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Elverum, Norway

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Dear Delegates, Presidents, Teachers and Guests,

Welcome to the land of fjords, mountains and trolls, and welcome to the city that embodies all the best of what Norway has to offer. Welcome to Elverum! Like many places in Norway, Elverum is surrounded by magnificent landscapes, from the vast green forest to the majestic mountains, and in the heart of this modest yet charismatic town is Glomma, Norway's largest river. You will find that this small city located close to the Swedish border will offer a unique perspective into the Norwegian culture.

During your week, here in Elverum, you will find yourselves partaking in fruitful debates, heated arguments and close cooperation, and see that the borders that divide you is what will bring you together and make the work you do even more important. Throughout the week, you will hopefully come to understand what I mean when I say that your committee will become a sort of family. A group of people that you will work intensely with till the very end when you will stand proudly alongside one another in the General Assembly to defend your resolution and convince the other delegates that you have found the solution to a problem that is affecting the way we live.

Believe me when I say that this will be an extremely rewarding week. You will not only develop your problem solving and debating skills, but you will also broaden your cultural understanding as you will be working alongside people from various nations. You are brought because you share the same idea; that you can make the world a better place. However, if you find yourself intimidated, nervous or unsure remember that every contribution is valuable and every silence is a loss. Be fearless and open-minded and you will have an unforgettable week!

Astrid Ytre-Eide
President of the General Assembly



MEP BSR Session in Elverum, Norway

March 13 - 18, 2017

Program:

Monday March 13

Before 18.00

Pick- up of delegations by Norwegian organisers
Arrival of delegates and teachers/directors at
Elverum Folkehøgskole, Strandbygdveien 143, 2408 Elverum
<http://www.elverumfhs.no>



Registration of delegates and teachers

Delegates stay at Folkehøgskole
Teachers/directors stay at Elverum Folkehøgskole or First Hotel
Elverum,
Storgata 22, Elverum

18.00

Dinner for everybody at Elverum Folkehøgskole

21.00

Informal evening/entertainment
Musical performance by fhs group

22:00

Coffee - tea, fruit and cake

Tuesday March 14

07.30-08.20

Breakfast

08.20

Bus to Glomdalmuseet

09.00-11.00

Opening Ceremony at Glomdalmuseet Elverum

<http://glomdalmuseet.no/> Museumsvegen 15



Delegates and teachers have to be present at 8.30

Speakers:

- Mr. Dan Gustafsson, Chairman of the Board of MEP BSR
- The Mayor of Elverum Municipality
- Mr. Ole Frode Mikkelsgård, Principal of Elverum VG
- Heads of Delegations /
Presented by Ms. Astrid Ytre-Eide President of the GA

11.00-12.00

Bus to fhs/teambuilding

12.00-13.00

Lunch committee wise

13.30-17.00

Committee meetings at Elverum Folkehøgskole,
<http://elverumfhs.no/>

14.00-16.00

MEP BSR Meeting for teachers/directors
Elverum Folkehøgskole

18.00

Dinner for students and teachers

21.00

Evening activity
Coffee - tea, fruit and cake



Wednesday March 15

07.30 - 08.30

Breakfast

09.00 - 16.00

Committee meetings continued at Elverum Folkehøgskole



12.00-13.00

Lunch

Resolutions to be handed in at 16.00

16.00-18.00

Correction panel
Printing at Elverum Folkehøgskole

18.00

Dinner

Social Evening

Film : “The King´s Choice”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_King's_Choice

21.00

Coffee - tea, fruit and cake



Thursday March 16

- 07.30 - 08.20 Breakfast
- 09.00 - 12.00 Delegation meetings and lobbying
 Handing in amendments and textual changes
 Guidance and instruction meeting with Committee Presidents
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00 - 16.00 Snow activities/visit to Norsk Skogmuseum/Elverum



- 18.00 Dinner for students and teachers
- 20.00-22.00 Cultural Evening/
 Theatre performance by fhs troupe
- 22.00 Coffee - tea, fruit and cake



Friday March 17

07.30 - 08.20

Breakfast

08.20

Bus to Glomdalmuseet

09.00

General Assembly at Glomdalmuseet Elverum

<http://glomdalmuseet.no/>

Speaker:

- Judge Nils Dalseide - Norwegian National Mediator

09.15

Three resolutions in the morning (coffee break in between)

12.30

Lunch (packed lunch from breakfast)

13.00

General Assembly continued

Two resolutions in the afternoon (coffee break in between)

16.00

Closing Ceremony

Speakers:

- Ms. Astrid Ytre-Eide, President of the GA
- Ms. Nina Nørgaard, Administrative Coordinator of MEP BSR

Bus to fhs

Departure for some delegations

18.00

Dinner for students and teachers

20.00

Some delegations stay overnight at Elverum Folkehøgskole

Saturday March 18

Departure all remaining delegations



Issues MEP BSR Elverum, March 13 - 18, 2017

1. Committee on Security and Defence (CP: Marie B. Larsen, Denmark)

The question of a new security balance in the world. With Donald Trump as President of the US the EU might have to play a more leading role in creating a European defence and security strategy. How should the EU adapt to a possible new world order? How can international organisations like the UN and NATO be safeguarded and developed?

2. Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (CP: Erle Eide Nyhus, Norway)

The question of the labour market. Changes in the labour market are partly caused by globalization, digitalization and artificial intelligence. In this aftermath and after the economic crisis of 2008 precarious work has been a growing portion of the labour force. How can economic stability and political power be provided to the precariat?

3. Committee on Energy, Industry and Research (CP: Stella Vuorio, Finland)

The question of a European Energy Union. Europe is facing rising energy demand, volatile prices and disruptions to supply. How can these problems be addressed, and how can security of supply, competitiveness and sustainability be achieved?

4. Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (CP: Kasper Stamp Møller, Denmark)

The Cyberspace and its underlying infrastructure are vulnerable to a wide range of risk stemming from several threats and hazards. Sophisticated cyber actors and nation-states exploit vulnerabilities to steal information and money and are developing capabilities to disrupt, destroy, or threaten the delivery of essential services. How can this development be combated?



5. Committee on Culture and Education (CP: Marlene Janssen, Germany)

The question of empowerment and active participation. How can young people - at school and in the civil society - be educated to become active citizens and to have more say in the solution and decision making processes in their societies and in the EU?

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www.herzjesugym.com

WRG/ORG der Franziskanerinnen

www.wrg.org.at

Belgium

Koninklijk Atheneum Aalst

[www.](http://www.atheneumaalst.be)

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KSE - Katholieke Scholengemeenschap Etten-Leur www.k-s-e.nl

Sint Josef - Sint Pietercollege

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Sint-Gummaruscollege

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March 13th – 18th, 2017

Moa Timander Björknert

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The Model European Parliament (MEP) concept and methodology www.mepeurope.eu

The Model European Parliament program is a leadership program for youth in the 28 EU countries, set up in 1994 with a secretariat in The Hague, NL. The aim of the program is to educate young people at high school level about European integration and cooperation, and to develop their understanding of common issues as well as provide them with knowledge about EU's institutions. The program develops political awareness and an understanding for Europe's cultural diversity.

The MEP program has successfully expanded into 4 regional organizations in the west, south, central and northern part of Europe. In 2004 the first regional organization was set up in the Baltic Sea Region by schools/institutions in Finland, Sweden, Lithuania and DK, and at present we have been joined by schools/institutions in Estonia, Latvia, Kaliningrad, Russia, Poland, Germany, Iceland and Norway as well. The program is a training ground for future leaders and politicians as well as for talented students who share an interest in European issues.

The vision of the MEP Baltic Sea Organization is:

- Build relationships between youth in the Baltic Sea Region
- Penetrate common Baltic Sea and Nordic issues
- Give insight into each individual's potential to affect society's development
- Focus on trade, industry, politics and culture and social affairs
- Give insight into modern democracy and the parliamentary system, using the European Parliament as an example
- Develop debating skills in large international forums

The working language during the MEP is English. 5-10 students are chosen to represent each member country, and together they comprise a delegation. Each delegate represents his/her native country in a committee, which discusses international issues, and each committee has a specified subject to discuss. The common goal is to write a resolution that they can support and defend in the General Assembly (the youth parliament).

The MEP program is also a cultural and social event, which gives the participants the opportunity to experience the diversity of the countries around the Baltic Sea/Northern Europe and be part of numerous social events, such as teambuilding, sightseeing along with living with a family in the host country.

The sessions take place twice a year in the Baltic Sea Region and since the start of the organization they have been hosted by Stockholm, Copenhagen, Bremen, Tallinn, Copenhagen/Malmoe, Helsinki, Riga, St. Petersburg, Itawa/Torun, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Kaliningrad, Vilnius, Gdansk/Gdynia, Copenhagen, Leipzig, Reykjavik, Bruges/Blankenberge, Tartu, Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo, Riga and Kaliningrad.



Pedagogically the MEP program focuses on:

- a) Individual ICT introduction to EU institutions and to specific topics
- b) Study program before the sessions in class/groups
- c) Workshops/committee work run by experienced students and delegate
- d) Project work/written resolutions in English
- e) Debating and rhetoric skills
- f) Intercultural skills and competencies
- g) The experience of an advanced and realistic role play (as a learning method)

The MEP BSR office is located in Copenhagen, DK, and run by an administrative coordinator. More information about MEP BSR and sessions are to be found at www.mepbsr.org . Enclosed here please find material and guidelines in preparation of MEP conferences at the national, regional and international levels.

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The General Assembly - procedure

General procedure

Please remember that before speaking a delegate must be recognised by the President. Delegates do not yield the floor to other delegates. The authority of the President is absolute and delegates must respect their decisions to facilitate a smooth General Assembly.

Read out textual changes

by a member of the Committee

Read out resolution

by a member of the Committee

Opening Speech

about 3 minutes; held by a member of the Committee

Short factual questions

Amendment

- Presentation of the amendment
about 3 minutes; held by the submitter of the amendment
- Questions answered
by the submitter of the amendment
- Speech against the amendment
about 2 minutes; held by a member of the Committee
- Vote
yes / no (no abstentions)

Open debate

Speech against the resolution

about 2 minutes; held by a member of the assembly

Speech in favour of the resolution

about 2 minutes; held by a member of the Committee



Vote

yes / no (abstention)

Voting procedure

At the end of a debate, the president of the General Assembly asks the heads of delegation to collect the votes of their delegation. After the votes have been collected, the president asks each head of delegation (in alphabetic order of the present states) to give the votes of his/her delegation.

Voting on a resolution

The head of delegation gives first the votes 'in favour', followed by the votes 'against' and ending with the abstentions.

The correct formula is: "Finland: two votes in favour, one vote against and two abstentions" (0 = zero).

Voting on an amendment

In case of an amendment, the voting follows the same procedure, except that the delegates can only vote in favour or against, there are no abstentions possible.

A majority vote is required to pass the amendment. If the votes remain equally divided, the amendment is rejected.

Voting results

The Presidency will count the total number of votes.

The votes of the member states determine the result of the voting.

The President announces the final result.



General rules

When addressing the Assembly, delegates should stand up and speak clearly in English.

Questions directed to the President or the speaker

Delegates may never interrupt the President or the speaker who has the floor. Delegates may raise their placards only after the President or a fellow delegate has finished their contribution.

Point of personal privilege

If a delegate cannot hear or understand what has been said, they can interrupt the speaker asking the President to allow a “point of privilege” by using the red ‘privilege’ sign.

Setting of Debate-time

The setting of debating time is at the discretion of the President.

Working language

The working language of international conferences of the MEP is English. Native speakers are kindly asked to grade their speech so that it is easy to understand for less fluent speakers of English as well.

Before the General Assembly

You can prepare two different kinds of modifications to draft resolutions during the Delegation meeting and Lobbying.

Amendments

Amendments mean to change part of a text by deleting, adding or substituting words or figures.

Amendments have to be written on the appropriate amendment sheets (provided by the Presidency at the lobby) and should be handed over to the Presidency until the end of the Lobby. The Co-President of the General Assembly decides if the amendment shall be discussed.

Amendments shall have priority over the text to which they relate and shall be discussed and put to the vote.

Textual changes

Textual changes to the text of a resolution can only be proposed by members of the committee involved.

Textual changes have to be written on the appropriate textual change sheets (provided by the Presidency).

All members of the committee should sign the paper for textual changes.

Textual changes are always taken into consideration; there is no voting procedure.



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