



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Chairs' team

**Milano 2021 – 92nd International Session of the European
Youth Parliament**



The 92nd International Session of the EYP will be held fully online between 24th of April and 1st of May 1st 2021. The event will be presided by Ms Rebecca Smith (FR). 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 **1** Vice-president, **and 2** Chairpersons.

Chairpersons bear significant responsibilities and play a crucial role in the success of the event. Therefore, we would be delighted if you were interested in making Milano 2021 an unforgettable event for the session's participants and the entire EYP community. All members of the Chairs' team are required to be fully available starting from April 22nd in order to attend the training. Departures are on Saturday, 1st of May. Additionally, please, note that in preparation for the session all members of the Chairs' team are required to attend the Chairs' Academic Training (CAT), which is scheduled to take place during the beginning of March. The exact dates of the CAT will be decided together with the Head Organisers and Editors. The training will take place over the weekend, and all members are asked to participate as of Thursday evening. Attendance of the CAT is an integral part of a member's responsibilities.

Message from the President

Dear EYPers,

This has been an... interesting year. The covid pandemic has forced a lot of adaptation, and we have all faced a lot of uncertainty. In the Milano Team, we chose to take it as an exercise of something fundamental for sustainability: resilience. The pandemic completely upended what we had planned for many months, and we decided to show resilience, by focusing on our goal- giving a high quality educational experience for youth all over Europe. We aim to make the best of the circumstances we were given, and see what opportunities arise with these challenges.

The Milano journey we are now on is different from the one originally planned, but the theme remains at its center: rethinking today, shaping tomorrow. These circumstances give us the possibility to be more creative and innovative than many previous sessions. Rethinking what we do today in EYP, and shaping what we can do tomorrow, making the best of digital tools.

With the changes in date and format, some had to step down, which is why we are looking for 2 chairpersons and 1 Vice President to complete the chairsteam. The main things we are looking for are motivation and vision, and we will particularly value if you have had some digital experiences (within and outside of EYP) that you would like to bring to Milano, to make it more meaningful for all those involved.

So if you feel like taking on this challenge in chairing and leadership, you have ideas on how to bring EYP online to the next level, and you want to bring a little cheer and connection in these challenging pandemic months, apply to join the team!

All the best,

Rebecca Smith

President of Milano 2021 – 92nd International Session of the European Youth Parliament



Selection criteria

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

The selection panel for Vice-Presidents and Chairpersons is composed of:

- i. a designated member of the National Organising Committee;
- ii. the President of the Session;
- iii. the Session President of the previous International Session two sessions before the session concerned;
- iv. a designated member of the Governing Body.

The team of selected individuals must include two or three Vice-Presidents and at least one Chairperson for each committee (including the Vice-Presidents).

The panel has to select the most suitable candidates according to the following criteria, while aiming at a balanced team in terms of experience, nationality, and gender:

For chairpersons:

Required:

- i. ability to lead a group and good understanding of group dynamics;
- ii. a sense of awareness of one's own strengths and weaknesses in the role.
- iii. a sense of responsibility, expressed motivation and commitment to supporting delegates' growth, including through ability to provide feedback;
- iv. a positive record of pre-session and post-session reliability;
- v. previous EYP group facilitation experience;

Desired:

- vi. Creativity and vision for the role;

For vice-presidents:

Required:



- i. a solid understanding of the EYP and a strong personal vision for the role;
- ii. high sense of responsibility, expressed motivation and commitment to further EYP's objectives;
- iii. good leadership skills and advanced understanding of group dynamics;
- iv. commitment and ability to support team members' growth in the role, including through ability to provide feedback;
- v. very good planning and organisational skills;
- vi. training experience: ability to plan, run and evaluate training modules;
- vii. positive record of pre- and post- session reliability;
- viii. ability to represent EYP in an official capacity;
- ix. a sense of awareness of one's own strengths and weaknesses in the role;
- x. academic ability to engage with a wide variety of current European Issues;
- xi. considerable facilitation experience at EYP events, including board experience of bigger EYP events (e.g. one week international fora, 100+ participants/10+ committees)

Desired:

- xii. at least one previous experience as IS team leader (chairperson/editor/head-organiser).

23. The President can include, in the call for chairs' team, specific additional criteria they would like the candidates to be evaluated against, in consultation and agreement with the Governing Body and the NOC.

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 Session President Ms Rebecca Smith (FR), past session President Ms Julia Fahy (IE), a member of the Governing Body Mr Nikola Popovic (RS) and a designated member of the NOC Ms Katerina Mucci (IT).

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 Resources Officer 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 Alumni 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 92nd International Session in Milano 2021 as either a Vice-president or Chairperson and fill in the 'additional fields' in the application form (questions are listed below).
4. The deadline for submitting your application on the platform and sending in your updated Session History document to the hr@eyp.org is **Monday, 11th January 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 Alumni platform at <https://members.eyp.org/structure-and-policies>.

Application questions

Please, note that the panel will be looking for quality rather than quantity, which is why we kindly ask all applicants to ensure that none of their answers to any of the questions below exceeds the word limit.

1. What NC did you start your EYP involvement with or which NC national delegation were you a part 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 250 words)
3. What skills and strengths have you developed (in EYP or otherwise) which will contribute to your preferred role? Contrast this with some personal weakness that you would like to tackle. (max 250 words)
4. What is your motivation to apply to Milano? What do you wish to achieve, for yourself and for others? (max 250 words)
5. How do you think EYP can make the most of digital tools, and what innovations would you like to implement in Milano IS? (max 250 words)

Additionally for Vice-President:

6. Leadership in times of crisis: how would you contribute to the board and chairsteam of Milano IS? What do you think are the main challenges ahead, and how do you plan to face them ? (max 300 words)

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The selection will only begin once the application deadline is over. All the applicants will be informed individually about the outcome of the selection process.

Should you have any questions regarding the application procedure, please contact the EYP HR Officer at hr@eyp.org.