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## The Games



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After the Opening Ceremony in the Municipal House, we all walked to the KPMG building, and then the first day of committee work began. Before the committees actually got to working seriously on their topics, they had a few icebreaking and bonding games. As they wanted to get to know each other more, the chairs chose the best games that would help with that.

A very popular choice was the balloon game where three people had to imitate someone famous. Other games played were "Honey, Honey do you love me?", Werewolf, "Two truths and a lie" or "Who am I?"

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## Municipal House - opinion



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### Aron Goldin, Delegate, Culture, Education and Research, GB

"That building was beautiful and interesting. I was really amazed how grand the building was. I felt prestige - it is a big experience. Anyway, Prague is really beautiful!"

Natálie Urlichová, 2B

## The Opening Ceremony

Yesterday morning we all gathered for an event that we had all been waiting for, the opening ceremony. This ceremony is the official start of the EEYP week and the work of committees. Everyone was very excited about it as we were in an eye-opening building called the Municipal House. The Municipal House has many halls that are very beautiful and they are also quite different from each other. We were in one that is called "Sladkovsky sal," which is one of the rooms that has remained unchanged since its origin. During the speeches, there were no technological problems which were great and therefore everything was done on time. The only minor inconvenience was that the official guest who had been invited, couldn't make it to the opening ceremony, even though our organizers did their best to arrange it.

The first one to speak was our dear president, Robin, who made an introduction for the whole event and prepared us for what would come. Then the Headmistress of Gymnázium Na Zatlance went on the stage and made an amazing speech, where the main themes were the support of the delegates and how honoured she was to be a part of

## Thoughts on the treatment of women in Islamic countries

### Quentin Mareuse, GB, Industry, Infrastructure and Energy

"It is my general view that the treatment of women in Islamic countries is not to be envied by us liberal nations in the European Union. It is abhorrent to us to see women in these countries stoned or committed other gross injustices upon for committing "crimes" such as adultery, refusal to abide by puritanical "religious" practices that do not even derive from true Islam, or even wearing trousers. However, I do believe there is a



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this programme. The speech made everyone feel more positive as it is something great to be a part of the EEYP and satisfying that all the ambitious students can gather in one place, albeit only for a week. Having ambitions is great as it is very helpful in the future. She talked about the history of the Municipal House, such as how the history of the Czech Republic was partly made there. She mentioned the old Czech kings from the 14th century and the 15th century pro-European Czech king Jiří z Poděbrad. Last but not least, the Headmistress wished us best of luck.

Jitka, one of the main organizers of this year's EEYP, took the stage next and talked about how

the experience from former EEYPs in which she was a participant changed her. She made a very motivating speech about how the experience from the EEYP helped her in her life, as she started to know more what she wanted.

Further motivating words from Mr. Dupon concluded the opening ceremony. He thanked the teachers for providing their students with opportunities to participate, and he wished for us to have a great time during this challenging week full of new experiences.

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themselves, in conservative Islamic societies, on the receiving end of oppression from a dense nexus of patriarchal forces, which seek to project and to force them to conform to a very specific ideal of femininity, with the most rigid and inflexible of boundaries. Compelled to cover their bodies in public spaces, women have instilled in them the idea that they are an inherently dangerous force. The EU needs to take decisive action in the form of sanctions and international condemnation in order to bring about liberalization."

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# Interview with the organization team

## Interviewees

Jitka Richterová, Chief Coordinator, (J)

Kateřina Kovaříková, Director of Logistics (K)

Alena Podlešáková, Project Coordinator, Czech Teacher (A)

1) Why did you decide to participate in the EEYP organization?

J: "From the beginning, the EEYP has been very close to me, so when we got the chance to somehow participate in the EEYP preparations, I was thrilled to help along with my friends (my co-organizer and the presidents). And since the teachers were open to having mainly students organize the event, we thought it would be a great opportunity to bring in more volunteers, so we could all gain organizational experience, try something different and use what we have learned to date to improve the already great level."

K: "It seems to me like paying back some kind of debt. I have already experienced 3 EEYP events (twice in Rotterdam, once in Girona) and always there are people who made it possible for me to enjoy the week and to focus and concentrate on committee work and the traditional EEYP work. So I've never really realized how much work and time it takes to make such an event happen. I wanted to pay the debt and to play the organization role for the EEYP event in my hometown."

A: "My students and I had been invited to previous EEYP projects organized in the cities of my international EEYP colleagues, and I felt it was our turn to step up to the challenge; the Headmistress at Gymnazium Na Zatlance felt the same. We also thought it would be wise to use the great enthusiasm and potential of our students, who had started developing simulations of EEYP projects in our school on their own. Our school is very lucky to have these students organize most of the EEYP work, and I feel very lucky to be working in our school."

2) Did you enjoy it? Which

**part of the organizing was the most exciting and what was the least exciting?**

J: "I definitely did! I enjoyed most of it, including the sleepless nights of working. I guess that is partially because all of us in the organization are also friends and enthusiasts, and the mood was always positive. But that was also a challenge that I as the chief coordinator had to face - since the project was official, the structure had to become official as well and rules had to be established. And especially at the beginning, it was hard for me to be a boss to my friends."

K: "Yes, even to this day! It is a completely new world for me and I love it. Sometimes I feel like I'm learning more useful things here than in high school." The most exciting part is definitely communication - with your colleagues, with special guests, teachers, and even with journalists and media. And the most valuable part is the delegates' opinion and their smile, because that is the reason we do it." The least exciting part is the feeling that exists 24/7 when you feel that you've forgotten to do, buy or manage something and that every minute anything can go wrong. But I have to admit that I have wonderful and hardworking assistants always willing to help me with every problem possible."

A: "Organizing an EEYP project is an enormous challenge, but also an invaluable and highly intensive learning experience for both the students and the teachers. It feels like experiencing one year in one week. Less exciting moments were when things didn't work out the way we had imagined. However, finding solutions was a good exercise in flexibility, and an important part of this learning experience. The least exciting part was feeling guilty for not being able to do my regular job with full dedication. But the school management and my co-teachers have been very supportive and feeling their support was a good experience."

**3) What did you learn during the organization process?**

J: "Well apart from the

challenge I have just mentioned, for me there was the lesson of how it might work one day in corporations. I am usually used to a group of friends or a small number of people in a NGO organizing something, and after just talking about doing something it is basically done. But with the official and almost three parallel structures (students, teachers and the Dutch advisory board) the whole process became slower, more complicated and more difficult. So the communication also needed to be more efficient and everything really needed to be done in advance because it took a long time to implement it."

K: "I learned that there are some rules you have to follow if you want to be a successful organizer. One is that everything has to be down on paper. The second is that you should always have a phone fully charged. Finally, you need to assume that you'll have to tell everyone what to do at least one hundred times."

A: "Besides improving my skills in delegating, organizing and sorting out priorities, I also learnt how to make Google spreadsheets, creating websites, and making school newspapers for the EEYP Prague Times."

**4) What was the best thing/experience during the organization?**

J: "I guess it was a) the socializing we did with our team after meetings and b) the very new and amazingly fresh feeling from the cooperation with the teachers and seeing it all from the other side. I really appreciate the chance for that and all that we gained from it, including the fun we had."

K: "The last few days right before the EEYP, when we realized that it was just around the corner and we actually did the small things to make it work. The feeling we had after more than three months of preparation and hard work was indescribable, considering the uncertainty we had."

A: "It was meeting with politicians when arranging the venues for the General Assembly and watching our student organizers talk to them. They made me and the Headmistress very proud."

**5) Was the cooperation balanced? Were both students**

**and teachers active?**

J: "I can hardly say a bad word about the mutual cooperation. I think once we got into it and established some working standards and rules, everything went really well and I found a balance between the enthusiastic students eager to bring new ideas to the table and the realistic teachers who helped us carry out our ideas and ideals."

K: "The teachers had a different role than student organizers. Teachers mostly communicated with other teachers and prepared things such as accommodation. Students communicated more with peers, and the organizers tried to do as much without assistance but without the teachers' and headmistress' help, none of this would have been possible."

A: Cooperating with student organizers and the Headmistress was the next best experience. There was a very positive atmosphere and our regular meetings kept us all focused and energized."

**6) Would you recommend a similar way of organizing to future EEYP schools?**

J: "Absolutely! I think it is really rewarding, fun and a great new experience and opportunity for both sides."

K: "Yes, definitely. This is because it is a huge experience which is different from experiencing EEYP as a delegate or a chair. You realize how much work goes into it, which makes you appreciate it that much more."

A: "Definitely yes! It's been worth the experience."

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# Committee Topics



foto: Committee selfie

## Security and Defence

The committee is generally focusing on the Islamic State (IS). Focusing around the possible threats for the EU and its citizens, and on how we can possibly cut their revenue (since money means power). Taking into account that the Islamic State is the richest and probably the most organized terrorist organization in the world, the threat must be dealt with. Through research, we found out that IS gets the majority of their money from oil by selling huge amounts to anonymous buyers (approximately 97 billion dollars a month). That led us to the conclusion that reducing IS' cash flow, primarily received through their oil, would significantly weaken them. Another issue is the creation of irrational fear among Europeans and other citizens around the world. Through social media on the web, such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and even 9Gag, they are spreading their views globally at an extreme

pace. This widespread propaganda is directed towards meek citizens, which are easily pliable. Social media is partially responsible for the high and concerning number of radicalized people leaving the EU in order to become the holy fighters of the Islamic State. To sum it up, our committee is trying to reduce the Islamic State's influence on its surroundings, and if possible, to make the Islamic State fall apart from the inside with the smallest amount of casualties.

## Energy, Industry & Infrastructure

The committee focuses its research on Europe's dependence on Russia. The members of the committee have agreed on the following main question; How can the EU obtain independence from Russian energy through both diversifying its foreign energy sources and investing in green energy? The committee aims to be totally



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independent from Russia. It is accepted that this would be an arduous task, but the belief is that this is achievable through several measures. The committee will encourage the use of all kinds of renewable and or alternative energy throughout the European Union, such as but not limited to shale gas, hydropower and geothermic energy. The import of liquefied natural gas would increase and the infrastructure needed for this development will be built. Finally the committee will maximise the import of oil and gas from the USA. This is possible due to the enormous amount of fracking being undertaken there. The committee is absolutely certain that these measures combined will create a European Union that is totally independent from Russia.

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# Gossip



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We have found some juicy news, just like we promised. We went on a scavenger hunt and we were succesful! We spied on several groups of random girls talking about the international boys. And what we overheard was that the most likeable guys are the...wait for it - Swiss, English and Belgian guys!

xoxo, your journalist

# Cause maybeeeeeee...

Finally, the EEYP spirit showed off. While we were standing in front of the hotel, we started to sing. At first we thought we were making fools of ourselves but at last everyone joined in. This experience was great - we made new friends and that is what you will experience during this week.

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# Fashion Police



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The paparazzi are here! Be careful! We can see everything guys! We can take a photo of horrible, not applicable clothing or we can take a photo of really smart, classy clothing, It's really

up to you as to how you work on your image. We would like to point out one guy from the presidium, who has an extravagant style of clothing. But wait! He is wearing extravagant socks! When asked, he responded "I don't like to choose which clothes I have to pack, so I took a big bag with many, many socks and many, many ties or bowties." Who could this unnamed person be?

Other great things we saw were two delegates' ties. They were both very classy and not cheesy. As these ties are not very common, these guys made our day better as it really looked great. The first tie was green with little dogs on it and the other one was a red tie with little



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elephants with their trunks up, maybe for good luck.



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## "We will win! I never lose..."

### Vlad Predescu (Committee of Energy, Infrastructure and Industry)

"My name is Vlad Predescu and I am from Romania. I am just like other teenagers - I have the same hobbies: I love music, hanging out with my friends but especially I love riding my bike."



foto: Vlad Predesceu

### Lucien Cornaz (Committee of Education)

"My name is Lucien and I am from Switzerland. I am 19 years old and my hobbies are mainly sports and being up-to-date reading newspapers and stuff like that. I am interested in economics and international affairs."

#### What is the job of chairs?

Vlad Predescu: "They are meant to guide the delegates. They are not meant to give them the answers or to be bossy, instead, they are supposed to be the leaders. They should not be asking the delegates "Why?", because that is a hard question to answer. Instead of this, they should be asking "How?", which

is a better question. You must be positive - you have to try to include some games to keep them active. Another thing is that you have to make the programme. I'm the one who has decide what to do now and what to do next. The delegates will do the research and as a team we will be led to victory.

Lucien Cornaz: "My job is more of leading guys. I am not here to contribute to the discussion. They have to find solutions to problems themselves. I am more here to guide the discussion as to how I think it should go, so we make enough progress to move on, I think we are managing quite well so we do not have too

of Bohemia (1458-1471). He was the leader of the Hussites, a movement following a Czech reformer Jan Hus, who protested against the corruption of Roman Catholic Church. George proposed a treaty among all Christian powers in Europe. The member states would pledge to settle all differences by peaceful means.

## Jiří z Poděbrad aka George from Podiebrad (from the Headmistress' speech)

Jiří z Poděbrad, (23 April 1420 – 22 March 1471) (German: Georg von Podiebrad), was King

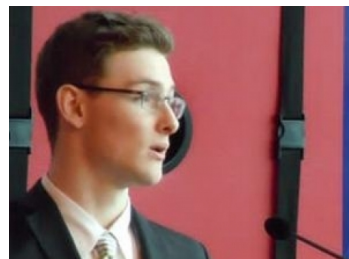


foto: Lucien Cornaz

many details, but we are getting further and further into the topic."

#### Do you think that your resolution has a chance to pass?

Vlad Predescu: "A chance? You have got to be kidding me?! We will win! I never lose."

Lucien Cornaz: "Yeah, sure. The guys are really enthusiastic; they have all already created solutions and they have a great deal of information."

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## You should not miss

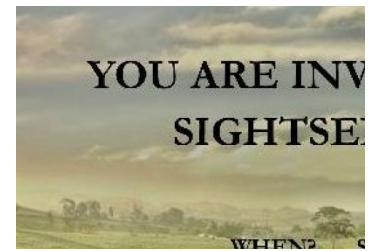


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Even though the week is really hard, we want to make it harder! (Just kidding). Seriously, though - it will be a new experience for you.

TODAY, 7:15am in front of the hotel

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