

FLYING FACTS

Thursday 9th March 2023

Dear Readers,
 The General Assembly, YPACs main event took place today. In the last two years where we still had to work online, the General Assembly was the last event of the YPAC week. Luckily we don't have those regulations anymore and we are very pleased that we will meet you all again for the last time at the Public Market tomorrow. In the General Assembly you present your finished postulations, critique and correct each other. Since only eight of the twelve postulations can make it and become resolutions we hope you are pleased with how the General Assembly turned out for you and your committee and you can publish the best version of the regulations tomorrow to all the local experts and politicians.
 We hope you had fun today and we'll see you again today in the evening for the closing party.

Franziska Schroeder and Emma Stockhaus, the Editors in Chief



Greetings from our presidency

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Overview of the Day

The General Assembly started with a speech by Paul Schrott, one of the presidents, in which he expressed his gratitude towards the organisation team, the teachers and all the delegates in general. This was followed by an explanation of etiquette and speech by Sara Muršak, our president from Kamnik.



Paul Schrott during his speech

Then, after a short delay, committee 1 (tourism) started with their presentation of the postulations (1. Short stay, wrong way; 2. Crowds: love them or hate them; 3. **A ticket to experience the Alps**). The other committees then began questioning and criticising the postulation.

After 45 minutes committee 1 held their closing speech. A 30-minute break followed the presentation of committee 1.

Committee 3 (environmental challenges) followed with their presentation. (1. **From Chamonix to Maribor: An animal interrail**; 2. **Message a day keeps the pollution away**; 3. Let it snow...?). Though this presentation was interrupted by a catastrophe test alarm of the German government.

This productive session ended with the lunch break, in which we once again got incredible self-made sandwiches from the organisation team. Committee 4 (cultural life) continued the General Assembly with their postulations. (1. Let's make culture more accessible; 2. **Creating common ground through cultural hubs**; 3. **Services to revive traditions**)



The delegates during the General Assembly

The highlighted postulations were voted

The last committee that presented their ideas was committee 2 (social co-existence) (1. Integration Through Interaction (ITI);

2. Promoting local products; 3. Changing through exchanging)

The General Assembly ended after eight exhausting but definitely interesting and productive hours with the voting ceremony, where the final resolutions were decided (C1.3; C2.2; C2.3; C3.1; C3.2; C4.1; C4.2; C4.3) and the closing speech, which was held by Kaye Grünes-Yeung, the YPAC president from Innsbruck, who affirmed the importance of YPAC for the younger generation once again.

In the evening the YPAC delegates as well as teachers and organisers will meet again for the final party in Bad Hindelang in the Afri Club.



The Welcoming-Speech of a local politician

Resolutions Committee 1

3. Postulation

"OnedayWONDER"/

"wholeweekWONDER"

Lastly, committee 1 postulates an online ticket that includes different attractions, activities, public transports and discounts in local restaurants. Through this, the tourists would be distributed more evenly and by including less-known attractions, these would benefit smaller businesses. After a test phase with a ticket for one specific day, a one-week-ticket would be implemented.

Concerns of other delegates:

- Are people treated differently according to their socio-economic status?
- How are less-known attractions integrated with more popular ones?
- Timo Risch, Filippo Bonato



Committee 1 working hard during the GA



Concentrated like the press group

Resolutions Committee 2

Postulation 2: Promoting local products

Committee 2 wants to fix the lack of affordable, accessible and high quality products, by creating a label which many small farmers can join to improve their income. Their plan is that local consumers are aware of the fact that the products they are buying are produced locally.

Many questions were asked and answered, and many speeches in favor were held.



Committee 2 during the General Assembly

Postulation 3: Changing through exchanging

The goal of this project is to teach students from a young age how to communicate, discuss, participate and solve conflicts in a non-violent way. These debate sessions are mandatory, but not graded so they are not a school subject. Additionally they have to choose on their own when to do their sessions, which teaches them how to be organized and independent.

The YPAC members were very impressed and supportive of the idea.

- Annalena Schmidt, Vita Fink



Resolutions Committee 3

1. Postulation: From Chamonix to Maribor: an animal interrail

The first postulation of committee 3 was presented by Jana Reiffeiner and it is about improving the freedom of movement for animals by building safe ways over streets for them. The acceptance of the idea was really high within the other YPAC committees. There were some questions of understanding, but no real criticism. In the end Vittoria Detogni even held a speech in favour considering the combination of improving our own quality of life as well as the one of animals.

- Johanna Zeitz

2. Postulation/ Regulation: Improving the Alps one message at a time

The idea of committee 3 is to send a generic text message for mountain safety to limit potential risks and inform about protected areas. This text message would be similar to the message we receive when crossing a border in the Alpine area.

Then the debate started and one of the questions that were discussed was how to educate older people who don't have access to the internet or maybe don't even know how to use it.

Though everyone agreed that by sending a generic message, everyone would have basic information in one place, they wouldn't have to do research on their own and everyone would have easy access to it. To do this, the messages have to be very effective and catchy so that everyone will actually read them, since many other delegates questioned this. But the answer of committee 3 was clear: "If already 20% of the population were reading the message, it would have a great impact and it would encourage people to read it."

In conclusion, the debate went very well, each delegation was able to speak and express their opinion with respect. All the interventions were concrete and really interesting.
-Clément Martin, Jules Vignol



Resolutions Committee 4

Postulation 1: Let's make culture more accessible!

Unfortunately, nowadays artists have a hard time to share their part of culture and to make it accessible. Because of that, they want to create a network that allows the artists to connect with local facilities and vice versa. The goal is to bring culturally interested people from the whole Alpine region together and allow cultural exchange.

Some speeches against the postulation have been made. They included that the use of the platform could be inappropriate because it could be unsafe for minors. In addition, the app Facebook exists already and it has similar functions as the desired platform in the postulation. The speeches in favour were about the positive impacts of the platform, like the chances artists get to become popular. Not only the artist profit, but also the providers of the locations and this means a successive future. Additionally, it is a simple idea to create the platform, because only the host and the artists have to give data.

Postulation 2: Creating common ground through cultural hubs

A big problem in our society is that people have a lack of interest in the local tradition and that there is a big gap between the different generations.

The idea of Committee 4 is to create an accessible open space where different people from various backgrounds and ages can share their cultures to close this age gap.

There have only been speeches in favour of this postulation, which included positive facts such as the connection of different people and the places that can be used in an efficient way.

The committee had some helpful critical opinions from the other delegations and committees. They answered all the questions confidently and without any problems.



Committee 4 in the General Assembly

Postulation 3: Services to revive traditions

Currently young people tend to not identify with their culture anymore, consequently the cultural heritage is only preserved by the elderly generation. To solve this problem committee 4 wants to find a way to make young people proud of their own heritage.

Children should experience their culture through excursions and lectures in school, but also participate in local festivals. As well as creating a program that allows people to help out in cultural environments. They would get a certificate and a "Culture bonus".

One speech against the postulation contained that it is too difficult to implement this postulation and so it is not appropriate in this case. The two speeches in favour involved the idea of including volunteers for this job and that this postulation is very important because you involve young and old people including the fact that you are helping people to find a job.

- Kim Osenar, Julia Paternoster

Interview with the presidents Paul Schrott and Sara Muršak

Can you tell us a few things about you at first?

Paul: "My name is Paul Schrott, I'm from a small village in South Tirol and I go to school in Merano. It's my second year at YPAC."

Sara: "I'm Sara Mursak and I come from the Kamnik delegation. This is my third YPAC, I have been CP before, but also a delegate."

You are two of this year's presidents. What is your job about?

Our job is about making sure everything goes smoothly and all things are organised but also executed.

Were there any surprises you haven't thought about before?

As presidents you have to take a lot more responsibility than we thought. We thought we just have to overlook things, but we actually have to make a lot of decisions that we honestly weren't all too comfortable with making, but we just had to make them.

- Aisha Blakaj and Johanna Zeitz



A recap of the Karaoke-Evening



Members of the Bassano Delegation at the Karaoke-Evening



Jules is touching the sky



YPAC delegates singing together



DJs of the Karaoke-Evening