



Model European Parliament

Baltic Sea Region

Stockholm, Sweden, 2014



Dear delegates, presidency, teachers, directors and guests,

As president for the 2014 session of MEP Baltic Sea Region I happily welcome organizers, committee presidents and delegates from all participating countries to Stockholm, Sweden. The MEP Baltic Sea Region organization started in 2004 with the aim to build relationships between youth in the Baltic Sea Region and penetrate common Baltic Sea, Nordic and European issues. The importance of these aims has only grown stronger since then and I do not need to emphasize the importance of broad cooperation between countries in the current world situation. One cannot avoid noticing the alarming events occurring in our far and near surroundings. Over time the powers of the European Union have increased. Thus, the political battles in the European Parliament have intensified.

It is especially nice to be able to welcome you to Stockholm in the early autumn season, when Stockholm is at its best. It is still not terribly cold and the leaves are starting to change their colour. Not only the weather is extra interesting now in Stockholm, the political situation is also particularly complicated after the legislative elections, which occurred on the 14th of September. The former middle-right coalition government has resigned to give way to a left coalition government. The new minority government that is still under formation has a remarkably low support in the Swedish parliament, which makes political negotiations inevitable. In other words the work we do in MEP is highly relevant in real life. Having worked for a Swedish party I have realized MEP is one of the most valuable experiences I have had in my life. So to finalize this welcome I will strongly recommend you to seize these few days we will spend together during this MEP session and of course encourage you to have a lot of fun.

Once again warmly welcome to Stockholm, Sweden

Otto Pagels Fick

President MEP BSR Stockholm 2014

MEP BSR Session in Stockholm, Sweden

October 4 - 9, 2014

Program:

Saturday October 4

Before 17.00

Arrival of delegates and teachers/directors at Victor Rydberg Djursholm, Viktor Rydbergs Väg 31, 182 62 Djursholm, Stockholm, www.vrg.se



Host parents pick up delegates from 17.00. Dinner with host families. Teachers/directors stay in Hotell Zinkensdamm, Zinkens väg 20, 117 41 Stockholm, www.zinkensdamm.com.

Sunday October 5

09.00-11.00

Opening Ceremony at Djursholm Castle (near the school)



Speakers:

- Mr. Dan Gustafsson, Chairman of the Board of MEP BSR
- Ms. Birgitta Olsson, EU Minister (TBC)
- Heads of Delegations

11.00-12.00

Teambuilding

12.00-13.00

Lunch with committees at Victor Rydberg Djursholm

13.30-18.00

Committee meetings at Victor Rydberg Djursholm

Dinner with host families

Monday October 6

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| 09.00-12.00 | Committee meetings continued in one of the VRG schools, Djursholm or Stockholm City center |
| 12.00-13.00 | Lunch at school |
| 13.00-15.00 | Committee meetings continued |
| 15.00 | Resolutions to be handed in at 15.00 |
| 15.00-18.00 | Correction panel, printing, Victor Rydberg Djursholm |
| 20.00-22.00 | Buffet Dinner and Cultural Program at Victor Rydberg Djursholm |

Tuesday October 7

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| 09.00-12.00 | Delegation Meetings and lobbying at Djursholms Forörsamlingshem |
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Coffee/tea, snacks, refreshments
 Handing in amendments and textual changes
 Guidance and instruction meeting with Committee Presidents

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| 12.00- | Free time for delegates |
| 13.00-15.00 | MEP BSR Board Meeting for teachers/directors at Victor Rydberg Djursholm |

Wednesday October 8

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| 09.00-17.00 | General Assembly at Victor Rydberg Gymnasium, Viktor Rydbergs Väg 2, 182 62 Djursholm |
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Speakers:

- Mr. Hans Lindemann, MEP BSR
- Mr. Olle Reichenberg, Head of Danderyd Municipality
- Mr. Otto Pagels Fick, President of the General Assembly

Three resolutions in the morning (Small coffee breaks in between)

Lunch



General Assembly continued
Three resolutions in the afternoon (Small coffee breaks in between)

16.30

Closing Ceremony

Speakers:

- Mr. Otto Pagels Fick, President of the General Assembly
- Ms. Nina Nørgaard, Administrative Coordinator of MEP BSR

19.00-21.00

Farewell party with dinner

Thursday October 9

Departure all delegations

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ON A STRING



Issues MEP BSR Stockholm October 4 – 9, 2014

I Committee on Industry Research and Energy / CP Elsa Wallgren

The question of energy efficiency and dependence - As part of the European Commission's 2030 roadmap towards a low-carbon economy, how realistic are low CO2 emission targets in the near future? Are green energy alternatives to gas and oil imports a successful way towards this goal? Or can nuclear power or/and shale-fuels increase energy efficiency and independence?

European Commission Climate Action, Road map 2030 -
http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/roadmap/index_en.htm

European Commission- Energy strategy for Europe
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/index_en.htm

European Energy Security – pages 1-17
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/doc/20140528_energy_security_study.pdf

Fracking Pros and cons
<http://www.elsevier.com/connect/fracking-the-pros-and-cons>

II Committee on Employment and Social Affairs / CP Marie Wollnik

The question of an ageing society - How should Europe cope with a greying population and the consequent effects on the labour market, the pension and social welfare system. Which measures should the EU take to rejuvenate society and to keep the European workforce young on average and globally competitive?

Statistics Eurostat Population Structure and Ageing
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Population_structure_and_ageing

European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA)
http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/innovation/index_en.htm

Global ageing – policy changes *The Economist*
<http://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21601253-ageing-economy-will-be-slower-and-more-unequal-one-unless-policy-starts-changing-now>



III Committee on Culture and Education / CP Astrid Ytre-Eide

The question relating to the innovation of higher education - The EU wants to improve the intercultural and innovative education of young people and encourage social mobility. What can the EU do to ensure that education and mobility of young people will be improved? Should there be a general EU education policy to ensure the same standards in education and skills for those wishing to work within the EU?

Erasmus plus

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

EU Education and Training 2020

http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/index_en.htm

IV Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs /

CP Emma Tram

The question relating to immigration and multi-ethnic societies - What can the EU do to take responsibility for the imbalanced immigration into member states? How does the EU protect the rights of minority groups and how far should EU member states accept cultural diversity when it conflicts with national cultural practices?

EU Commission Home Affairs Immigration Policies

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/immigration/index_en.htm

EURAC Research Minority Rights

<http://www.eurac.edu/en/research/institutes/imr/default.html>



V Committee on Foreign Affairs / CP Maria Kupriyanova

The question of the involvement of the EU in international conflicts - Should the EU play an important role in international conflicts only after the cessation of hostilities, or should the EU assume a prominent role in situations whilst violence continues, not leaving that task to individual member states or other international players.

The Economist on Catherine Ashton

http://www.economist.com/blogs/charlemagne/2011/02/eus_foreign_policy

European Union – External Action Affairs

<http://www.eeas.europa.eu/>

Carnegie Europe – EU in international conflicts

<http://www.carnegieeurope.eu/strategieurope/?fa=55341>

VI Committee on Constitutional Affairs / CP Andrea Mattson

The question of how to increase public participation in the EU integration process - How should the EU address the challenges arising in the aftermath of the European Parliament elections (and others) in 2014 when the political landscape has changed dramatically and a gap seems to have appeared between the political elite and the populations of the member states.

EU Citizens 2014

<http://europa.eu/citizens-2013/en>

Results and comments on the European Parliament Election 2014

<http://www.elections2014.eu/>



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Theresianische Akademie www.theresianum.ac.at

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The Model European Parliament (MEP) concept and methodology

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 is successfully expanding into regional organizations in several parts of Europe. In 2004 a 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. 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 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/Malmö, Helsinki, Riga, St. Petersburg, Ilawa/Torun, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Kaliningrad, Vilnius, Gdansk/Gdynia, Copenhagen, Leipzig, Reykjavik, Bruges/Blankenberge and Tallinn.



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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