

FLYING FACTS

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Dear Readers,

Today, on the second day of the YPAC-Week, the World Café took place. Though it may be a little exhausting having to think all the time, making compromises and learning new things from the experts. The World Café is a great opportunity to broaden your views on the topics you're discussing and maybe get a better insight on the work of politicians and experts. But luckily we have the karaoke evening today where we can hopefully relax a bit.

We wish you great and productive discussions, good ideas and a lot of strength and motivation for tomorrow's General Assembly!

Franziska Schroeder and Emma Stockhaus

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Franziska Schroeder and Emma Stockhaus, the Editors in Chief

The day started with everybody immediately going to their committees to continue discussing and preparing for the experts that came in the afternoon for the so-called World Café.

But before that the Sonthofen Staff members served us an incredible meal at the Haus Oberallgäu.



Committee 3 is working hard



Lunch at the Haus Oberallgäu

After that the discussions picked up once again in the world café with the experts to optimize their postulations. Now we're looking forward to the karaoke evening with the whole YPAC Delegation. We hope you have fun!



Inside Committee 1

Today, Committee 1 focused on working out their postulations. Split up in three groups, they concentrated on an application to regulate the flow of tourists, different ways to tax tourists to promote longer visits and to bring more people into the remote places or a new kind of ticket that includes public transport, accommodations and events nearby.

Application: managing and regulating

The application is supposed to help tourists plan their trips more efficiently and provide the best route and means of transport. Through tracking the location of the people, the app can easily suggest similar places of interest that are not as crowded.

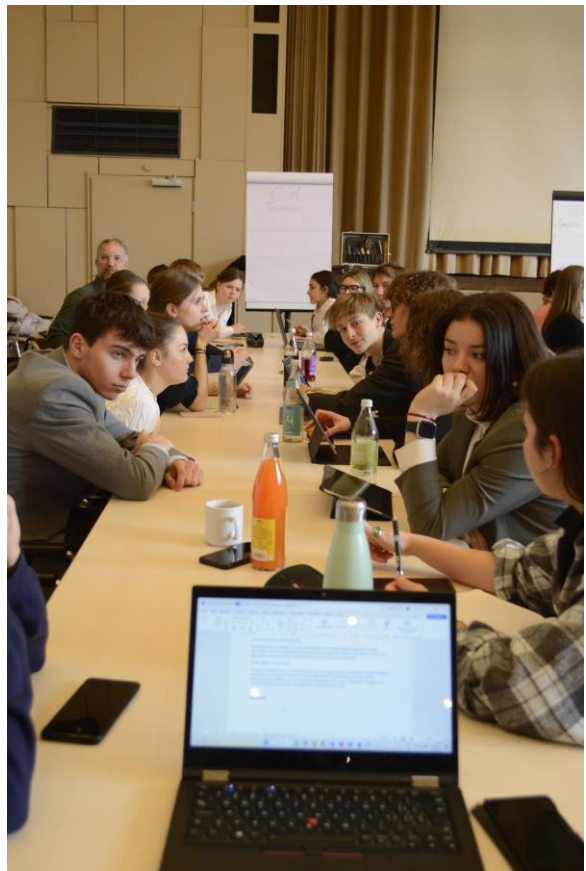
Taxation: promoting and attracting

By taxing visitors according to the duration of their trip and the amount of people travelling, the postulation aims to encourage tourists to stay for a longer time and to invite others to join them. The longer you stay and the more visitors you are, the less you will be taxed.

Ticket: efficient and inclusive

Instead of buying numerous different tickets for every single activity, everything could be included in one single pass. This ticket would be purchasable online, in local hotels and tourist offices. Additionally, it provides access to public transportation for a very cheap price. The goal is to simplify the decision for tourists of where to go and what to do.

- Filippo Bonato, Timo Risch



Inside Committee 2

Today's aim of committee 2 was to finish their postulations and make them bulletproof for tomorrow's General Assembly. In small groups they started off doing more detailed research on their topic, to later present it to the whole committee. After a few corrections and inputs of the other delegates, they voted for the most promising ideas. The main point of the morning meeting was to start writing their postulations and figuring out the presentation.

In the afternoon the world café took place. It was a meeting of all the committees and some experts and politicians. They all listened to each of the committee's processes on the postulations and gave feedback on how to improve them. The other delegates were very direct with their opinions and asked lots of questions the committee 2 members still had to think about, to make sure their postulations were complete.

- Annalena Schmidt, Vita Fink

Interview:

Nora Leszczynski, CIPRA

What makes living in the alps worth living?

I think that for me personally, it is worth it because I am closer to nature and I am able to do lots of things, such as sports, here. The variety of cultures and traditions, as well as the different landscapes are also very attractive to me.

What is your personal opinion on the topic of social co-existence, in relation to the quality of life?

I think that quality of life in the alps is a wide topic which includes not only social co-existence but also other things. However social co-existence concerns people and different cultures living together and accepting each other as they are. *How did you get involved in the project of the YPAC?*

I am part of CIPRA, the „International Commission of the Protection of the Alps“, so we are very close to the Alpine Convention, which is the carrying a part of the YPAC and I am here as a representative and observant of it.

Do you think that the YPAC end result could have an impact on the solution for the problems?

I think it depends on the way you present your postulations to the politicians. So for example, on Friday, if one of the politicians shows interest in the idea, you need to make sure that it is well developed and ready to be implemented. But I have already heard of some ideas that I think are complete and could be implemented in the near future.

- Annalena Schmidt, Vita Fink



Inside Committee 3

The goal of committee 3 this morning was to structure all of their thoughts and make concrete plans about all the ideas they talked about yesterday. The three postulations they have chosen are "wild life infrastructure", the "message" and "snow cannons". Here is what they are about:

The wildlife infrastructure:

The better our infrastructure, the weaker the freedom of movement for animals gets. To improve this, committee 3 suggested building bridges and tunnels for animals over freeways, so they can safely cross the road.

The message:

The second idea concerns mountain safety.

They would like you to receive a message, when you enter in alpine regions (you'll log in with a signal tower, so your data is safe) and they want sent a text that informs about mountain safety, prevention of accidents and informing people about the protected areas. The message has to be effective and attention-catching so everyone will read them.

Snow cannons:

The goal of this postulation is to develop snow cannons which are more sustainable. But in case it's even too warm for artificial snow in the future, they proposed spending the resources that would have gone into production of artificial snow go into more ecological activities like climbing instead of skiing.
Johanna Zeitz, Aisha Blakaj and Clément Martin



Inside Committee 4

Since the completion of the postulations is a lot of hard work, the delegates immediately started in the morning to discuss their chosen topics. The team is divided into three motivated groups of which each has their own topic.

The first group discussed the gap between the interests of old and young people:

A cultural gap between old and young people is a common phenomenon observed in many societies. It refers to the differences in attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors between older and younger generations. These differences can arise due to various factors, such as changes in technology, social norms, and cultural traditions. To bridge the culture gap between old and young people, it is important to recognize and understand the differences in attitudes, beliefs, and values between the two groups. Both generations should make an effort to learn from each other and respect each other's perspectives. It is essential to create an environment of mutual understanding and respect, where both generations can communicate openly and overcome their differences.

The second group works on how to promote the participation in cultural activities:

Recently young people tend to not participate in their regional traditions, which are usually kept alive by the elders. We must find a way to make young people proud of their heritage, so that they are willing to actively carry out traditions. In order for this to happen, kids would have to learn and experience their regional culture from a young age. This could happen through lectures at school but also through outings, in which the kids would become familiar with traditional arts and crafts, while also having fun. Additionally, traditional festivals should incorporate activities specifically designed for children, so that as they grow older they will form a strong bond to their own heritage. Therefore, as kids grow older and become more responsible, they will have the chance to get actively involved in the organization of these events.



The third group focuses on a possible digital platform on the internet:

Digital platforms can play a crucial role in increasing accessibility in cultural life. They can provide opportunities for people to engage with cultural content, regardless of their location, physical abilities, or economic resources.

Digital platforms can help breaking down barriers to accessing cultural content, providing more opportunities for people to engage with and enjoy cultural experiences.

Tomaz Miklavcic is a minister in Slovenia and he is working in the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning in Slovenia.

What do you think about the postulations that the committees have presented to you?

Tomaz: I think that there are some quite amazing ideas. The delegates have really understood the problems and were pretty successful in trying to find different solutions. Some of their incredible ideas are already implemented in practice, but others are new and innovative. For those we will need to put a lot of effort, in order for them to become successful.

What is your opinion about YPAC?

Tomaz: It is my first time here, so I didn't know what to expect, but I am really thrilled about the discussions that the delegates had. I have felt their enthusiasm and good energy behind their postulation and questions that they have asked me. The discussion was on a high level. The debate isn't boring, and it brings new knowledge, it's really interesting and you get the opportunity to meet a lot of new people. I think that the YPAC is cool because you can resolve some problems.

What makes life in the Alps worth living ?

Tomaz: It is a personal opinion but I think we have a lot of free time, so it's pretty cool. The social life is very developed! And I think friends and family make a place worth living in.



A recap of the Opening Ceremony

The evening started with a performance of the Big Band from the Gymnasium Sonthofen.



After that Winfried Engeser welcomed all the delegations and special guests and thanked the staff team for the organisation.

We got the opportunity to listen to four speeches, held by our president Lina Stockhaus, the school principal of Sonthofen Joachim Stoller, the Secretary General of the Alpine Convention Alenka Smerkolič and the second mayor of Sonthofen Ingrid Fischer.



The Staff team prepared delicious finger food, which the guests enjoyed in the break.

The highlight of the evening started after that: the presentation of the traditional dances. The dances and music were very impressive, and we thank all for the participation!



The Delegation from Lichtenstein started with a Polonaise through the school



spectacular performance of Bassano including a dance and a traditional song, sang by two students



Another nice dance was presented by the delegation of Rosenheim



The Merano Delegation in their traditional clothing



The French delegation



The joint dance of Kamnik and Maribor



A "Plattler"-Tutorial by Innsbruck





Impressive Jodler



A lot of turns done by the Sonthofen Delegation