



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Chairpersons and Vice- Presidents

90th International Session of the European Youth
Parliament



The 90th International Session of the EYP will be held in Valencia, Spain between 27th of July to 4th of August, 2019 under the session motto „Sailing Towards New Horizons“. The CAT will either take place from the 3rd to the 5th of May OR from the 10th to the 12th of May. The event will be presided by Julia Fahy, edited by Âli Okumuşoğlu and head-organised by Maria Granero de la Asuncion and Aritz Labrador. You can read the Message from the President below. For more information on the session, please, visit the event's [Facebook page](#).

We are now looking for **3** Vice-Presidents and **12-15** Chairpersons.¹

Message from the President

The theme of Valencia 2019, '*Horizon 2020 – sailing towards new horizons*' allows for both reflection and action – for moving forward together. It emphasises the importance of research, of investing in and promoting truth, and of innovation in adapting to our changing world.

Inspired by this theme, the vision for Valencia 2019 is to build a positive working environment together, which allows for both reflection and action. We hope to harness the energy in the sunny surroundings of Valencia, reflecting the environment in a light-hearted and positive team. Together we will focus on creating a calm and supportive space, an environment that brings out the best in people, where the team builds each member up, while not stressing about the small things. Focusing on gratitude and appreciating the amazing opportunity we have.

Considering the wellbeing of every participant, the vision will also focus on efficiency and purpose - without taking space away from personal development and growth. EYPers are notoriously busy people. Valencia 2019 will focus more on how we manage our time, so as the work we do is effective and does not lose momentum. Not with the intention of doing the bare minimum, but rather, in being efficient and conscious of everyone's time, there will be more space to focus on personal growth, and getting what every participant wants from the event.

The way we sail together counts for so much more than arriving at a specific destination. There is no definite destination for an International Session; each one is different and impactful in its own way. Our vision is to focus rather on how we get there. And in focusing on a positive journey, the team may reach a destination they could never have dreamed of.

¹ The exact size of the team is yet to be finalised.



Emphasis on the journey does not stop when it comes to the academic aspect of Valencia 2019. Oftentimes, the academic aspect of a session lies predominantly in the result. However, by creating a platform that allows all participants to grow and develop their personal and academic skills, we will challenge the feeling of academic pressure, and bring it into the realm of personal development. During Valencia 2019 we must consider how everyone can get the most out of the academic process. EYP opens doors for participants and gives them the tools to sail further than they could have imagined. Being well prepared for the topic you are discussing at a session is the base of academic quality. And for those who find that difficult, it shouldn't be the end. This session will give more to every participant in terms of academics, emphasising and developing the amazing skills that everyone can learn.

This challenge starts with a strong team, each member feeling valuable and valued, understanding how much they each have to teach and learn from one another. Further, emphasising the importance of greater understanding, of realising the priorities and the potential in other individuals and other teams, and leaving space for others in our own plans and personal development. Learning from and trusting in others. Trusting and believing in ourselves.

Every participant working, growing, and sailing further together.

Julia Fahy



Selection criteria

According to EYP policies, the Selection panel is looking for individuals with the following qualities:

- i. Excellent English language skills;
- ii. Good knowledge of and interest in European issues;
- iii. High sense of responsibility, expressed motivation and commitment to further EYP's objectives;
- iv. Previous group facilitation and EYP experience;
- v. Good planning and organisational skills;
- vi. Ability to lead a group and good understanding of group dynamics;
- vii. Ability to work as a member of a team and with individuals from various cultural and socio-economic backgrounds;
- viii. Creativity and personal vision for the role desirable;
- ix. A sense of awareness of one's own strengths and weaknesses in the role;

Additionally for Vice-Presidents,

- x. Excellent knowledge of and interest in European issues;
- xi. High sense of responsibility, expressed motivation and commitment to further EYP's objectives;
- xii. Substantial facilitation experience at EYP events including a minimum of one International Session attended as a chair;
- xiii. Very good planning and organisational skills;
- xiv. Excellent leadership skills and advanced understanding of group dynamics as well as ability to provide feedback;
- xv. Ability to work as a member of a team and with individuals from various cultural and socio-economic backgrounds;
- xvi. A solid understanding of the EYP and a strong personal vision for the role;
- xvii. Training experience: ability to plan, run and evaluate training modules;
- xviii. Ability to represent EYP in an official capacity.

The overall team will also present a cohesive and suitable balance of nationality, gender and levels of experience. Applicants should be aware that failure to be selected is no reflection on their talent or ability to be part of an International Session Chairs' Team. The Selection Panel will consider first the individuals who have applied for the position and thereby thoroughly go over all the applications, following the guidelines given by the Governing Body.

The selection panel will consist of the President of the Session Julia Fahy, past Session President Sophie Scannell, one of the Head-Organisers Aritz Odriozola and Governing Body Member Dionysis Patriarcheas.

According to [the Policy on the Selection of International Session Officials](#) to be eligible for selection, the applicant needs to have at least one official EYP evaluation.

In case you are unsure if you are eligible to apply, you can contact the Human Resource Assistant of the EYP at hr@eyp.org.



How to apply?

If you are available and interested in attending, you should follow these steps to apply:

1. Log on to the EYP Member Platform (if you do not have access or encounter any other problems with the platform, please, get in touch with support@eyp.org);
2. Update your personal profile on the platform. Please, make sure your full name, country, Home National Committee and contact information are available and updated.
3. Sign up for the [90th International Session in Valencia](#) as either a chairperson or Vice-President and fill in the 'additional fields' in the application form (questions are listed below).
4. The deadline for submitting your application on the platform is **Monday, 25th of March at 12:00 (noon) CET**.

All officials are also asked to make sure they are aware of the relevant policies of the EYP as listed in the official EYP Info Section on the Member Platform on <https://www.members.eyp.org/structure-and-policies>.

Application questions

All applicants:

1. What NC did you start your EYP involvement with or which NC national delegation were you apart of at your first International Session?
2. Explain how you fulfil the criteria for the position to which you are applying and support your reasoning with concrete examples. (max 300 words)
3. What skills and strengths have you developed (in EYP or otherwise) which will help you in your preferred role? Contrast this with a weakness that you would like to improve on. (max. 250 words)
4. What is your motivation to apply to Valencia 2019? What do you want from the session, for yourself and for others? (max 250 words)

Additionally for chairpersons:

5. In your view, what role does chairing play within EYP? (max 150 words)

Additionally for Vice-President:

6. What is one of the most valuable things that you've learned from your experience in EYP so far? Explain, if relevant, how it has shaped your approach to this role. (max 150 words)