



MILANO 2021
92nd INTERNATIONAL SESSION

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT



PROJECT PLAN

**FIRST DIGITAL INTERNATIONAL SESSION OF
THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT**



WHAT IS EYP?

The European Youth Parliament (EYP) is a unique educational programme that brings together young people from all over Europe to discuss current topics in a parliamentary setting.

The European Youth Parliament's mission is to inspire and empower young Europeans to become open-minded, tolerant and **active citizens**. The EYP encourages independent thinking and initiative in young people and facilitates the learning of crucial **social and professional skills**. Since it was conceived in 1987, hundreds of thousands of young people have taken part in regional, national and international sessions, formed friendships and made international contacts across and beyond borders. The EYP has thus made a vital contribution towards **European unity** and bridging gaps between cultures.

The **European Youth Parliament Italy**, founded 28th March 1994 in Milan, promotes the European dimension and identity among youngsters in high schools. EYP Italy is one of the 40 national branches that composes the wider network at an international level.

The Italian committee was selected to host the XCII International Session (IS) of the European Youth Parliament. After more than fifteen years since the last event of this scale, Milan was chosen to be the **meeting point** for more than 300 young brilliant minds from all over Europe. This session results as the culmination of a whole year of selections carried out in **40 countries**, first at a regional followed by national level. From Cyprus to Iceland, from Portugal to Russia, Milan will stand as a **crossroads of cultures**, experiences and ideas for a confrontation of mutual listening, ideological exchange and close collaboration. Ten days, a youth network and a common mission: to engage in redefining the world of today with the ultimate goal of **shaping a better tomorrow**.





THE CONCEPT

The COVID-19 crisis has had a big impact on EYP events, which until then has focused on in-person conferences. Quickly, the EYP has pivoted to offer online events, to continue its mission and offer meaningful online experiences for non formal education. Milano IS will be the first international session, the flagship event of EYP, to take place fully online, to offer a creative response to these challenging circumstances

Extraordinary Circumstances call for Extraordinary Commitment

Not just volunteering, but growing as a person. Not just debating a topic, but shaping society around it. Year after year, new youngsters join the European Youth Parliament and are inspired by its international community. In our regular evaluations, more than 90% of our participants indicate they have increased their intercultural and language skills, and even more feel more prepared to be an active European citizen.

Through the concept of peer-to-peer and learning-by-doing education, we give young participants the opportunity to acquire long-term skills that will increase their chances in a future working environment.



OPENING CEREMONY

The event will kick off with an opening ceremony, where the event leadership can introduce themselves and the session's vision to all participants. It is also a chance to interact with external guests, discuss the theme of sustainability all together for the first time, setting the base for the days of discussion to come, and get to know the participants and their diversity through interactive activities.



TEAMBUILDING

During Teambuilding, the participants, in their respective committees, get to know each other through a series of activities and games. The experience-based pedagogy is used to build teams where the members, despite having never met before and being from different countries and backgrounds, can work together, building trust and principles of teamwork.



BREAKFAST TALKS

Hosting an inspirational guest over breakfast is the best way to start the day. Participants will be able to learn from unique speakers leading in the world of sustainable development



EYP TALKS

An evening event with the scope of promoting intergenerational dialogue. Based on the well-known TedTalk format, the event is structured around 8' speeches from delegates, officials, and external guests on the topic of Sustainability and Activism. The aim of the evening is to raise awareness among participants on the value of intergenerational dialogue as a pillar of sustainable development. Compare the realities, ideas, and experiences of different speakers between delegates, officials, representatives of the corporate/political/social sphere of Europe.

SESSION ELEMENTS



COMMITTEE WORK

Throughout Committee Work, the delegates analyse the topic of their committee, identify the problems linked to it and propose solutions. A lot of the discussion techniques used during Committee work are similar to the ones used in corporate teamwork. The output of Committee Work is a written resolution containing all the solutions that the delegates have elaborated during their discussions.



SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

Participants have the opportunity to interact with companies/start-ups/NGOs and discover how their corporate mission is enhanced by sustainability. The event is structured through individual digital rooms with groups of 20 rotating participants, to ensure a more intimate and spontaneous dialogue between speaker and audience. The final objective is to allow participants to learn new concrete approaches to sustainability and how it drives company strategies.



GAME NIGHT

Participants bonding over trivia, games and digital challenges is an important part of our program. The Game Night will provide some social time to balance the intellectual debates and activities.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The last part of every session is a General Assembly, where the committees come together to present and debate the resolutions they wrote, in a parliamentary style, practicing public speaking. In the end, the resolutions are put to a vote, allowing all participants to voice their position on all the topics discussed.



SESSION ATTRIBUTES



DELEGATES

150

These are young students between 16-23 years old selected through National events in their home countries. Throughout the Session, they are split into different Committees engaged in tackling different topics on the model of the European Parliament's Committees. They give the session a purpose and anchor point.

FACILITATORS

53

They are volunteers coming from Italy and abroad in charge of the event's fundraising, logistics and actual implementation. During the Session, they are responsible for the academic side of the event, the internal and external communication.

IN NUMBERS

PARTICIPANTS

International Sessions are the flagship events of the EYP and are entirely **youth-driven projects**, organised by active volunteers aged between 18 and 26. Three times a year, they gather more than 200 young people from all over Europe. They also offer the young participants the rare opportunity to directly engage with decision-makers and experts.

The 92nd International Session, which will take place from **April 23rd to May 1st**, aims at fostering in-depth discussions on the omni-comprehensive concept of sustainability, proposing itself as an open youth platform to share ideas, thoughts and best practices for a sustainable future through the activation of an international network.

More than 300 young people from all over Europe will have the opportunity to confront themselves first hand with the urgent **challenge of sustainability** intended in its most global meaning. The issues dealt with will touch more areas of interest, from its more tangible economic implications all the way to its social and environmental connection. The aforementioned topics appear to be closely intertwined, thus requiring a deep and joint analysis that leads to a definition of progress and innovation aimed towards a sustainable society.

Participants will work together to develop a long-term vision for sustainability in which economic growth, social cohesion and environmental protection go hand in hand and are mutually reinforcing.

FIRST EVENT OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT TO HAVE A

NET ZERO CARBON FOOTPRINT

Every Session is accompanied by an extensive cultural programme, celebrating the cultural, traditional, and culinary diversity of Europe. Furthermore, the participants are introduced to the country where the session takes place. Other cultural activities are theme-related events, which aim to bring Italian culture closer to the participants.

OUR AIMS

Raise awareness
on European
policy issues and
European politics

Develop a
multidisciplinary
understanding of
sustainability, and
how it can be
practically
implemented

Encourage active
European citizenship
and motivate young
people to get involved
in European politics

Encourage
participants to
challenge the
status quo with
newfound
confidence

Promote international
understanding,
intercultural dialogue
and diversity of ideas
and practices

Give a platform for
young Europeans to
learn about current
policy issues, voice
their opinion and
propose solutions

Enhance
participants' digital
skills, and give them
tools to have
meaningful
interactions and
outcomes through
digital tools.

Contribute to the
personal skills
development of
European youth



PROGRAMME

PRE-SESSION

To prepare for the week of activities, there will be online training for the leaders and moderators, preparation of all participants through an academic preparation kit, and committee specific activities. This also includes interaction with external experts to better understand the topics that will be discussed.

DAY 0 OFFICIALS' KICKOFF

Milano IS Digital is composed of 55 officials from all over Europe. They are divided in three teams: organisers, media team members and chairpersons. They are the volunteers driving the initiative and ensuring the successful execution of the event.

DAY 1 OPENING CEREMONY

This day the Session officially begins! During the Opening Ceremony, the 230 participants are welcomed by the event leadership and key representatives from sponsors. This will be a fundamental moment to introduce the theme of the program, the mission, and the activities ahead. Special keynote speakers are programmed for this initiative. At the end of the day, the participants will be introduced to Italian culture through “Italiane Night”.

DAY 2 TEAM BUILDING

What is a group without teambuilding? Each committee is composed of 12 young Europeans (delegates) that will meet for the first time, learn to cooperate, discuss and find common ground on the most pressing issues of sustainability in our society. Each committee will be tackling a topic associated with a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). But first things first: get to know each other, break the ice, and learn how to work together, for example through managing and overcoming conflicts. To ensure a good bridge between teambuilding and diving into the topics, in the afternoon the Sustainability Fair will take place, bringing the theme of sustainability in, from the concrete perspectives of the participating organisations.

DAY 3

COMMITTEE WORK

During the next few days, each committee will discuss their topic. The final output of committee work is a resolution, inspired by the parliamentary style. Committee members will face the challenge of proposing solutions to their topic. In the first day, focus will be on setting the context of the issue, and deciding on their general objective, which represents their view of a sustainable tomorrow in the context of their topic. In the afternoon, delegates from different committees will interact, to get to know more about the context of different issues, and comment on the general directions chosen for each topic. To balance out the intellectual work, in the evening there will be a Game Night.

DAY 4

COMMITTEE WORK

Committee Work continues, focusing on the concrete solutions to the sustainability issues, or how to implement the general vision of the committee. In the afternoon, or on the next day, the committee will be able to discuss their proposals with a policy maker or expert, to confront their solutions with the policy reality - the propose their ideas to policy makers.. In the evening, participants will have the chance to be inspired thanks to the EYP Talks.

DAY 5

COMMITTEE WORK

On the final day of committee work, the committees will finalise their proposal into the formal output, their resolution. The evening is free, to allow participants for an off-screen break, and a well deserved evening off after hard work on the topics.

DAY 6

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

On this day, delegates and officials have the possibility to take a break from discussing the session topics, engage in complementary activities related to the Session theme and intercultural learning.

DAY 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This is the first day of the plenary session, when all participants come together to present and debate their resolutions.

DAY 8

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The second day of debates and last day of the event. After discussing all the resolutions, the event will end on a closing ceremony, and time for all participants to reflect on their experience, what they have learned, and say goodbye - or as we prefer to say, "see you somewhere in Europe"!

PATRONS



Carlo Altomonte

Carlo Altomonte is Professor of Economics of European Integration at the Social and Political Sciences Department of Bocconi University, and a core faculty member of SDA Bocconi School of Management, where he teaches International Business Environment.



Massimo Gaudina

Massimo Gaudina (IT), has been the chief of the Representative office in Milan for the European Commission since September 1st 2017. For the past eight years Massimo Gaudina has been chief of the Communication unit at the European Research Council (ERC) in Brussels.



Sylvie Goulard

Sylvie Goulard has been deputy governor of the Banque de France since January 2018, 18th. She served as member of the European Parliament (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe) from 2009-2017. As MEP, she was a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee and she chaired the parliamentary Intergroup fight against poverty. She is also a former Minister of the Armed Forces of Emmanuel Macron.

PATRONS



Jeffrey D. Sachs

Jeffrey D. Sachs is a University Professor and Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he directed the Earth Institute from 2002 until 2016. He is also Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and a commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development. He has been advisor to three United Nations Secretaries-General, and currently serves as an SDG Advocate under Secretary-General António Guterres. He spent over twenty years as a professor at Harvard University, where he received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees.



Enrico Giovannini

Enrico Giovannini is an Italian economist and statistician, member of the Club of Rome. Since 2002 he is full professor of economic statistics at the Rome University "Tor Vergata". He is the co-founder and director of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS), a coalition established to implement in Italy the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. In 2021 he became Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport.



Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission



David Sassoli

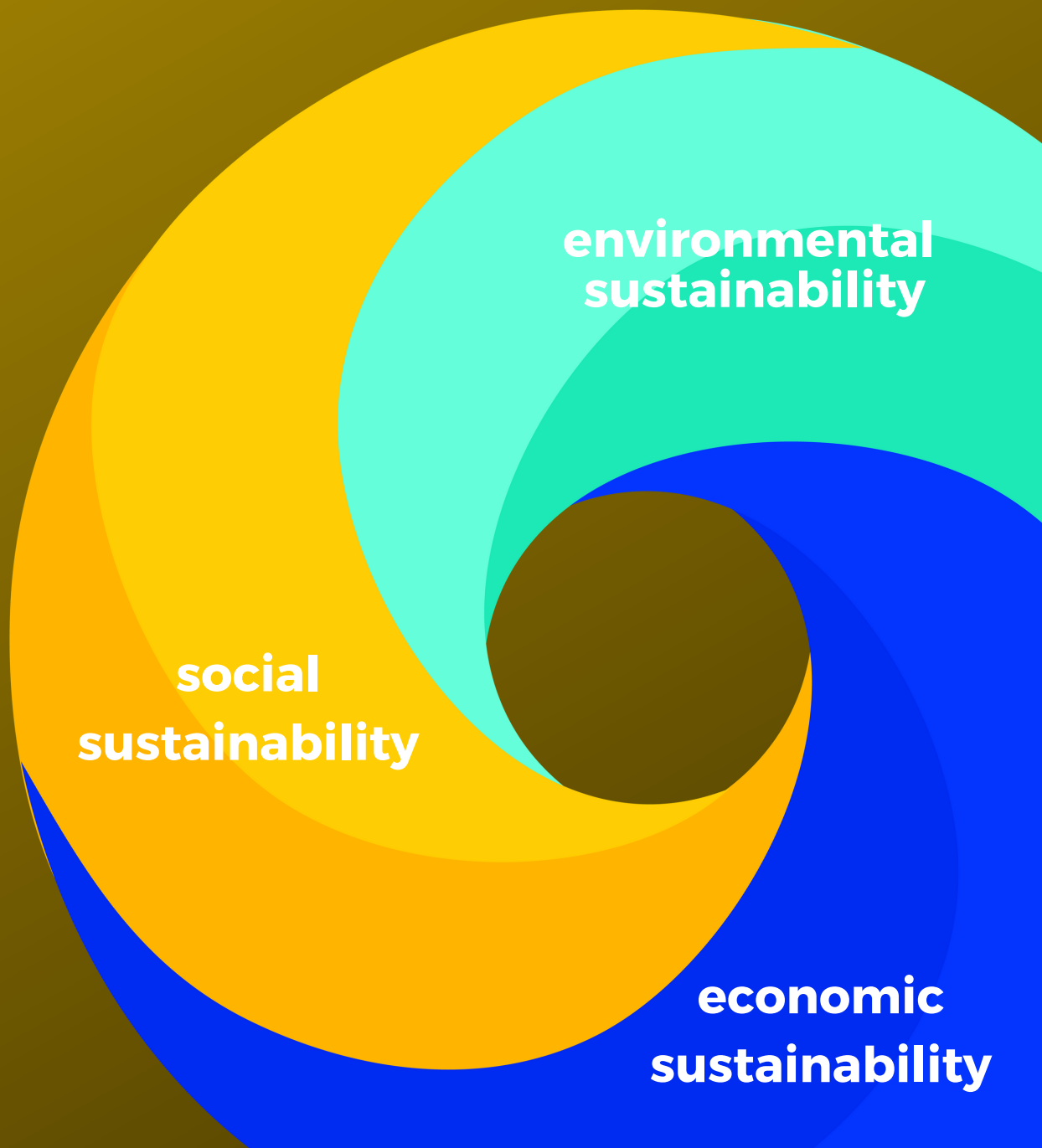
President of the European Parliament

COMITÉ d'HONNEUR

"Circular Sustainability: Rethinking today, shaping tomorrow"

The Session Topic

The session logo consists of three main colours, each colour representing one of the three key aspects of the session topic.





COMMITTEE TOPICS

Sustainable Development Goals

SDG 1

No Poverty



ECON I

Inequalities and climate change: In light of increasing inequalities, the intensifying climate crisis, and many questioning current economic models, what role can alternative economic approaches play and how can they be implemented on a large scale?

SDG 3

Good Health and Well-Being



ENVI I

Black mirror: given the rise of mental health issues linked to the use of social media, which measures can be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of young people in Europe?

SDG 4

Quality Education



CULT

Don't school me: seeing that our current models of education devised for the industrial age are not always fit to support young people in becoming active, self-actualised, and responsible citizens in this new era, what could education in the 21st Century look like and what skills should it equip graduates with?

SDG 5

Gender Equality



FEMM

Stop it: With the predominance of gender-based violence in Europe despite increasing societal awareness, and considering the complexity of the rule of law in such crimes, what role should European countries play in tackling gender-based violence in all its forms?

SDG 7

Affordable and Clean Energy



REGI

An Inclusive Transition: With the European Green Deal setting the ambitious target of carbon neutrality by 2050, how should the transition to green energy be supported in regions where fossil fuels currently play an important economic and social role?

SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



ITRE [SPONSORED BY LEONARDO]

I, Robot: With the rising importance of machines and Artificial Intelligence moving society into a new technocentric age, what should be the ethical and legal framework for the use and development of AI?

SDG 10 Reduced Inequality



ECON II

Robin Hood: Seeing the fortune of the world's richest keeps increasing exponentially whilst other income levels stagnate, as well as flaws in the current tax system, how should taxation systems in Europe be designed in order to reduce economic inequality and allow the States to provide basic services to their population?

SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities



ECON III

New Money: With a growing number of local complementary currencies implemented across Europe, what can be the role of these currencies in transitioning to a more sustainable economy, and to what extent should authorities support their implementation?

SDG 13 Climate Action



ENVI II [SPONSORED BY LEONARDO]

The Day After Tomorrow: With climate change leading to natural disasters striking with higher frequency and intensity, how can Europe best prepare to ensure the protection of vulnerable regions, safeguarding human life and cultural heritage?

SDG 14 Life Below Water



PECH

Always a Bigger Fish: With rising levels of plastics and microplastics in the ocean finding their way into the food pyramid, how should European waters be kept clean from this pollution, to protect marine life and ensure human wellbeing?

SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



SEDE [SPONSORED BY UNHCR]

The Future of Peace: With new and complex threats arising that destabilise the region and force thousands into migration and statelessness, what should be Europe's strategy for ensuring peace, stability and security at its borders?

SDG 17 Partnerships to achieve the Goals



LIBE

Work with me: seeing that the complex issues contained in the Agenda 2030 are systemic issues that can only be addressed by collaboration between actors from all sectors, how could increased participation and collaborative governance models be leveraged to improve policy outcomes and accelerate progress?



THE TEAM



PROJECT MANAGERS

The Project Managers of Milano IS, respectively **Elena Marro** and **Katerina Mucci** are directly responsible for the project, from the beginning as an abstract idea all the way to its concrete and tangible realisation. Committed from the outset in shaping such an event, they are concerned about allowing its sustainable implementation following a long-term fundraising and networking strategy. After the successful organization of 2 events on a national level with more than one hundred and fifty participants, the two students decided to aim for an even larger and more impactful goal. Elena and Katerina are joined by a Team of Organizers of 24 students who will be actively involved in ensuring the success of the event.



Elena Marro

Born in 1997 in Cuneo, I am a student currently enrolled in a Bachelor of International and Diplomatic Sciences in Forlì. Having always been fascinated by the world of social and political relationships, I have found in the European Youth Parliament an environment where to develop my interests and to discover new ones. My path in the association began in 2014 and it has brought me to appreciate the potential of human capital and the intrinsic exchange of ideas according to democratic debate.



Katerina Mucci

Born and raised in the Eternal City, I am now 23 years old and studying Industrial Management at Politecnico of Milan. I have been an active member of EYP since 2015 and I am thrilled to be given the chance to present this incredible platform to a whole new generation of youngsters. Milano 2021 will be the result of two years of planning, strategising and many challenges. I firmly believe in the irreplaceable value of such an experience and I am excited to finally be able to share its power with all its participants.

CORE ORGANISERS



Daniele Timpano

Born in 2000 in Reggio Calabria, I grew up in Piacenza and got involved in the European Youth Parliament in 2017. This network has unexpectedly marked my lifetime ever since, and I am honoured to have the chance to work with this team on such an ambitious event. I have been interested in PR and Communication since I was a teenager, I am currently working as a freelancer videomaker while studying Energy Engineering at Politecnico di Milano.

Gaia Palma

Born in 1995, I am studying Global Politics and Society in Milan. I have been a member of EYP for almost 10 years and I am incredibly honoured to be part of Milano 2021, a project in which I strongly believe. I hope this event will be the chance for other young Europeans to learn, find inspiration and open their minds.



Filippo Cretti

Coming from the North Italian province, EYP has been fundamental for me in order to get to know more of the world and become the European citizen I am today. For the past three years, this association has always been a safe haven for me, where I believe I found some of my fondest friends and where I gathered most of my best memories. Apart from EYP, I am a 20-years-old student of Comparative European and International Legal Studies and a travel-lover.



Elisa Cappa Bava

Born in Turin in 1998, I met with the EYP for the first time at the age of 16. Since then, I have found in the network a place where to blossom and develop my full potential. Seeing Milan's IS coming to life after a quite intricate incubation brings me joy and admiration for the resilient, creative and inspired soul of the EYP people. I am a recent graduate in Political Sciences and will soon continue my studies with a master degree in International Security

Beniamino Masi

I was born and raised in Pisa, where I am currently studying for a PhD in political science. I first got involved in the European Youth Parliament in 2014, and I have been an active member of the network since then. After all of this time in the organisation, I am very excited to take part in this unique project, as I am honoured to have the chance to give back all of what the EYP taught me in these years.



Filippo Bertolini

Born in Italy in 1998 but roaming the world ever since. I'm currently based in Switzerland studying Hospitality Entrepreneurship and Innovation. I hold a BSc in International Economics and Management. I joined the European Youth Parliament in 2015 and I passionately believe in the potential and the greatness of this project. Photographer, geopolitics nerd and outdoor addicted, I manage the Finance & Fundraising Department and hope to give back to an association that changed my life.



ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP



Rebecca Smith

I started in EYP in 2008, and since then it has been an invaluable growth experience, thanks to which I have developed useful skills and gained precious friendships. It's hard to summarise everything that I have learned in EYP throughout my involvement, which motivates me to transmit the most I can thanks to Milano IS to the next generation of volunteers. EYP a constant reminder of what we can achieve when we put talented and caring people together. I'm a sustainable development professional, with a Bachelors in Sustainable Development from Columbia University, and a Masters in Political Science from Central European University, currently working in sustainable finance at V.E, a leader in ESG research.

EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP

Jeroen Blom

Originally from the Netherlands, now living in the beautiful city of Antwerp, Belgium, I work in the Flemish film- and television industry as a screenwriter. Since 2008 I've seen EYP go through numerous changes, and I am very excited to be shaping the new development that is Milano IS together with Lukas and the rest of the team. International sessions are an opportunity for growth for everyone involved. From the delegates to our fresh-faced media team members, and even Lukas and I have learned an immense amount already about leadership, media and inter-team communication. We are very enthusiastic about sharing our ideas with all participants and providing them an individual growth experience of their own.



Lukas Ischlstöger

There were many educational paths I could have envisioned back in 2014 when I joined EYP - fresh out of engineering school, with small and big plans in mind - none of them coming even close to political engagement or youth education. And yet, working in EYP has taught me invaluable lessons about leadership, cooperation, teamwork, cultural awareness, and politics and has deeply influenced my personal development; after all, I feel more European than Austrian. Milano IS 2021 spearheads EYP into new territory as the biggest Digital Session in EYP history, and I am unspeakably excited to work with Jeroen and the whole team on such a unique event, mastering new challenges and (hopefully) creating an event, that carries the EYP spirit forward even in such uncertain times.



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