



President's vision

Under the theme of “Flowing Beyond Borders”, Ljubljana 2021 will be an event focused on getting the most out of what EYP has to offer its participants. The Head-Organisers, the Organising Team and I intend to create an event where participants can engage with stakeholders, learn from each other and see what beautiful Slovenia has to offer.

The session theme is a common thread through the different session elements, and reflects a commitment to try and elevate this event to new heights. We intend to create an environment where junior and senior officials have the space to develop and implement their ideas, and where participants will be able to gain new insights that they can draw upon for years to come. In my work with the Head Organisers and the Organising Team so far, one element that was important to all of us was to allow people from different teams to work together directly and to collaborate on projects across team boundaries.

Over the last year, the EYP network has gained significant experience with organising events online, and one goal of this session is to enable participants to apply those skills to an in-person event as well. This means going beyond the *standard* pre-session routine, and looking into session elements such as expert meetings, teambuilding activities and academic activities before the start of the event, allowing everyone more time at the session itself to experiment with new ideas.

Finally, another important objective of the session is to allow participants to have meaningful interactions with partners and outside experts. The link to the city, to Slovenia's Presidency of the Council of the EU and to the session's partners will be integrated into different session elements, and we aim to provide participants with a forum in which they are able to engage with people working in different fields. By allowing participants to listen, talk to and engage with these partners, we hope to be able to get them to take away as much as possible from the event, and to gain a potentially life-changing experience.

Of course, we cannot do any of this on our own, and need the help of eager and enthusiastic people to help make all of this a reality. The above is the product of the ideas of the Organising Team and myself so far, but going forward we are looking for people who have their own clear vision about what it is they want to do, and to together create a fantastic event for everyone.

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