



European  
Youth  
Debate  
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Road to **zero** poverty

# Delegate preparation guide

This document will help you prepare yourself for the upcoming European Youth Debate. Here you will find all the information you need to get the most out of this unique experience. Since many technical and logistical information is presented in this guide, you are warmly invited to read it and contact us in case of doubts.

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# 1: The Schedule

## a) The Meeting point: 9:30 am, EXPO, Triulza Gate

The day will start with the meeting at the EXPO Triulza Gate. It can be reached via Underground (Line M1, stop Rho Fiera EXPO) or via train (Stop Rho EXPO).

If you come by Underground, after the exit gates you have to turn RIGHT and follow the corridor, NOT going straight forward, despite the indications on the walls. We will be present and give you information out of the underground gates, from 8:45 to 9:15.

If you will come by train, you will just need to follow the indications.

The meeting point will be in front of the STAFF access rows at the Triulza Gate; you are supposed to be there BEFORE 9:30.

We will distribute the entrance tickets on a roll-call, and at 10:00 we will enter the EXPO and reach the European Union Pavilion on foot.

## b) The Welcoming – 10:45 am, EU Pavilion

After entering the Pavillion, you will be given a shopper with some gadgets, a portfolio with the event's programme, the outlines, the brochure and other material. You will also be given a "placard", a piece of cardstock which you will use to express your wish to speak, instead of raising your hand. On your placard there will be a number which is your personal code for the event.

## c) The opening ceremony – 11:00 am, EU Pavilion

The opening ceremony will begin a 11.00 am, and will host some speeches by the representatives of the associations and institutions that have made this event possible, and that want to give their contribute to the discussion, introducing the theme and explaining the purpose of this event.

## d) The Morning Conference – 11:30 am, EU Pavilion

The debate is the "Spread awareness" part of the event: the speakers will be

- mr. Franco Conzato, member of the Directorate-General for Development and International Cooperation, who will talk about the EU policies and the role of his directorate in paving the "Road to zero poverty", which is the EYD's fil rouge.
- Prof. Paolo Graziani, professor of Political sciences at the Bocconi University, who will talk about the internal poverty within the EU and the European welfare system, giving some perspectives on its future.

The debate will last for 90 minutes, and each speaker will have the floor for 30/40 minutes.

Each speech will be followed by 10 minutes of question time.

You will have the chance of learning some new and interesting things, and find many inputs for the afternoon debate

### **e) Lunch Break – 1:00 pm, EU Pavilion rooftop**

You will have one hour of break at lunch time, and you'll be offered a buffet on the pavilion's rooftop, with a wonderful sight on the Tree of Life and the Palazzo Italia. You will not be allowed to leave the venue during that break.

### **f) The Afternoon Debate – 2:00 pm, EU Pavilion**

The debate is the most amazing part of the event. You will be asked to express your opinion on the 4 topics that we have provided, and you will have studied in the days before the event.

During the debate some important representatives of the European Institutions are expected to come and give a greeting.

You will have the chance to explain your ideas and try to gather consensus around them. We will write down the main points of what you say, and every speech will contribute to the drafting of the event's paper, that will be later spread and that will represent the opinion of the participants on the topics under discussion.

It will serve as an Agenda for future debates, and is the reason why we have organised this event. During the debate, a judging committee will evaluate your speeches and then select 3 best delegates, which will be awarded with a trip to Strasbourg on next November.

The exact procedures of the debate will be explained at paragraphs 3 and 4.

### **g) The Award and Closing ceremony – 17:15, EU Pavilion**

The European Youth Debate will end with a short Closing Ceremony, in which after a brief summary of the day, the three best delegates will receive the prize.

## **2. The clothing**

As the European Youth Debate is an official event, the dress code for the day is business-formal, that means suit and tie for men, tailleur for women.

## **3. The debate**

The debate will address one question at a time, in the order we have presented them. The debate on each question will be introduced by a video-pill, after which we will ask for 2 speeches from the audience.

Each introductory speech must last for maximum 5 minutes and must support one of the two thesis under debate.

After the two introductory speeches, we will open the floor for other short speeches, of maximum 3 minutes each: this is called moderated caucus. After the moderated caucus we will ask you to vote for one of the proposed answers of the question.

If needed we will also give you some minutes of the so-called unmoderated caucus, that is a moment in which you will be free to leave your seat, interact with the other delegates and speak freely.

This procedure will be repeated 4 times, one for each question.

## 4. How to get the floor

To express your wish to speak, or to apply for holding an introductory speech, you will just need to raise your placard.

Every time you get the floor you are supposed to introduce yourself with your name, surname and delegate code, the number printed on your placard, so that the evaluation committee can record your performance.

The usual introductory sentence should be:

*“Honourable Chair, fellow delegates, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I’m delegate number \_\_, and...”*

Remember that you should always address your speech to the Chairman, not directly to the other delegates.

## 5. The prize

The judging committee will evaluate the performances of the participants and will award three delegates with a trip to Strasbourg on the next November.

The criteria they will use are **not** related to mere language skills, while are much more content-oriented. The decision made by the Judging Committee is unappealable and irrevocable.

## 6. Additional information

- The event will be live-streamed, and in the hall there will be a TV troupe and some photographers. By confirming the participation to the event, you give the consent to the use of any photograph, footage or audio-record that will be collected during the event, for any purpose related to the promotion and communication of EYD events or of any of the organising sponsors.
- The event will be open to the public, and could be attended by any person who will be present at the EXPO on the day of the event.
- You are supposed to prepare yourself on the topics and to take part to the afternoon debate. You will find many useful materials on the European Generation website.
- You are requested not to leave the event venue until the end of the Closing Ceremony.