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3RD EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Welcome to our last Flying Facts!

Today the General Assembly has officially taken place in the Bavarian Parliament in Munich. There we were greeted by the President of the Parliament, Ilse Aigner, who underlined how crucial it is that the youth take action and fight for their future and their democracies.

At the General Assembly we heard lively discussions and great speeches, which highlighted your devotion to the Alpine Region. You were able to cooperate and express your opinions. We hope that your resolutions will get the recognition they deserve.



The YPAC week is almost over now and we only have one day left to connect and build friendships. Let's make that last day count!

We would like to wish everyone the best for the upcoming YPAC and for your future projects!

All the best,

Franziska Schroeder and Sebastiano Walzl, Editors in Chief

Here you can find a detailed explanation of the General Assembly, which was written during the last Ypac session in Kamnik: <https://www.ypac.eu/files/YPAC-content/ypac2024/YPAC%20Flying%20Facts%203%202024.pdf> (page 3)

RECAP OF THE BAVARIAN EVENING

When in Bavaria, a traditional Bavarian evening is a must. This evening took place on Wednesday.

The event started at 7pm in the Canteen of Karolinen-Gymnasium. In addition to the participating YPAC students and teachers, all host families were invited, as well.

Besides, we also had some special guests. We had the pleasure to welcome some alumni teachers and even some of the founding mothers of YPAC from Innsbruck that brought our amazing project to life. We had the opportunity to have nice conversations in a friendly atmosphere, and our guests of honour were able to share some old YPAC memories. The alumni teachers especially shared lots of funny experiences with us.

Afterwards, we were treated to a traditional and delicious Bavarian meal. The appetizer was Brezen with “Obatzter”. This was followed by “Semmelknödel, Kartoffelknödel, Kraut and Braten”. For those who didn't want to eat meat, there was *Schupfnudel* with vegetables instead. And as a sweet finale, there was a delicious cake buffet. The appetizer and dessert were prepared by the parents' association of the school, who we would like to thank once again for their support.

After the meal, some of the students introduced our alumni guests in detail and told a few funny stories about them.

The evening program continued with a few more traditions: First, 6 men showed us their talent in “Goaslschnölln”, and then we were able to marvel at the dancing skills of a folk dance group. As the crowning finale, all guests were allowed to take part in a folk dance. We hope that everyone got a good impression of the Bavarian culture. The Bavarian evening really was a complete success, many thanks to all who took part.

Julia Veronika Tröger, Maja Eifert

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RESOLUTIONS 2025

ReStamp: Don't Throw It, Reuse It! (C3)

The resolution focuses on developing a non-profit governmental organisation to reduce the production of plastic and motivate customers to reuse their things with a stamp-system. The customers get stamps when they bring their own items and with a defined amount, they get a benefit. The goal of it is to get rid of single-use items and also one way packaging, so that less wrapping-waste is produced.

59 votes

A Home, not just a Destination (C2)

The second resolution focuses on conflicts between tourists and local residents. Their main goal is to transform tourist discount cards into local discount cards, as the locals are affected by the rising prices of goods and services due to the high demand and willingness of tourists to pay more. This counter movement could prevent the prioritization of tourists. Something that was criticized about their idea was that it could eventually push inequality as there is a difference in the income of locals as well, which could mean that the rich would get even richer.

40 votes

Smart Drops – Sustainable Irrigation (C1)

This resolution tries to save water from being wasted. Therefore C1 developed a campaign which helps farmers with current issues caused by climate change. For example the campaign promotes drip irrigation because thus, less water is needed and watering plants is much more efficient.

39 votes

Sustainabees (C4)

The resolution wants to increase biodiversity of insects and, above all, the number of bees by installing pollinator hotels. They want to achieve this through cooperation between farmers, experts and beekeepers, who can set up their apiaries on farmers' meadows. This gives the bees space to live and the farmers' plants are pollinated. The project is to be supported by the Alpine Convention.

38 votes

The Alpine Agricultural Renaissance (C4)

Traditional farms are finding it increasingly difficult to compete with the large market but they are needed for the survival of threatened species and good soil. That is why an alpine council for traditional farms is proposed, in which farms from the Alpine countries are represented. This body should be an organization that is independent from governments and consists of farmers, consumers, environmental experts and politicians to ensure that farms remain competitive.

37 votes



INTERVIEWS

CP Nika Benda from C2:

Are you proud of delegates from your committee and their work?

Yes, to be honest, I'm really proud of them because even if the postulations don't get through, they put a lot of work in it and they put a lot of effort in defending their postulations and their kind of opinion and I think that's the most important thing of the YPAC so yes I'm proud of them.

Have your postulations been presented in the way you wanted them to be presented and then do you think the message of your postulations got understood in the right way?

Yeah, well, I think they did their best. It's always possible to do it even better, especially if you're nervous, but the point of the postulation got through because of the amazingly well-written postulations itself. So I think people got what they were looking for but I still think that we could do it even better because there's always a place for improvement.

Okay, the next question. Are you satisfied with your own work?

Oh, with my own work? Well, now looking back I certainly see moments where I can do even better but I think we did our best for this year and to be honest I am satisfied but as I said before there's always a place for improvement.

And now a bit of a controversial question. Do you have a favourite postulation?

Okay, so I can't share my opinion on that but C2 is the best.

Elise Lindemann, Karolina Graj



impressions from the General Assembly



President of the Bavarian Parliament, Ilse Aigner

INTERVIEWS

Delegate Vita Pavšič from C4

What is your name and what committee are you in?

My name is Vita Pavšič and I come from the Slovenian delegation (Maribor). This year I am a part of Committee 4.

How would you describe your experience as a delegate so far?

V: As a first-year delegate, being a part of YPAC has been great so far. Not only did I gain confidence in expressing my own thoughts and opinions, I also gained experiences in public speaking, discussing important topics with others from my generation and diplomacy. I believe that discussing topics that unite all Alpine countries is mandatory.

If you could send one message to policymakers about youth involvement in decision-making, what would it be?

V: Our generation is well-known for its self-awareness and the awareness of current society's problems. Even though we are young, we have a great, strong voice, which is important as we understand and know our needs best. I think that including young people is crucial for the future.

How do you think YPAC helps young people make a difference?

V: YPAC is a great starting point, a launch for us, as it is an opportunity to approach a serious matter. For most of us, for the first time. Seeing how important it is to speak up and discuss the matter with others is really motivating. Turns out, that coming together and uniting the whole Alpine Region really is the key to success.

Lina Mlinar



Emma, one of our Presidents

President Emma Augusztinyi

How does it feel for you to be a president?

Since the first time that I participated in YPAC it was a dream for me to be a president once. And this year this dream came true. It is a really cool feeling and I am very happy that I got this opportunity.

What was your task today?

Today me and my presidency colleagues were responsible for the moderation during the general assembly. Every one of us had to guide one committee during the GA and watch after their time.

Are you satisfied with the work of the delegates?

The delegates were really engaged and passionate about their postulations. Also they were really good at defending their ideas and were always able to give an answer.