

# The Flying Facts

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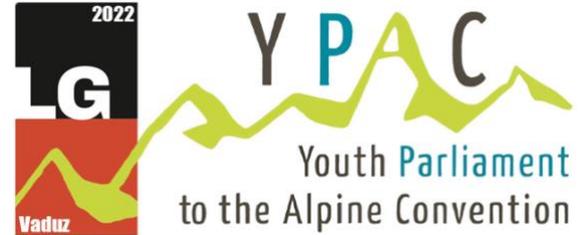
Who knew how fast time flies! The General Assembly has already arrived and with it YPAC's main event. All of your discussions, proposals and questions led to this ceremony in which the final resolution is decided. After a lot of rethinking, rewriting and trying new perspectives and ideas, you had the opportunity to present your solutions.

Even though some of the postulations won't make it, we'd like to thank you for the hard work and dedication you put into them. They may make some people think again and maybe even change their opinion about certain topics.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's YPAC and spent the last three days discussing and finding solutions.

We hope you had fun and gained a lot of interesting information on the topic of system change. Let's see each other again next year!

-Franziska Schroeder and Emma Stockhaus



Here are the postulations that made it into the final resolution:

“Today's problems will also be tomorrow's problems.”

-Lucie Butenandt

## Committee 1

### Postulation 1: It is all about communication (week)

The first postulation of Committee 1 is a postulation related to the communication between politicians and European citizens. Indeed, the committee wants to create a "communication week", in which the leaders will be able to exchange with citizens who do not have a voice, such as young people. They also want to set up a website to subscribe to requests. The most important requests will have to be taken into account by the politicians during the year.

-Gaspard Paquereau

### Postulation 2: Youth Political Organization (YPO)

This postulation on government focuses on children/adolescents who are interested in politics. The goal is for each country to establish its own youth political organization. This postulation highlights the right to join a political party at 23-25 years of age and until then young people receive a political education which allows them to make better voting choices and be a part of the YPO. This could ultimately increase trust in government, because if people are more thoughtful, there is a smaller chance of corruption. So, the opinions of young people will be taken into account more.

-Clément Martin

### Postulation 3: Youth Deputy (YD)

This postulation wants to enable young people to share their opinions directly with the government by adding the position of a Youth Deputy. This deputy, aged 18 to 25-28, should be elected by all teens at the age of 15 to 18 in the country and participate in summits and in the law-making process. Young people are the future. Hence, they should cooperate with politicians.

## Katharina Plattner (Press Group)

*Please introduce yourself:*

Hey, my name is Kathi. I am 15 Years old and from Innsbruck. It's my first time in YPAC.

*How do you like the YPAC so far?*

I really enjoyed it. I like do presswork and have the freedom to write whatever we want to write about. Also, it's very interesting and a nice experience.

*What was your favourite task?*

I liked to contact and work together with the local media.

*Why have you participated?*

I thought it sounded very interesting. Besides, I wanted to get that experience and it would have been nice to go to Vaduz too.

*Name 3 adjectives describing you:*

Sometimes unorganized, dedicated, creative



## Committee 4

### Postulation 1: Unload the Road

The main goal of this postulation is to upgrade the network for the transportation of goods to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In order to achieve that, less trucks should be on the streets. The missing trucks could be replaced by cargo trains. In order to have an efficient transport system, it is necessary to construct an international railway system that connects the whole of Europe. Although, in the near future it is still necessary to have cargo trucks until the railway system is completed. However, people who cooperate and use eco-friendly means of transportation, should receive a tax reduction.

-Jael Hollenstein

### Postulation 2: More accessibility in mobility!

The second postulation of Committee 4 is about minimizing costs for using public transportation based on annual subscription for a ticket, better preparation, organization and equipment for bad weather conditions and better facilitation for disabled people. In addition, eco points should be introduced to reduce the utilization of personal vehicles and local authorities should offer more affordable alternatives like e-scooters.

-Martina Platzleiner

### Postulation 3: Mobile Mobility

The third postulation of Committee 4 focuses on rethinking and modernizing the (public) transport system and encouraging people to use it more often. The delegates proposed specific apps that would allow passengers to interact with traffic situations concerning buses or trains. Furthermore, the app would include information about available bikes, electric car rental etc.

They also suggested special activity days for schools, to raise awareness about mobility, gas emissions and safety in traffic including presentations done by experts.

-Eva Rems

## Committee 2

### Postulation 1: The Green Number

The Green Number postulation is all about raising consumer's awareness about the environmental effect a certain product has. It is in fact a labeling system with a scale ranging from 0 to 100, with 0 meaning that the product is "green" and 100 meaning that it was made using the worst possible ways of production. The higher the number, the higher the tax the company in question has to pay. It forces them to strive for a better management of the resources used. To prevent corruption within the system, several independent organizations will need to be placed and held responsible for keeping the bar high, and the same for everyone.

-Miha Sterkuš

### Postulation 3: Coal had been, let's get green!

Postulation 3 of Committee 2 is all about making the Alpine region more independent and 'green'. Switching to wind, solar and water energy entails a shrinking reliance on countries outside the Alpine region. Implementing heat pumps, geothermal or biogas heating would lead to a decrease of coal and gas use and hence reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Subsidies would be introduced to motivate and support people to make this change.

*"May the most convincing arguments be with you."*

*-Alenka Smerkolj*



### Interview with Jakob Dietachmair, Deputy Manager of CIPRA

Jakob Dietachmair, deputy manager of CIPRA, is an expert who was part of the World Café and talked to Committees 2 (Economy) and 4 (Mobility). In the interview, he talks about how mobility affects each one of us and what the future in that area might look like. He also comments on the ideas of Committee 4 that dealt with that topic during the last few days.

Click this [link](#) to read the interview.

-Jael Hollenstein

### Interview with Nino from Bassano, who wrote an article called “Endless growth and production”

“In the western world we are obsessed with consuming, and we can clearly see this if we look at the advertising industry, which is constantly working to convince us that we need some kind of product to fulfil the emptiness within ourselves. To me what causes this emptiness is the lack of values that characterizes western society, where the only value that we are left with is profit. And it is for profit that marketing exists, by targeting this sense of unfulfillment within individuals, advertisement tells them that objects can give them a sense of purpose.

This happens because corporations no longer aim to sell products, they want to sell ideas, and in particular they want to sell a sense of belonging. This is the reason why the ad for a car won’t talk about the technical features of the car itself, but it will rather tell you that the car will grant you freedom and independence.”

Click this [link](#) to find out more about Nino and his thoughts about our society.

-Filippo selected the beginning of the article



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