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**OONA HAAPANEN & LAURA BARRY**  
**HEAD ORGANISERS OF TURKU 2020**

**Dear applicant,**

Our Vision for **Turku 2020** can be separated into three parts; the first part concerning our **Officials**, the second concerning the **Delegates** of the Session and the third concerning all **Participants**. For our Officials we would like to **mix groups**, and make sure everyone gets to know one another. This could be done through a group bonding experience on CMOJ day. Further, we would like to implement **All Hands Meetings**, in which all Officials would meet to show their appreciation towards others, and air their possible grievances. This would ensure an **open atmosphere** in which everyone feels heard.

A revolutionary thing we would like to try is implementing **Delegate ideas** and **feedback** into our Session. This would ensure that the most important participants also feel heard and are able to have a Session that looks like them. This could be done for example through **anonymous questionnaires** regarding programme, possible Farewell Party themes, and overall wishes for the Session. We would also like to make sure the entire Officials team is **approachable** to Delegates, to ensure further interest in them towards becoming an active member within EYP.

For all our participants we would like to create an atmosphere in which **personal development** and **growth** is encouraged. In addition to this we would like to make sure everyone's mental and physical **welfare** is taken care of. This means getting enough sleep, eating enough nutritious food, drinking plenty of water and feeling supported and appreciated.

We would like to find someone who shares our **passion** for the Session. Someone who takes their role seriously, but is also able to relax and have fun, maybe even joke around with us! Most importantly, we wish that in addition to our President and Editor having **ownership** over their roles in the Session, that we as the Head Organisers are also allowed ownership. We have set out to create this Session with a **strong vision** we are passionate about, and we want to find someone who **respects** that.

We look forward to reading your applications!

**Laura Barry & Oona Haapanen**



**MIRA ENGSTRÖM & TOPIAS LAITINEN**  
**HEAD ORGANISERS OF KUOPIO 2020**

The two of us are beyond thrilled to host a session in the beautiful **Kuopio**. We strongly believe that our session has **a lot to offer** for both Kuopio and the participants of the session. The people in Kuopio are very **welcoming**, open and kind-spirited. A session like ours is highly **valued** in a smaller city like Kuopio, which is one of the reasons why we are organising a session there. We further trust that the participants of the session will be able to **broaden their views** and gain something valuable from participating in a session in Kuopio.

During Kuopio 2020 we as Head Organisers want to **focus** on a few different things. First of all, we want to concentrate on **feedback, open discussions** and **welfare**. We believe that all of these elements are crucial for having a great time at the session. Furthermore, we want to emphasise the importance of **unity**, as we do in our session theme. We want to concentrate on unity in all its forms - through **cooperation** between officials teams but also between officials and delegates. Additionally, we want to make sure that Kuopio 2020 is a session with a **safe space** for every single participant to **grow**, learn and get to know themselves, others and EYP as an organisation. Last but definitely not least, we want to make sure that we as Head Organisers provide a pleasant and light-hearted atmosphere for all participants throughout the entire work process and at the session.

**Mira Engström & Topias Laitinen**





**MONICA RATINEN & PILVI KILPELÄINEN**  
**HEAD ORGANISERS OF JYVÄSKYLÄ 2020**

**Dear applicant,**

We are more than happy to present to you our **goals** for the session and give you the opportunity to take a look on what to **expect** when applying.

The motivation on why we want to Head Organise comes from **within**, and with all of the resources we have, we are going to do everything to the best of our abilities to ensure the entirety of the session is as **amazing** as it can get.

As the theme of our session is “*Creating links - The European Union furthering international cooperation*”, we want to implement it in our **actions**. **Internationality** is something we wish to have in all of our teams, bearing in mind the current situation. Creating a **united Officials’ team** requires a lot of openness, which is why we want to **communicate** with each other and have inter-team cooperation and discussion. Our responsibilities include making sure everyone is on board on what is going on prior to the session so that they feel **comfortable** and have all the knowledge they need.

Overall, we hope for this project to be a **learning experience** for every single participant of the session, including ourselves. We wish to create a **safe space** and are welcoming you to apply with open arms.

We truly hope to see you in Jyväskylä!

Yours truly,

**Monica Ratinen and Pilvi Kilpeläinen**





**IIDA SALONURMI & ESSI LIEVETMURSU**  
**HEAD ORGANISERS OF OULU 2020**

**Hey there!**

We're very glad to have **YOU** applying to our session. This session has been our dream for a while now, and we could not be happier to organise it in our hometown **Oulu**. In terms of our **theme** "*Sparking the Northern lights - integrating rural areas better into European decision making*", Oulu is a perfect place to gather to discuss this topic since most of the participants will be from areas that are **encountering this issue**.

For you to get a better picture of our theme, we would like to **elaborate** more on it. Many European citizens living in **rural areas** feel like they are **excluded** from the decision making since for example Scandinavian countries are mainly led with a **southern point of view**.

Because of that, decisions often end up lacking the vital **perspective** of people living in those areas. In addition, many of them experience difficulties like social exclusion and poverty to name a few. By making their **voices heard** we could not only promote **equality** but bring more colours to the discussions concerning **today's Europe**.

In the eyes of an individual participant, the most important goal for our session is to provide each participant with a **safe environment** for personal **growth**. Whilst both of these themes are included in the **values** of the whole organisation, we would like to clearly emphasize them in our session. We are looking forward to arranging multiple Skype calls with the rest of the leadership team in order to **combine** our vision with theirs. We are also aiming to work **effectively** with the organisers team already before the session so everyone has the opportunity to give their input to this session. Also, most of the delegates will be first-timers in EYP, so we want to provide them with an **encouraging** foundation to continue acting in the organisation.

In order to reach our goal, we want to be aware of the **needs** and **goals** of the participants already well in prior to the session. In addition, we want every participant of our session to be aware of the **core values of EYP Finland**, which include for example education, equity and cooperation. For our vision to become reality, participants will have the opportunity to receive **feedback** throughout and after the session and all of the officials will be trained to act in a way that reflects our vision.

Hopefully you got an idea of our vision and are as excited as we are in implementing it. We're really looking forward to reading your applications!

Best wishes <3

**Essi Lievetmursu & Iida Salonurmi**



**WILLIAM EDDERSHAW**  
**PRESIDENT OF TURKU 2020**

**Dear all,**

Thank you very much for taking an interest in **Turku 2020**. As president, I wanted to offer a few words on the vision for the Chairs' Team. Please note this vision is not all encompassing, and we remain open to any ideas or suggestions from Officials throughout the session to better realise the wider vision for the session.

With that being said, the goals I have in mind for the Board and Chairs' Team are the following:

To begin, I would like to establish a culture amongst the Chairs' Team which is passed onto delegates concerning how we work with and learn from one another, **engaging with each other's thoughts rather than just sharing**, as well as developing rather than criticising them. This starts with the leadership but will be taken up by all participants. This vision focuses on **constructive dialogue** and will encourage this throughout the session, including a new approach to GA which involves all participants throughout the process. All of the above aims to create an environment where participants may fully immerse themselves in Turku, ensuring well-informed, and meaningful conversations. Regarding content, I foresee delegates discussing the tough questions facing Europe, from the perspective of communities, from local to international, with how one can seize opportunities to push the **present closer to the future**, without leaving anyone behind. Whilst there are no set criteria, we will look for topics where the disruptive effect of new developments invites a broad range of ideas and perspectives that may complement one another.

Given the potential adaptations we may have to make due to the current COVID-19 climate, it would be sensible to have a robust online training prior to the session. This training will be **tailored** to each individual whilst facilitating collaboration amongst the chairs and wider Officials' Team. This will be an essential element for the Board in supporting the team and creating the desired culture to enhance all participants' experience at Turku. Heading this part of the leadership, I welcome anyone who would want to join this endeavour with their own ideas on how to best achieve this.

Most importantly, this should all ensure that Officials will arrive at Turku with a level of **confidence** in themselves and those around them so they may enjoy the session and what it truly has to offer.

Thank you for taking the time to read this outline for Turku and I do hope you will apply.

Yours sincerely,  
**Will Eddershaw**



**LIRA MIKAYELIAN**  
**PRESIDENT OF KUOPIO 2020**

For me, EYP has always been a source of inspiration and the place where I take my skills to new level. It is all about personal growth, challenges, new perspectives and innovative ideas. During **Kuopio 2020**, I aim to create an environment where every participant will manage to achieve **personal goals** and by the end of the session will feel personal development. My vision of the session concentrates on four main aspects, which together create an ideal session experience.

The first crucial thing I will concentrate on is creating an ideal learning environment and paying particular attention to **mutual learning**. I tend to believe that Chairpersons and Vice-Presidents usually learn a lot from their peers and, as the president of the session, I will create the ideal environment for you to share experience easier and make the learning process more enjoyable.

Another aspect to concentrate on is the **feedback** and well-being of the participants. People usually either underestimate the power of constructive feedback or provide it in the wrong way. I tend to believe that quality feedback contributes a lot to the development and **empowerment** of individuals and, as a result, leads to the formation of strong and motivated teams. By providing and asking for feedback all members of the officials' team manage to work together in a safe environment and develop valuable skills. Hence, during the session I will be as **approachable** as possible and will make sure that both Chairpersons and Vice-Presidents receive and give unbiased and constructive feedback.

My vision highly concentrates on embracing **innovation** and **welcoming self-development**, as pushing yourself outside of your limits is the best way to grow. My aim is providing you with **safe space** for sharing ideas and thinking **outside of the box**. I want Kuopio RS to be the place where every participant can feel his/her contribution and implement something he/she wanted to do in EYP. It does not matter if you have or have never been a Chairperson or a Vice-President. If you always wanted to add something special to the session but never had the chance for it, Kuopio is the right place for trying it out!

Last but not least, I value close **communication** and bonds between teams. The leadership of the session will do its best to ensure close communication and cooperation between all the officials and **opportunity to learn from each other**. I believe that one of the main reasons we are involved in EYP are people. Let's make as many new friends and connections in Kuopio as possible!

Looking forward to reading your applications!

**Lira Mikayelyan**  
**President of Kuopio RS 2020**



**DENNIS MAKAROV**  
**PRESIDENT OF JYVÄSKYLÄ 2020**

Dear reader,

I am glad to see you taking an interest in this session! Chances are, you are considering trying out chairing or vice-presiding for the very first time and I highly encourage you to do so! Or you might have already gathered experience and want to perfect your skills in either role. In either case, I can't expect you to apply to a team without knowing what you are potentially signing up for.

I believe in **self-reflection**. While you will receive thorough training, a variety of tools and leadership methods, it is you that will need to decide how to approach chairing or vice-presiding. Every person is a complex package of individual experiences, skills, strengths and weaknesses which means that a chairing style that works for one chairperson is unlikely to work for another. Discovering the impact of your own strengths and weaknesses is a key step to figuring out what works for you as a chairperson and as a vice-president. At Jyväskylä, I want to give the academic team firstly guidance in **reflecting on themselves and secondly the freedom to decide how they work**.

Being thoughtful about your work is just as important as being **thoughtful about yourself**. As a chairperson, you will have great liberty in deciding on the structure of your Topic Overview and managing your working process, tailoring it to your personality, needs and topic. As a vice-president, you will be free to pick the board tasks you wish to manage, set your own goals and **develop** your own leadership approach. Now, I will be fully honest, in return for these freedoms I will expect you to approach decisions responsibly and critically think about why you are choosing to do things a certain way. This goes for me as well, as **I will always give the entire team an insight into and a say in the decision-making process**.

The previous two paragraphs show that **we take work seriously**, but we are also very **serious about fun!** Along with the other team leaders, I believe in a "work hard - play hard" approach. For this reason, in the JYRS officials' team you can expect to find snowball fights, random dancing, "mandatory fun times" and a steamy Finnish sauna! If you bring passion to both work and play, you'll fit right in!

In general, while I may already have a few things in mind, the session will mostly depend on you, what you want to learn and the challenges you set yourself. If you are trying out a role for the first time, I am very excited to see it, because so am I!

If this sounds like an atmosphere you'd enjoy working in, go ahead and apply to Jyväskylä 2020!

Sincerely,  
**Dennis Makarov**  
**President of Jyväskylä RS 2020**



**MARTHE MACODY**  
**PRESIDENT OF OULU 2020**

**Dear potential candidates,**

First of all would I like to thank you for your interest in **Oulu 2020**. This is a session close to Essi, lida, Ola and my hearts and I am excited for a new wave of participants to join us. I want to invite you to read through our visions and I hope it inspires you to apply!

The theme of the session; “**Sparking the Northern lights: integrating rural areas better into European decision making**” is a central statement in our work with this session. Essi and lida eloquently explained the theme by saying; “Many European citizens living in rural areas feel like they are excluded from the decision making since, for example Scandinavian countries are mainly led with a southern point of view. [...] **By making their voices heard** we could not only promote equality, but bring more colours to the discussions concerning today’s Europe.”  
I couldn’t agree more.

This session will have a board, consisting of me and 2 non-chairing Vice-presidents, who will have responsibility of 2 committees in your academic buddy group. Leaving me with 2 committees as well, with responsibility of added support for you. We’ll be building our work with the chair’s team on principles of **open communication**, mutual trust and support, providing the space for implementing ideas and trying out new things. Together with the theme, **inclusion/integration** and **inspiration** will be core elements for the academic team.

**Inclusion/integration**

For this session I want this board to very much decide together what we want the academic side of the session to be. The Vice-presidents will be given **room and trust to shape the session**, abandoning the traditional vertical hierarchy EYP sessions often have followed. My goal for the board is to create a safe space for developing new ideas and friendships, creating a close atmosphere as well as being **well-integrated** with the rest of the extended leadership and the official’s team.

**Inspiration**

As the vice-presidents will be given freedom to think outside the box, as the vision for the academic team is to **rethink** how EYP sessions impact the delegates and officials. My goal for this session is for the participants to use what they’ve learned and created to make real change in the real world, in the short amount of time we have. The board will work together to ensure that the session will be more than a forgotten resolution booklet and pictures for Instagram.

I hope this vision has inspired you to apply to this session! If you have any questions about the work leading up to the session or the application, feel free to contact me with any questions!

Much love,  
**Marthe Macody Tufte Lund**  
**President of Oulu 2020**



**PAULIINA SIEKKINEN**  
**EDITOR OF TURKU 2020**

My vision for the Media team and working with the Editorial Assistant can be divided into **three categories**: co-operation of the leadership, personal development, and wellbeing of the team.

I greatly value **open communications** and **transparency** within the Editorial team. I believe that as the leaders of the Media team, the closer we work together, the greater the benefit of the whole team is. I want the Editorial Assistant to take a lot of **responsibilities** over the team, rather than just work as my “helper”. To ensure this, I want us to work closely already before the session, as well as during the session itself.

I want to create an atmosphere where the Media Team Members **feel safe to take risks** and try something they have never tried. Especially now, as the world is changing at a very rapid pace, change is more important than ever. I want to push the Media Team to **develop their skills** and take risks, whether creative or technical and get out of their comfort zones. I believe that with the help of the Editorial team, the team can create some incredible projects and develop their skills.

Lastly, I want to emphasise the importance of **welfare**. Carrying the same co-operation of the Editorial team to the whole Media Team, I want to make sure that each member feels safe and welcomed in the team. I also want to implement “working hours” and a **clear division of work and free-time**. Additionally, hold daily meetings with the team, where everyone can share any thoughts about the day. I believe that this way we can ensure that the wellbeing of all Media Team Members is truly taken care of.

The ideal Editorial Assistant would be someone who takes their role seriously while still having a chill attitude, wants to develop their own skills and encourages others to step out of their comfort zones.





**STYLIANOS HADJIFORADOS**  
**EDITOR OF KUOPIO 2020**

Dear participant!

I am delighted to see you interested in taking part in the session. My vision consists of two parts, a vision for the EAs and one for the Media Team Members.

Regarding the **Editorial assistants** I want to have them **as much involved as possible** from the get-go. Together we will shape the output and the working structure of the session. Each member will be responsible for a particular area eg photography, social media etc. The rest of the team will support them by providing **feedback and suggestions**. However for this to work, an environment of **mutual trust**, respect and ownership needs to be established. I want my EAs to feel free to voice their opinions, make suggestions and have their personality reflect their work!

For **Media Team Members**, carrying over my vision for the EAs, here as well I wish to create an environment of **mutual trust**, respect and ownership not only between the Editorial team but among their peers as well. In addition, establish a working space where they will be **challenged** and **motivated**. However, we will be also putting emphasis on mental and physical **wellbeing** which will ensure everyone can experience self-growth in their own time and pace.





**MILICA MIJAILOVIC**  
**EDITOR OF JYVÄSKYLÄ 2020**

**Dear potential applicant,**

The first time I was a Media Team Member was in Tampere Regional Session 2018. I remember how little I knew about EYP Media then. At the same time, I was curious and eager to learn as much as possible in those 4 days. And I did. I learned not only how to use the camera and edit pictures, but also how to **think outside the box** and not be afraid to experiment. Fast forward a year later, I attended another Finnish Regional – this time in Nokia as an Editorial Assistant. Extended Leadership showed me how exciting it is to share my knowledge and experience with people who are just starting their EYP Media journey. It was a journey for me as well, one which **inspired me to be the Editor of Jyväskylä 2020**.

My aim for this session is to focus on **quality over quantity**, capturing the highlights of the event and working on projects that are **relevant** for both the creator and the audience. As ownership of one's work is a very important aspect of media, in my opinion, I want to provide each member of the team **freedom** when it comes to their output. Thus, **I do not want to impose my own vision onto anyone**, as I believe that would mean putting boundaries on creativity – the one thing that should remain boundless. As the Editor, my role is to give suggestions and help you figure out what suits you best, with the final decision remaining yours.

Furthermore, I hope to make Jyväskylä an environment that fosters **collaboration**, both within the team but also with other officials. Along with the session theme of creating links and furthering cooperation, the work of the Media team will be highly integrated with other teams. Journalists will work alongside Chairs in helping create and illustrate the academic content. Talking about the Editorial Team, the EA(s) will work along with me on a **flat hierarchy** basis. Thus, the team leadership will act as a singular body.

If a session that combines fun, learning, some sauna and bad jokes here and there, sounds like your kind of event, apply for Jyväskylä 2020. All applications are welcome, regardless of experience, as long as you are motivated to learn and explore. **Hope to see you in November!**



**OLA KOWALEWSKA**  
**EDITOR OF OULU 2020**

**Dear reader and potential applicant,**

I am glad that you want to spend a bit of your time to read my **vision for the Media Team of Oulu 2020** which can be found below:

The session's theme refers to the **Northern Lights** - a phenomenon which many of us dreamed about to see - I want it to be an **inspiration** for the work of the Media Team. The goal is to create something beautiful and unforgettable not only in terms of the output but also environment to work and **self-development**.

I will be looking for an EA who specialises in videography and/or design. The Editorial Team will be working in a **flat style** so EA will also contribute to further development of the vision and shaping the Media Team as well as will have **freedom** to create their own vision for the output in their field of expertise.

Most of the team will be consisting of first timers and people with rather small experience in EYP Media - that is why I would love to create an **environment in which they would not be afraid to ask questions** and in which they will feel safe and secure. Everyone has some underbellies and fears which is completely fine - I want my team members to remember this. As I remember from my beginnings in EYP Media - I was pretty much confused with what is going on, what exactly I am expected to do etc. I don't want my team members to experience this situation and that is why I would like to prepare a series of **online modules** on basic abilities needed in EYP Media so when we all get to the session everyone will be at least a bit familiar with their role at the session. By this we would also have more time during CJO day to focus on **team building**, development of projects and more complex modules (depending on the needs of the team members).

Furthermore I would like to put a spotlight on the idea that **every person is full of inspiration**. Sometimes we forget to listen to quiet and less popular voices and this is just restricting our possibilities to broaden our horizons as people and society in general. As Oulu 2020 will concentrate on rural areas which are often forgotten in political debates I want the Media Team to search for the **"forgotten voices"** in session's participants. This may bring an unexpected discoveries and spark the light of inspiration which is (at least in my opinion) very important part of life and self-development.

If you find any of these ideas appealing to you and want to contribute to further developing them don't hesitate to apply and join us on this adventure!

All the best!

**Ola Kowalewska - Editress of Oulu 2020**

