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Editorial

In the afternoon the World Café took place in the Aula of FOS, where delegates got the opportunity to discuss with experts and politicians about the committee topics. World Café is one of the key points of the YPAC because young people have the opportunity to exchange and express their opinion to well-known experts that may lead to a new perspective. This is what YPAC is all about.

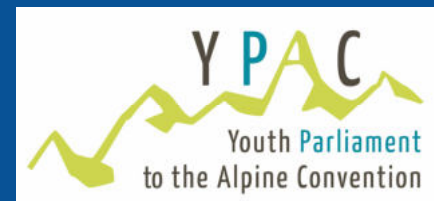
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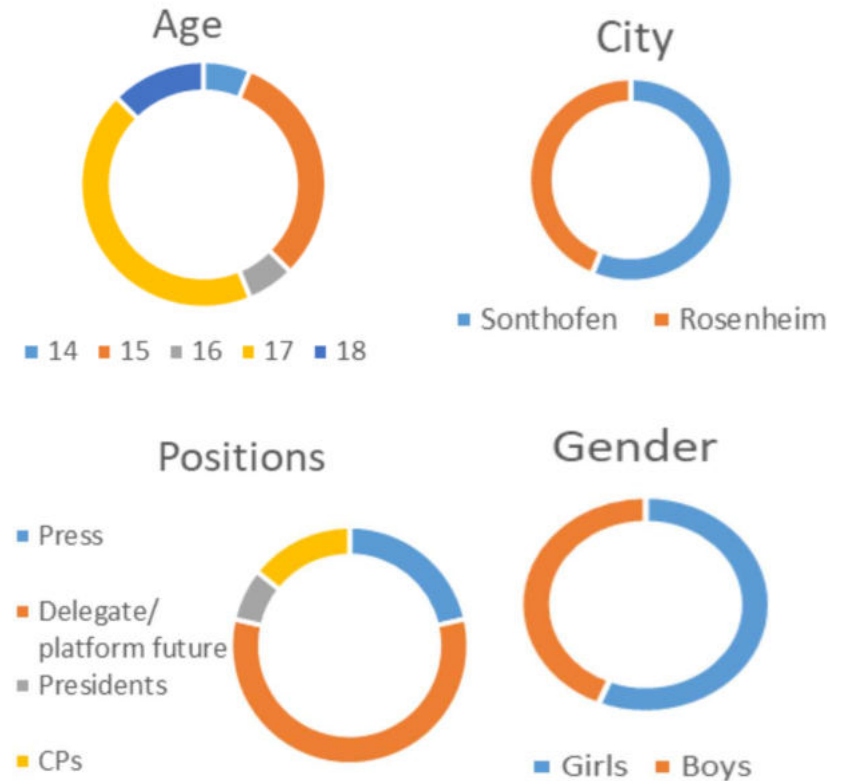
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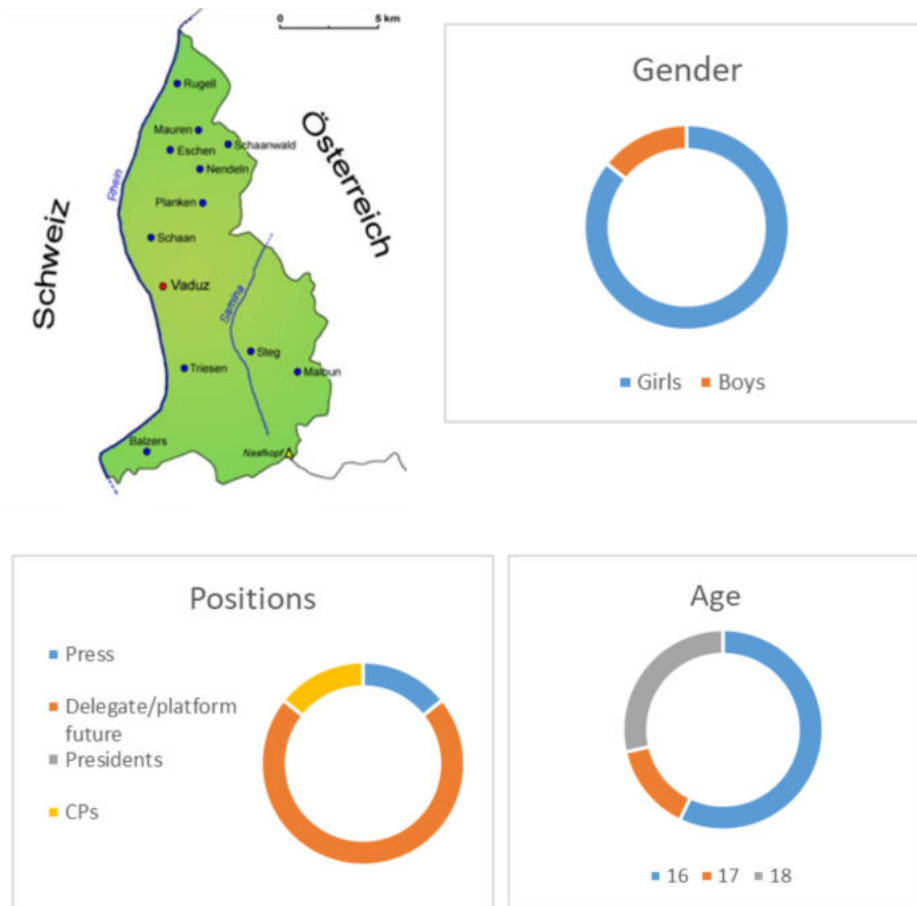


Diary of Delegations part 2

This year we decided to present two or three delegations each day by creating some simple and clear charts.

Yesterday, we started to present you some charts about our host delegation Italy. Today you can discover different aspects about the delegations from Liechtenstein and Germany.

Liechtenstein



“Your planet is hotter than your boyfriend!”

With this quote, Markus Reiterer, general secretary of the Alpine Convention, welcomed the delegates at this year’s YPAC official opening in the Kurhaus of Meran/o.

A long day of work and new experiences was completed in the famous Kurhaus of Meran with the official opening ceremony. After a short musical introduction, the first welcoming speech given by Johanna Erlacher, this year’s President of the Youth Parliament was followed by encouraging words spoken

by the mayor of Meran/o, Paul Rösch, regional minister of education Phillipp Achamer, David Augscheller, a FOS teacher and the city councillor Madeleine Rohrer. In the last speech of the evening, given by Markus Reiterer, who’s already been mentioned in the subtitle, he told a few stories from the stressful early days of his political career. The narration of a two-week long session he’d taken part in was rounded up with a simple question asked by a journalist: “Do you really believe this all makes any sense?” Mr Reiterer’s answer was as simple as the question: “It’s our planet that’s at stake so we have to try.”

By Leonhard Schroeder and Maja Toni



Madeleine Rohrer

Madeleine Rohrer – A politician who really cares



Madeleine Rohrer is the city councillor of Merano for mobility, environment and urbanism. In the last years, she supported the delegation of Merano in numerous ways and was an active member in organizing this years YPAC. I met her for this interview at the official opening .

YPAC: Miss Rohrer, when did you begin to get interested in climate change and on how to cope with it?

Rohrer: Before becoming a politician, I worked for an NGO where I was already working for climate change. I think it is a real adventure to get to know the other part of this interesting but serious topic.

YPAC: Why do you think that the topic “Climate Change” is so important and that we must act to fight against this phenomenon or search ways to cope with it?

Rohrer: We don't have any time to waste. For 30 years it's been a given fact that the climate is changing rapidly. Moreover, within the last few years we have seen, felt and recognized its consequences in our very own city. It is not only important to know that the temperatures are rising about 1.7 or 1.9 degrees, but - and even more important - we must change something now!

YPAC: In the past years the delegates of Merano came to you and showed you their resolutions. Did the city council actually work with them?

Rohrer: Political changes always take time. Frankly speaking we haven't really used last year's results yet. However, we already took your results of 2017 into account. For example, there was the plan to establish more Natura 2000 areas and so we created a new biotope.

By Martina Patzleiner

Micki Gruber grew up multilingual and multicultural in Bozen and Verona. She completed a master's degree in coaching and solution-oriented management in Vienna in 2006. She worked in New York and Milano before she founded her family in South Tyrol. She is a volunteer in the cultural field and active in women's networks. Micki Gruber has worked as a management assistant, as a PR and marketing manager for an international furniture company, as a political consultant, as an organizational developer and mentor for women in management positions. After her master's de-

gree, she has been a self-employed coach and supporter of women and men in management positions and organizations helping them to achieve their goals.

By Isabel Manfredi



The US is the highest contributor to greenhouse gases.

The golden Toad (a Frog) is the first species to go extinct due to climate

The average global temperatures could increase between 1.4 and 5.8 °C by the year 2100

2018 was the 4th hottest year. Only 2016, 2017 and 2015 were hotter.

Climate change could push food prices by 50-60 % more by 2030.

Portrait Andreas Riedl, the ecology expert

Andreas Riedl, the ecology expert from Meran
Andreas Riedl was born and raised in Meran, but moved to Vienna after the Matura to study agricultural engineering and water science. Today, he is the director and leader of the Nature and Environment Protection Organisation in South Tirol. This organisation is the biggest environment protection group in South Tirol with more than 1700 members. Mr Riedl has a lot of great ideas on how to handle climate change and with all his

knowledge he is a great person to give constructive and usable inputs.

By Fabio Brocker



Above 600000 deaths occur worldwide every year due to climate change. 95 % of these deaths take place in developing countries.

The Arctic region may have its first completely ice-free summer by 2040.

Climate change enhances the spread of pests that can cause that can cause life-threatening diseases.

If everyone in the world lived the way people do in the U.S., it would take five Earths to provide enough resources for everyone.

The world café is unfortunately not about coffee

The “World Café” is about the meeting between the four committees and seven experts. These experts range from politicians to scientists in order to have a wide spectrum of prospectives that relate to all the topics all YPAC members deal with.

During this event the delegates will meet the experts and they will ask them questions to improve the wording of their postulations. These experts have been as-

By Alice Andrea Dall’Alba

signed with a topic related to their job so that they can give their professional opinion. Thanks to this session the delegates will acquire more knowledge about their topic in order to improve their proposals, meanwhile the experts will learn about YPAC while also seeing the participation of the youth - and hopefully all this will motivate them to start making changes now.



Portrait of Ingrid Felipe – The “greenest” of them all

Ingrid Felipe is an Austrian politician and a member of the Green Party in Tyrol. She has been second deputy governor of Tyrol since May 2013 and has also worked as the federal spokeswoman of her party in the second half of 2017.

Born in 1978, Ingrid Felipe was raised in Rum near Innsbruck and went to school there. She graduated in 1997 and began to study business administration at the University of Innsbruck where she obtained her degree in 2003.

She was already interested in politics during her school days. In addition to her involvement as a school spokesperson she also enhanced the integration of girls in the church of her hometown. She started her political career in 2005 as a representative of the Green Party in

Tyrol. Today she is responsible for several departments including environment and climate protection, nature conservation and sustainability.

By Lisa-Maria Lux



Portrait of Wolfram Sparber

Since 2005 Wolfgang Sparber has been the Head of the Institute for Renewable Energy at The European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano (EURAC). In addition, since 2011 he has been Vice President of the Board of the European Technology Platform Renewable Heating and Cooling. He is involved in many international projects and member of several committees and councils. He studied Applied Physics at the University in Graz and Barcelona. His main fields of research are sustainable energy systems for regions and cities as well as renewable energy concepts for buildings. He has been one of the experts in the World Café and helped the students out with his knowledge.

By Nadine Vogt



Portrait of Christoph von Ach

Christoph von Ach, interregional Co-operator from Tirol

Christoph von Ach is a leading member of the international organisation Euregio, which is responsible for exchange and bonding between different regions in the EU. He is responsible for the regions of Tirol and northern Italy. This organisation manages the co-operation in economic and ecological af-

fairs. He can advise us - as an Alpine association - on how to deal with these aspects in the Alpine countries and on how to make postulations for all the regions, which would be realisable.

By Fabio Brocker

