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Delegates' opinions

What is your opinion about paid studies? Do you think there is a big difference between private and state universities?

Michael Sackur, GB, Employment and Social Affairs:

"I believe that both state and private universities can offer an excellent standard of education. I do, however, think state subsidies for further education is hugely important."

Adria Castillo Niell, Spain, Constitutional Affairs:

"Yes, I do believe that paid studies in universities aren't as important as free studies (if we can consider studies nowadays free)."

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Nikola Málková

EEYP on TV

foto: Zuzana Chlupáčková and Jonáš Verner on Czech TV Decko

Czech Television Decko came to film our work and organisation. First, they were at the Opening Ceremony, where they filmed the speeches of our organisers, presidium and teachers. Yesterday, they came to film our committee work including the Ninja bonding game as well as resolution creation.

Committee topics

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The committee on Constitutional Affairs

The main focus of the committee on constitutional affairs lies in the processes of admission to and accession from the EU. EU membership seems to be very appealing for some countries. Turkey for example has been trying to become a member for years and more and more Balkan countries are applying for a membership. A lot of questions are raised with these applications, should the EU allow every country to enter? To stick with Turkey, mass migration would be a consequence we'd rather not face. The committee has made a solution for this by implementing a semi-member system, where semi-membership is the stepping stone towards full membership. A semi-member will have free trade and the EU

Presidential Guest Column

Since the very beginning of this EEYP, we have been building arches - arches as connections and relations between the past and the present. From the arches drawn by the headmistress Jitka Kmentová, to the connections we come to see every day at committee work sessions, there are many examples of the study of the past bringing up solutions of today and tomorrow.

Now has come the time for our committees to build upon these arches - to build a construction of knowledge, insight, skill and will to change Europe for the better.

From a personal point of view, I could not be happier with both

will help them to adopt to the EURO. Although we do not like to face it, the fact is that there are members that consider leaving the EU. Since we can't prevent them from leaving we can only lead those countries towards non-membership so that the EU as well as the country itself can adapt to the changes.

So the committee is going to implement two kinds of semi-member states: progressive and regressive ones. They will have the same rights, though the progressive semi-member gets help to adopt the Euro, and the regressive semi-member the other way around. In conclusion, the committee on constitutional affairs stands for a more stable and transparent accession process to the European Union.

The committee on Social Affairs and Employment

An epitomisation of this whole day is rather difficult, especially regarding the fact that countless moments of laughter and profound contemplation have passed. It's safe to say we came across multiple obstacles, and we overcame each one of them, though it hasn't been easy. Especially the topic about employment hasn't been too easy on us. Obviously, there's a



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reason why this is still an unsolved problem in the European Union. The sheer simplicity of the topic was so contradictory to its still to be found answer, and the irony was palpable every single time it got mentioned in our confined cubicle. Michael remarked that the only genuine correlation unemployment has with income inequality is the very definition of the latter. Pieter accordingly added that, as income inequality is set to be a logical cause of income inequality by its very nature, we cannot attempt to resolve unemployment by doing so to inequality. (continues on page 2)

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the delegates.

We have built firm arches, let us now build firm structures upon them.

Robin Hendrych



foto: .

the quality and quantity of the work done by all the committees, and with the great knowledge base, English and debating skills and attitude of

Information about the Bosses

PhDr. Jakub Klepal

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Director of Forum 2000 Foundation

After his studies in the Czech Republic and in Mexico, he has been working as a director of Forum 2000. Prior to that he worked for the Association for International Affairs, the world's best think tank in its category.

PaeDr. Hynek Kmoníček

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Director of the Foreign Affairs Department in the Office of the President of the Czech Republic. In past 10 years, Mr Kmonicek has held different positions such as: the Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Australia, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka; Deputy Foreign Minister and Ambassador to the UN in New York.

RNDr. Miroslav Škaloud

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Member of the Committee on European Union Affairs in the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, politician, a member of the Czech Senate (Civic Democratic Party). Mr Škaloud also held the position of District Councilor in Prague and mayor of the district.

Doc. Ing. Josef Zieleniec, CSc

Committee on Defence and Security

Minister of International Relations of the Czech Republic

in 1992, afterwards he served as Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. He is currently a professor at New York University Prague.

Ing. Ludek Sosna, Ph.D

Committee on Industry, Energy and Infrastructure

Director of the Department of Strategy at the Ministry of Transport

Prior to that he worked in a design, consulting and engineering company specialising in comprehensive solutions of transport infrastructure needs, in particular in railway structures, road and highway structures and urban transport systems.

Ing. Jan Jenicek

Committee on Economic and Monetary Policy

CEO of Raiffeisen Savings Bank

Prof. JUDr. Karel Klíma, CSc

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Professor of Law, Metropolitan University of Prague

Mgr. Vladimír Rohel

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Director of the National Centre for Cyber Security

Ing. Pavel Potužák

Committee on Economic and Monetary Policy

Professor of Economics, University of Economics Prague



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Doc. RNDr. Martin Palouš, Ph. D

Committee on Defence and Security

Ex-Permanent Representative to the United Nations for the Czech Republic, Deputy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and one of the founders of Civic Forum, activist during the Velvet Revolution.

Dr. Ing. Jaromír Drábek

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Right wing politician, representing the TOP 09 party, former member of parliament, former Minister of Labour and Foreign Affairs

PhDr. Miroslava Kopicová

Committee on Culture and Education

Former Minister of Education, Director of the National Educational Fund

Ph.Dr. Jakub Železný

Committee on Culture and Education

Czech journalist, radio and television moderator, former Director of Franz Kafka company.

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Committee topics

Except for this contradiction, cooperation went incredibly smooth. We truly tested our limits of abstract thinking by trying to find solutions to the faulty ratio of income taxes to capital ones, whereas the topic on automation depriving the common man of his job made everyone think logically and technically. After all, everyone did his absolute best to make great advancements, though the OC's went less well in general. The committee, cumulative intelligence and atmosphere is just brilliant, and that just spot-on describes everyone's EEYP experience so far. We are not that which, in old days, moved heaven and earth. One equal temper of heroic hearts. To strive, to seek, to find and not

yield; Lord Tennysson once said, and after more than 200, his words still seize that feeling we have been experiencing throughout this whole EEYP session. Coherent diligence.

The committee on Education, culture and research

The committee focuses on how to improve the European school system as well as getting more students interested into the STEM fields (STEM: science, technology, engineering and Mathematics) as there are currently not enough university graduates in those fields to fulfil the economy's needs. Our system is designed to prepare students for future life and keep them informed about current international affairs.

Furthermore, we are trying to get the younger generation interested in the STEM fields sooner in their lives and to raise the public esteem for the teaching profession. We will achieve our goals by implementing STEM classes in secondary school and creating the opportunity for students to use their achieved skills in a practical manner. In addition to that, our system will help improving the connection and relationship between students and teachers which will benefit both mentioned parties and change the public view on that teaching profession. Will raise the standard of public education by implementing obligatory classes for teachers in which they learn how to gain the trust and respect of the students. Teachers will be required a minimum qualification of a



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Master degree to improve the quality of given classes. Students will be given the ability to rate their teachers, which will even further improve the quality of the provided education.

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Income Inequality and Secession

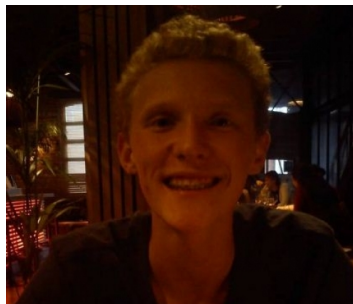


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Florian Waerlop (the Social Affairs and Employment committee)

"My name is Florian Waerlop and I am from the Belgian delegation, I chair the Social Affairs and Employment. I played volleyball, I like languages and that's basically it."

1) What do you think is the most challenging aspect of your topic?

"I think it is employment - it is obviously a big problem,

especially in Southern countries in Europe. It is not that easy to solve it with just few solutions and as soon as you start to think about the solutions, you got all the problems that arise and it starts to become a loop. So yeah, it is hard to solve the problem of employment."

2) How is the work in your committee going? What have you done?

"It is going fairly smoothly; we have made all the IC's and we are in the middle of OC formation. We dropped the employment part, because things were just not advancing. And now things are going smoothly."

3) Do you think that the increasing difference between the poor and the rich is just part of a natural cycle which repeats again and again, or is it a unique phenomenon?

"It has to be something with its very nature, but we cannot avoid it - we can only take measures to avoid it. But yes, in some way the world is meant to have the poor and the rich, the good and the bad. That's just the way it is."

Holly Hock (the Constitutional

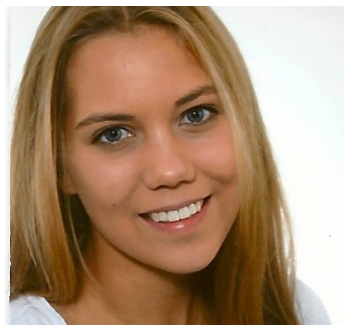


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Affairs committee)

"Hello, I am Holly Hock from the German delegation and I am chairing the committee on Constitutional Affairs."

2) What do you think is the most challenging aspect of your topic?

"Well, I think that the most challenging aspect of our topic is that it is very theoretical, so we first had to get all the people interested in the topic itself. This is because constitutional affairs are always something that seems to be really far away, but actually affects you very much."

3) How is the work in your committee going? What have you done?

"Well, I think we pretty much finished our draft of the resolution, we are going to talk through it and see if anything is missing. Committee work was at first going really bad. I mean not really bad, but it was really hard to get everyone working, get them interested in the topic and get them to participate. But yesterday afternoon it changed a lot and it became awesome in the end."

4) Once an independent state such as Catalonia secedes, should they be offered a faster process for accession into the EU, temporary membership status, or other special treatment?

"Well, we are talking about the topics of semi-member states, that would be one step between being a member and not being a member, so it would be easier for them to become a member eventually, because they get the help and the opportunity to have free trade before being a member."

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How to Tie a Tie

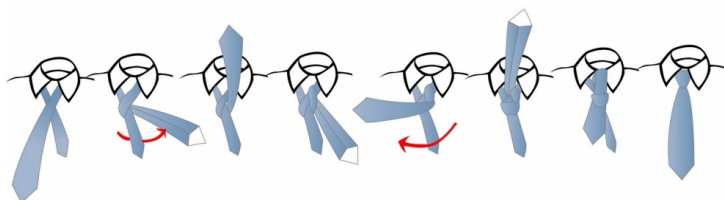


foto: The Half-Windsor Knot

Boys, the GA is coming and preparations for your formal outfit with it. Are you freaking out because you can't tie a tie? Don't worry! We are here to help you! We'll try to cover every little thing that you might need. Isn't that thoughtful? And now straight to the point.

The first step, and maybe the most important one, is to choose a good looking tie that will match your shirt and the whole suit, so take your time with that. When you feel like you have chosen the perfect fit, drape the tie around your neck. The wide end should extend about 12 inches below the narrow end of the tie. Cross the wide part of the tie over the narrow end. Then bring the wide end around and behind the narrow end. So far it is easy, isn't it? Bring the

wide end up and pull it down through the hole between your collar and tie. The next step is to bring the wide end around the front, over the narrow end from left to right. It is getting a little bit complicated, but believe me, we are almost finished! Bring the wide end back up through the loop between your tie and collar again. And finally, pull the wide end down through the knot in front. Tighten the knot and center with both hands. Ta-da! A perfect knot!

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What are the plans for Tuesday night? (the final night)



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The legendary final night is gradually approaching and all of you are certainly interested in what we have planned for you. We think that our last night we should spend together and enjoy as much as we can, because we don't know when we will meet each other again.

First, you need to know that our first stop will (possibly) be in a club called Akropolis, which is about a 10-minute walk away from our hotel. Flux in da House is the featured performer that evening; he is a DJ who will probably play house music in the club. Round two is really up to



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you.

To sum it up, we think we should all go to the Akropolis together and then we can do whatever we want, but the most important thing is that you enjoy it... And be careful about the police! Looking forward to seeing you all in a good mood and a smile on your faces!

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"I had to use my fingers!" EEYP getting physical

You might think that the presidium or "the gods" as they like to call themselves are perfect representatives of EEYP - dressed properly, organised, clean, actually perfect in every way imaginable. Well...you thought wrong. One of the members of the presidium had to go out during the committee work to buy a toothbrush, since he had forgotten his at home. He got up and angrily said: "Two nights! It has been too long, I can't stand it anymore! I had to use my fingers to brush my teeth yesterday!"

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Yesterday was the very first time that there was an organized group of people who were very ambitious and went for a run which was led by Jitka. Even though the meeting for the run was at 7.15 am, everyone looked quite excited about it. Firstly we had something for breakfast and then we went out into the Prague morning. We ran along the Main railway station, also along the Masarykovo station, then we continued to the Old Town Square and across "Národní



foto: Jitka Richterova

třída" to Náplavka, which is by the river. We finished the run at Palacky Square. When we got back to the hotel, people who participated were more relaxed as they let out a bit of steam and got prepared for the committee work.

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"Don't tell anyone!"

The afternoon was pretty calm until about 5p.m. when the story about a girl from the Czech delegation who got stuck in the toilet room spread around the KPMG building. She went to the toilets and locked the door - nothing unusual about that, but when she wanted to go out, the lock didn't work! She had to call someone to save her. When we talked to her about the accident, she was shivering and then said: "I was petrified, indeed. And don't tell anyone, it is so embarrassing!"

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"The kids can do a tremendous work when they're into it!"

Ruedi Meyer (English teacher, Swiss delegation)

"I am from Zurich, the biggest city in Switzerland. I've lived in Davos which is a wonderful mountain resort for many years. I have a family, two kids and two grandkids. I enjoy reading English books and history, I love sports, skiing, tennis, and cycling, I like to taste different food and of course also drinks from different countries."

What do you think about this

year's EEYP? Did the Czech delegation organise it well?

"I think that they did a tremendous job, because it is the first time that actually students have organised it, of course together with the teachers. They are a tremendous example for us because in Davos we are trying to do it the same way, so we will be really trying to involve the students in the organisation a lot. And I mean, students can do such tremendous work when they are really into it. I think an event like EEYP is a perfect example of this."

How many times have you participated in EEYP? Have you ever organised one or some project similar to it? If not, would you like to?

"Our school has been a part of the EEYP for six years now. We organised a small event with a

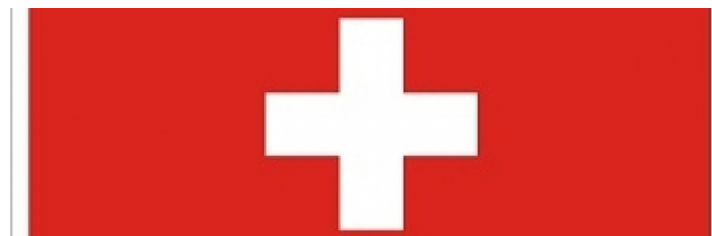


foto: A Swiss flag

partner school from Singapore, so we organised a really small event, a two-day event so I can appreciate what it actually means to get something like this going. Apart from that, we have a debating club at our school. We have had it for two years now, which is a good way to prepare students and it is also co-organised by students."

Which committee do you think has the most difficult topic?

"I am not sure, but I think that

the Constitutional committee is maybe quite hard. For some topics it is very hard for students to really understand the mechanics and how things work and maybe it is also an abstract topic, so it must be difficult to relate to it."

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