

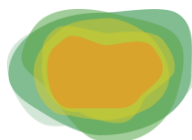
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3rd International Forum of the EYPE
EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT ESPAÑA

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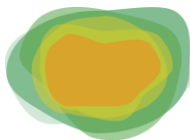


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THE ORGANIZATION

The **European Youth Parliament (EYP)**, founded in 1987, is a non-profit organisation of a political nature that involves young citizens between 16 and 22 years old, from all over Europe. The EYP promotes independent and critical thinking, and facilitates acquiring social and professional skills that are so highly valued nowadays. Our integrated members are conscious of the high importance of relations between countries, and our objective is to encourage the European spirit in the new generations, in order to enable them to grow in a multicultural Europe.

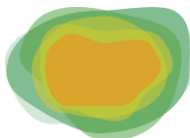
As citizens of the future, the EYP experience offers youth an opportunity to assume a social responsibility, whilst respecting the differences between our nations and learning to work towards a common goal.



Bearing in mind that the EYP macro-organisation comprises 35 national delegations, the **European Youth Parliament España (EYPE)** is the organisation that represents Spain within the whole of the European Youth Parliament. The EYPE is integrated by 83 students that participate in the different sessions organised throughout the year by members of the EYP.

The EYPE organises sessions all over Spain with the aim of selecting representatives for international sessions. These international sessions are held three times a year in different European cities, and bring together between 250 and 300 students and teachers. With this goal in mind, the first six state sessions have been organised, Girona being the city that hosted the first one during the winter of 2007. In recent years, EYPE has held regional sessions in which students are chosen for the annual state selection. Since the implementation of the regional selection system the city of Girona has hosted a session every single year.

What differentiates the Iberian Forum from the regional and national sessions, bearing in mind that it is an international forum, is the active participation of experienced delegates from around Europe who have been previously selected. The participants in an



international forum are chosen by each country's national committee, as the selected delegates have to be able to contribute their own ideas, projects and dreams with tolerance, whilst maintaining a high level of debate during the nine days of the session.

ACTIVITIES

All of the European Youth Parliament sessions are structured according to the same pattern:

- **Teambuilding**

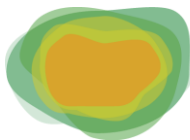
Teambuilding is a series of activities which aims to create trust and bonds between the members of the committee. Creating this cohesion is necessary as the committee members come from different countries and have not met their companions before. Teambuilding is a preparation for committee work, as it is during these activities where foundations for an open and productive debate are created.



- **Committee Work**

At the start of the session each committee is assigned a current European topic (e.g.: social, economic, environmental, etc.) and during committee work the members of the group analyse the problems and debate original and innovative solutions that are eventually manifested in a resolution that is presented during General Assembly. For the creation of a resolution it is essential that all the members of the group reach a consensus, so that each and every one of the delegates feels represented in their resolution.





- **General Assembly**

During General Assembly all the participants of the session gather to consider the results of each committee's hard work. One by one, the committees present and defend their resolution that is subsequently debated by all delegates. At the end of each debate the resolution is voted on, following the individual vote system of the European Parliament in Brussels. Those that manage to be approved by the majority are sent to the European Parliament.



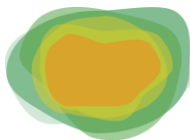
- **Euroconcert**

Euroconcert is the evening where all the participants who wish to have the opportunity of demonstrating their musical talent. This formal concert usually takes place in an emblematic hall of the city.

- **Eurovillage**

Eurovillage represents a showcase of food from all over Europe. Every country displays their typical food, and also part of their culture and tradition with the use of flags, informative leaflets, recipes of the displayed products, etc. It is a very important night of cultural exchange.





- *Country presentations: Europe to Girona*

The aim of Country Presentations is to make each European country's culture and traditions reach the city of Girona, with a folklore presentation by each country's participants. This event takes place at a state-owned location, and is open to the public if they also wish to attend.



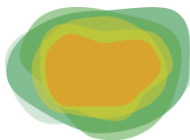
PARTICIPANTS

- *Delegates*

Every national committee in the EYP will be called to select a group of participants that will represent their country in Girona this summer of 2012. The delegates are the main constituents of the session, as they form more than 75% of the session's participants. Delegates have to meet certain requirements in order to participate: a good level of English, as it is the lingua franca of the session; the ability of comprehension and debating skills, and last but not least, maturity and a level of cultural awareness that permits them to follow the debates and to cultivate a well-informed personal opinion on them.



- *Chairpersons*



They are in charge of guiding the delegates in their tasks during committee work and the presentation of the resolution during General Assembly. Chairpersons have a lot of experience within the EYP and have an obligation of being well-informed on the assigned topic well before the session starts. Usually there are one or two chairpersons per committee.

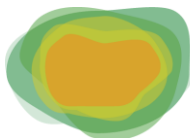
- **Press team**

The press team is integrated by the participants playing the role of journalists and are led by two editors, both of them having a lot of experience within the organisation. Their task consists in drafting a newspaper in which all the important moments and anecdotes from the session are immortalised with original articles and photographs. The press team also includes a video editor who usually puts together two or three videos during the session.

- **Organising team**

Led by two Head Organisers, the organising team is in charge of shaping the session, organising it well in advance and ensuring that everything runs smoothly.





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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 18th of July

Morning – *Officials* arrivals
Afternoon – *Officials* teambuilding
Evening – Presentation dinner

Thursday, 19th of July

Morning – Delegates arrivals
Afternoon – Teambuilding
Evening – Eurovillage

Friday, 20th of July

Morning – Opening ceremony
Afternoon – Teambuilding
Evening – Delegation Presentations

Saturday, 21st of July

Morning – Committee Work
Afternoon – Committee Work
Evening – Iberian Party

Sunday, 22nd of July

Morning – Committee Work
Afternoon – Committee Work
Evening – Theme Party

Monday, 23th of July

Morning – Costa Brava
Afternoon – Cultural outing in Girona
Evening – Committee dinners

Tuesday, 24th of July

Morning – General Assembly
Afternoon – General Assembly
Evening – Euroconcert

Wednesday, 25th of July

Morning – General Assembly
Afternoon – Closing Ceremony
Evening – Farewell party

Thursday, 26th of July

All day – Departures

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