly!

Stefanie Malleier, Merano

In committee 2 they have incorporated expert knowledge and creative ideas, creating the postulations to food production and waste assimilation. Today in four sessions committee 2 will sort out their 5th, weakest postulation, because only four postulations are allowed at the general assembly. Some points still have to be planned out better



and the concept has to be written down in a clear and comprehensible way. The postulations have to be elaborated and written out. It is also important that the proposals are no longer than 2 pages. This will be the today task of the members of committee 2 but also of any other committee. Anyway, the committees will impress the audience if they continue working with such ambition and pleasure.



Stay in the Alps

Gina Senteler, Vaduz

The committee three divided in four different groups with four different ideas. Every group has to write a postulation about it.

The first group had the topic on how to make the use of biomass from the Alps more attractive.



Then in the second topic they want to make a group of experts who know the different techniques for using biomass.

The third one debates about the possibilities how to use the private forests not commercially but for producing energy. So the government would have even more areas in the forest to produce even more clean energy.

In the fourth and last topic they want to create something in the sense of a sticker to mark the wood or the biomass in general which is from the alpine region. But if you import wood from other regions that would also grow in the alpine region you would have to pay extra taxes.



Local food, people and areas

Gina Senteler, Vaduz

The fourth committee also is making four postulations.

The first postulation is called awareness problem. The idea is to start educating the children. For example in Liechtenstein there is an obligatory day in the year when the children have to go to the forest. In this way they already recognize very early how important and beautiful our nature is.

The second one is called protective environment zones in the alpine region. In Austria there is a system with ABC-zones. In the A-zone you are completely not allowed to go and in the C-zone you can go everywhere.

In the next postulation they debate about the cultural hometown education. In towns or villages they educate young people as little tour guides so they can show other young people the special places young people are really interested about, teens for teens. The fourth and last one is the promotion of local food.





Platform future

Gina Senteler, Vaduz

Platform future is a group that is responsible to make the YPAC more famous and important. In the meetings they discussed the most important goals for them to accomplish. During the YPAC session they focused to the two most important points: the exchange from the internal information should be more organized so that the committees are connected. The other point is training how to handle politicians. For the future of the platform future they also have chosen two most important points. One of them is that at the meetings in Innsbruck, which are every

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE CONTEST: Platform future is without the slogan. They ask you to come up with one. Do your best, it is a competition :)

year and until now there were only teachers there, the students from the platform future are also allowed to be present and help to discuss. The other activity is that the members of the platform future have to stay in contact regularly via facebook or skype conferences.





»Headmasters have powers at their disposal with which Prime Ministers have never yet been invested«

Anna Strutz, Austria

Winston Churchill

As the headmaster of GSŠRM Kamnik is highly involved into the YPAC project, we asked mister Šemso Mujanovič to give us an interview. The atmosphere was relaxed and we got to know him a bit more personally.

First we asked him which occasion had led him to the decision to let YPAC take place in Kamnik. He informed us that it was actually not his decision, but the decision of the

sponsors in the end. The main sponsor is the municipality of Kamnik, school and the ministry of environment, but they also have smaller sponsors. The next question was about his impression of the foreign students. Unfortunately he didn't get to know many of them personally, but his first impression was that they are »beautiful«. Well dressed and neatly looking. Furthermore it is nice to see so



teachers and that they had already planned to hold this gathering in Kamnik last year, but then there had been elections for the mayor and it would have been too exhausting if they would have made it in 2014. We talked about the organizations and preparations and he said that they started with meetings and organizing sponsors one year ago and that they were struggling a bit with the finances, because every year the host schools have a limited budget. But he told us that his dedicated colleagues managed to find enough

many interesting young people at his school. Then we asked what he had liked most up to now and we found out that the opening ceremony with music acts was the best thing in his opinion, because it is an appropriate welcome for the foreign students. The last question we have posed to him was a question that we also have asked students before. If he had to describe YPAC with one Slovenian word this would be »priložnost« which means chance or opportunity.



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TRYING TO LOOK LIKE SERIOUS POLITICIANS



SERIOUS WORK
IN COMMITTEE 4







We all judge!

Giulia Me, Bassano

Furthermore, Italians (like German people) always talk too loud and fast, and maybe this is the reason why they are considered by most of you noisy and stormy; in addition to this they gesture exaggeratedly, maybe trying to create a connection with people they're talking to. Probably for this reason the Italians are considered friendly and spontaneous by the 90% of you. Many of you are also convinced that they are always tan, good looking and elegant (even though they are hairy).

By the way Italian people are often late and disorganised, and they are regarded as the opposite of the people from Germany: while the former do not have plans or do not worry about timetables or deadlines, the latter are super-organised, serious, even too strict sometimes: this impression may arise from their language which some of you defined 'aggressive'. The most common prejudice about German people is that they always drink beer and eat sausages, especially during their huge parties, where everybody goes to driving their own blazing VOLKSWAGEN.

The funniest fact is that almost everybody links the word 'german' to the kind of man who hangs out around the Italian beaches, with white skin full of red patches, sandals and socks.

Despite this unpleasant image, Germans have also very good (and good-looking) football players. They share their passion for the sports with Austrians, who are all supposed to ski very well, maybe while eating cheese. Indeed many of you think that Austria is a world power in producing and exporting cheese: dear delegates, unfortunately this is so not true, this country is very productive in other fields, for example in producing chocolate and derivatives (Loacker industries). It may be the chocolate that makes Austrian people very friendly and polite, or maybe it is thanks to their accent, that some of you has called 'funny'. This aspect of language is in common with the Swiss, many delegates described their English as 'funny and creative', and their dialect as 'funny and strange'.

(Read the third part of this survey in Friday's edition.)



YPAC 2015 is already on,
but on Friday everything will be gone.
The week in Slovenia is quite nice,
but first we had to break the ice.
Kamnik - known as party city number one
is the place where real politics are going on.
The most intelligent students are meeting here,
who also enjoy to drink some beer.
During the days we work very hard
and sometimes it feels like a brainfart.
The French are our dancing queens,
but they are not allowed to wear jeans.
The guys in suits look (partly) hot,
and girls are also dressed up a lot.
The Italians are the best dressed nation,
but the Austrians are the coolest delegation.
The Swiss are always very funny,
and everybody thinks they're rolling in money.
Germans - never seen without their duck,
which brings the YPAC annual luck.
Also the smallest country of the Alps is here,
enjoying the week without any fear.
We appreciate this week in Slovenia very much,
the country has a really nice touch.
Big thanks to everybody who makes these days so amazing,
because the atmosphere is really blazing.



Magdalena Steinlechner and Theresa Kreisl

»Fashions fade, style is eternal.«

Yves Saint Laurent

Although not many people consider it, fashion should not be underrated at this year's YPAC meeting. Even if every participant has got a dress code from the presidency of YPAC, every nation has been loyal to their own style. If you want to be fashionable, just read our professional advice.

First of all, black, white and blue nuances are the latest trendcolours. Combine black pants to white blouses like Kate Middleton and blue shirts to red bow ties like a One Direction member. Except you, French people, you are already a style icon. Another must-have this YPAC season are those stylish bags provided by the host school, although everyone has them, only Italians wear them the right way – swinging over their shoulder like a Dolce & Gabbana purse. If you see a grey sweater, you know: there is an Austrian boy near you, trying to look like a

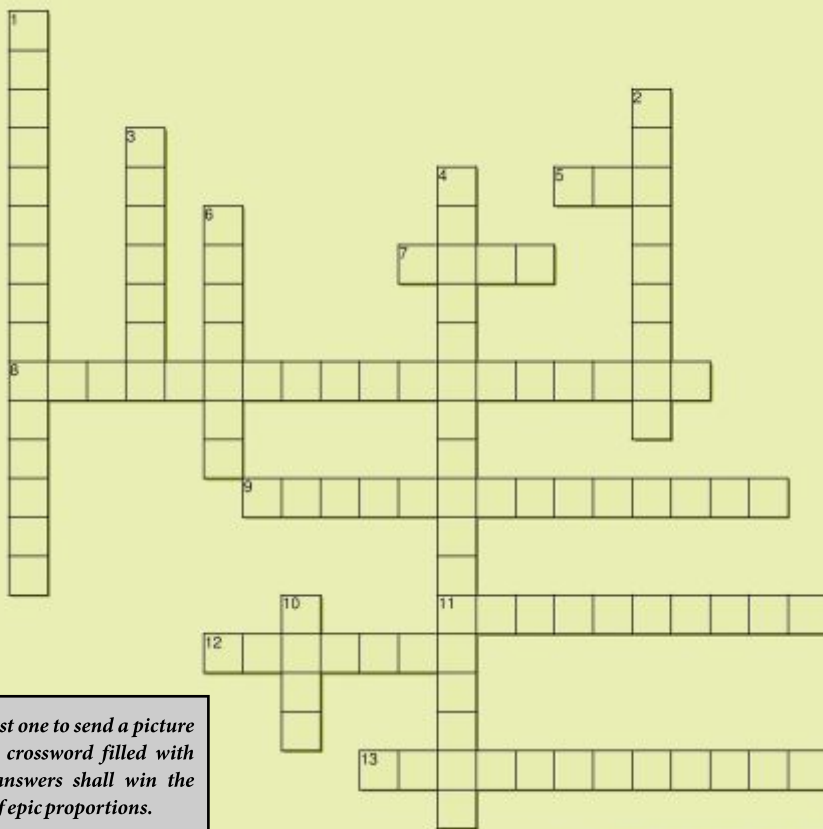
fashionista. The intellectual LiechtenSTONERS prove that classy glasses can suit everyone. Did anyone recognize the Germans? No? We didn't either, because they left their white socks and sandals at home. Maybe they have just realized that Kamnik is not Mallorca.

Slovenian students fit the colours of their flag with their crazy haircolours. Red and blue are very cool. Mix casual style with fancy clothes and you will get ... A Swiss. Perfectly dressed for every occasion!

Last, but not least: the fancy necklaces we got at the beginning, are so extraordinary and beautiful that you are not even allowed to enter the Parliament without wearing them. We all can be lucky that we are the chosen ones to wear them. Reminder: Don't leave them at home tomorrow!!!

XOXO Anna, Gina & Stefanie





The first one to send a picture of this crossword filled with right answers shall win the prize of epic proportions.

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Across

5. Any organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering techniques.
7. It brings together young people from different regions to discuss current topics regarding the Alpine region in a parliamentary simulation.
8. Humankind benefits from ecosystems.
9. _____ or cultural use of ecosystems consists from its artistic, aesthetic, educational, spiritual, and/or scientific values.
11. Responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the welfare of local people.
12. The process by which the surface of the earth is worn away by the action of water, glaciers, winds, waves, etc.
13. The variability among living organisms from all sources, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems, and the ecological complexes of which they are a part.

Down

1. Energy that comes from resources which are naturally replenished on a human timescale such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves and geothermal heat.
2. A community of living organisms in conjunction with the nonliving components of their environment, interacting as a system.
3. Organic matter, especially plant matter, that can be converted to fuel and is therefore regarded as a potential energy source.
4. An international treaties for the protection of natural heritage and sustainable development in the Alps.
6. They cover nearly 40% of the European surface and are home to much of the continent's biodiversity.
10. A naturally occurring mixture of minerals, organic matter, water and air that forms the surface of the land.

Maruša Teržič, Maribor



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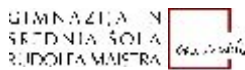
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