

INFO BOOKLET

DELEGATES



GIRONA 2017

12th National Selection Conference of EYP Spain



Welcome to Girona!

Letter from the HOs



Dear delegates of Girona 2017,

It is an honour for us to welcome you to, what is going to be, the event that will introduce you in the amazing world of European politics. We are Carlota Cumella and Ariadna Romans, and we will be the ones in charge to make this experience unforgettable! We are currently at university studying Law and Governance (Carlota) and Political Sciences and Philosophy (Ariadna). Instead we have been EYPers for a while, for us, Girona 2017 will be a challenge as much as for you. And we have something in common: we all want the session to be a SUCCESS.

You may feel a bit nervous right now. And that's normal. Even more, this is a good symptom. You only feel nervous when you appreciate what you are doing. So, calm down and keep reading. We want to make this first step easier for you. Therefore, our incredible team created this booklet.

We will still be organising the session by the time you are reading this, but since the very first moment we had one idea in mind: we all had been delegates once.

However, we are conscientious that you all came here with different interests. We know there are different individual purposes in the session, and they may be very different one from the other. Therefore, we created very different activities concerning a great variety of topics, so that we can adjust the plan to each of these interests and purposes.

Having said that, we can only welcome you once more to the session and warn you about something: this is not going to be easy, but challenges make us grow, and this is our main expectation to you in this session. Life is not a sofa; it is not supposed to be comfortable. You must fight for achieving what you want. It is there where you make the difference.

See you soon,

Carlota Cumella and Ariadna Romans
Head Organisers of Girona 2017

Letter from the President



Dear delegates,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome you to Girona 2017. Congratulations for coming this far, I am thrilled you have decided go on this adventure. We hope that EYP will challenge you in many ways, personal and intellectual: how much you can do in one day, how closely you can work with people you have just met, how you can understand and propose solutions to complex and difficult problems.

I was in your shoes in March 2008, a delegate in my national conference. I have very fond memories of that experience, the first in many that have come to transform me. EYP has the potential to be an invaluable learning experience. So leave your doubts behind, come with an open and curious mind and take part in what we want to share with you.

Projects like EYP are more relevant than ever, with political events in Spain, the EU and the world casting doubt on the ability of people to cooperate for common goals, on solidarity, on a more open, safe, respectful and healthy world. Politics can be very polarising, with opposite sides disliking and distrusting each other so much that dialogue, and thus cooperation, are impossible. It is more important than ever to have platforms to enable this dialogue, to discuss openly difficult and controversial issues that shape our society, to share differing opinions and look for common ground. It is more important than ever to connect with each other and create networks of support.

Looking forward to how this session will impact you, and how you will then impact your world.

Looking forward to meeting you all in April in Girona,

Rebecca Smith

President of Girona 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Smith". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped "R" and a cursive "Smith".

What is the European Youth Parliament?

The EYP represents a non-partisan and independent educational project which is tailored specifically to the needs of the young European citizen.

The EYP encourages independent thinking and socio-political initiative in young people and facilitates the learning of crucial social and professional skills. Since its inauguration, many tens of thousands of young people have taken part in regional, national and international sessions, formed friendships and made international

contacts across and beyond borders. The EYP has thus made a vital contribution towards uniting Europe.

Today the EYP is one of the largest European platforms for political debate, intercultural encounters, political educational work and the exchange of ideas among young people in Europe. The EYP consists of a network of 35 European associations and organisations in which thousands of young people are active in a voluntary capacity.

Objectives

The aims of the European Youth Parliament are to:

- Raise awareness of European issues, encourage active European citizenship and motivate students to get engaged in European politics.
- Promote international understanding, intercultural dialogue and diversity of ideas and practices.
- Contribute to the personal skills development of European youth.
- Provide a forum in which young people of Europe can express their own opinions, without reverting to role play.
- Give room for non-formal education to students all around Europe based on the peer-to-peer and learning-by-doing principles.

What we do

The EYP involves well over 20,000 young people at more than 100 regional, national and international events through 40 national organisations every year.

All EYP sessions follow a similar programme and are based on the same methodology:

Firstly the participants divide into international committees and take part in team building. In the ensuing committees the young delegates start working on a current issue of European politics and compose a joint resolution. Finally, the resolutions are debated in a parliamentary General Assembly following the model of the European Parliament in English.

Through a rich cultural programme with events such as Euroconcert, Eurovillage or the Country Presentations, the participants become active and creative themselves and express themselves through music, acting and dance.



What is a National Selection Conference?

The European Youth Parliament Spain organises several Regional Sessions and one National Session throughout the academic year. The National Selection Conference gathers around 80 participants from all over Spain who have been selected at a Regional Session. In this conference, some of the delegates are selected as individuals or schools to attend an international event and, therefore, become members of the organisation. This was the objective behind previous national sessions in Girona (2007), Banyoles (2007), Sevilla (2008), Barcelona (2009), Zaragoza (2010), Madrid (2011), Sitges (2012), Bilbao (2013), Valencia (2014), Sevilla (2015) and Palma de Mallorca (2016) which gathered Spanish stu-

dents as well as a significant number of international participants

This five-day session is a simulation in small-scale of an International Sessions. The delegates participate in the three core activities of the European Youth Parliament: Teambuilding, Committee Work and General Assembly, as well as in other European-related events.

The selection process requires some jury members. Three experienced members of the organisation select the future members of the European Youth Parliament following the same criteria as in the Regional Sessions.



Girona 2017: Looking forward to what?

Every session within EYP has a theme from which the session is structured and focused, as well as the topics that are discussed therein. This year our theme is “Looking forward to what?” (Looking ahead towards what/for what? What do we expect from the future?).

We believe that Europe and the European Union are going through difficult times and that we must look for things that connect us: common projects that give us the excitement and determination to work to move forward and achieve the goals we set out.

Girona National Selection Conference 2017 is focused on providing the delegates with a platform where they can express freely, in an envi-

ronment where every idea is heard and in which reason –and not sensationalism– dominates the debates.

We believe that now is the time to define common goals and decide which direction we want to take them. We must accept that in order to reach all agreements, we must dialogue and give in.

Because if we want to live together, we must decide together.

*Looking forward to what?
What are you looking forward to?*



Session Venues



Ibis Budget Hotel Delegates' Accommodation

The hotel is located a few minutes from the historic center (5 minutes to the cathedral). Ibis Budget is a smart and modern guest house, providing en suite rooms equipped with LCD TVs and international channels. The delegates will be organized in rooms of two and three people with separate beds.

Ibis Hotel Teachers' Accommodation

The teachers will sleep in a separated hotel next to ibis budget.

All rooms are ideal for rest, stays equipped with air conditioning, heating, LCD TV and WiFi. They will sleep in rooms of two people with separate beds.



La Devesa Park, with an area of nearly 40 hectares, is the city of Girona's urban green space and one of the largest in Catalonia. All teambuilding activities take place in this quiet and magnificent park. Most of the park is populated by some trees, but the centre of the park also has open, sunny spaces prepared for sports and other activities.

Parque de la Devesa Teambuilding





Auditori Josep Irla

Opening Ceremony / General Assembly

The auditorium is located in the old chapel of the hospital of Santa Caterina. Today the chapel has been completely renovated and converted today at the Auditorium Josep Irla. You will have the chance to appreciate the most significant element in this room: the large painting of RM Alsina The Great Day of Girona.

Casa de Cultura

School Presentations

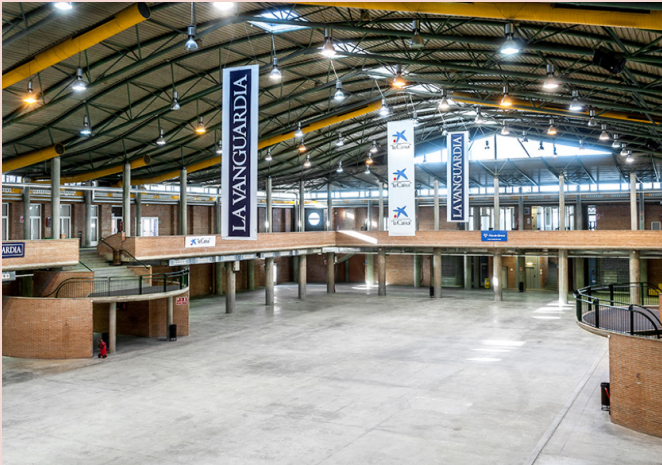
The House of Culture of Girona is a private foundation of cultural promotion directed by the Diputacion of Girona. The school presentations will take place in this venue in which you should prepare, along with your classmates, a brief and imaginative way to present yourselves and your school.



Universitat de Girona

Committee Work

All committee work activities will take place within this faculty. In this center there are taught Degree in Law, Political Science and Public Administration and Criminology, plus two Masters: Law of damages and Access Law. The Faculty also participates in inter university master's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.



Palau Firal Farewell Party

The exhibition center is a large space of more than 3500 square meters. The Exhibition Centre is a unique multipurpose venue that makes its facilities available for use by private individuals, associations and companies. Therefore, it is the ideal place to celebrate our great farewell party.

Session Programme

Wednesday, 5th April

Till 18:00

Arrivals and registration

18:00 - 20:00

Free time

20:00 - 21:00

Preparation for Eurovillage

21:00 - 23:00

Eurovillage

16:30 - 17:30

Preparation for Opening Ceremony

17:30 - 19:00

Opening Ceremony

19:00 - 21:30

School presentation

21:30 - 23:00

Dinner

Thursday, 6th April

9:00 - 13:00

Teambuilding

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 16:30

Teambuilding

Friday, 7th April

9:00 - 14:30

Committee Work

14:30 - 15:45

Lunch

16:00 - 17:30

Look Forward event

17:30 - 20:00

Committee Work

20:00 - 20:30
Transfer to Centre

20:30 - 23:00
Committee Dinners

Saturday, 8th April

9:00 - 14:30
Committee Work

14:30 - 15:45
Lunch

15:45 - 19:00
Committee Work

19:00 - 19:30
Trasfer to City Centre

19:30 - 21:30
Gymkana

21:30 - 23:00
Dinner and Farewell Party

Sunday, 9th April

9:00 - 14:00
General Assembly

14:00 - 15:30
Lunch

15:30 - 18:00
General Assembly

18:00 - 19:00
Closing Ceremony

19:00 onwards
Departures

Session Overview

Eurovillage

Description: During the Eurovillage evening, every school will represent an European country which is not Spain. The students will have to prepare, according to the country that has been assigned to them, traditional food from that country. We suggest the delegates to wear traditional costumes and bring a flag. The students will need to prepare all this on beforehand and bring it with them to Girona.

Each of the schools taking part in the event will represent one different country, and during the Eurovillage evening, all the participants will have the chance to try the food that other delegations have brought and taste the diversity of Europe.

Where: Hostel Courtyard.

Dress Code: Casual / Representative of each Country.

Must bring: Food and beverages to represent your country and typical items to decorate your delegation table.

Teambuilding

Description: A series of group exercises aimed at helping the participants define their own rules and working procedures, adapted to their personalities and guided by volunteers with years of experience. During this first day, the participants will learn to overcome prejudice in an atmosphere of constructive discussions, constant feedback and mutual help, strengthening both their spirit and ability to work as a team. We recommend delegates to wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

Where: Parque de la Devesa.

Dress Code: Casual.

Must bring: Desire to have a good time!

Opening Ceremony

Description: This will mark the official start of the session and it will be held at 'Auditorium Josep Irla', located in the old chapel of the hospital of Santa Caterina.

Where: Auditorio Josep Irla.

Dress Code: Formal.

Committee Work

Description: Over the following three days, each of the recently formed Committees will face the challenge of writing a Resolution on one of the various topics of debate. Starting from the knowledge gathered during the long period of preparation before the event, the delegates will work to find solutions that are both adequate and innovative assisted by their chairperson. This work will then be compiled into a Motion for a Resolution to be shared with all the participants.

Where: Universitat de Girona, Law Faculty.

Dress Code: Smart.

Must bring: Pen and paper, their personal research material, Delegate's booklet, PCs and tablets can also be very useful.

Committee Dinners

Description: On this night, delegates will be taken to different restaurants across Girona to taste its food with their committees.

Where: Girona city centre.

Must bring: Money (Note that the participation fee does not cover this meal, therefore each delegate must bring about 15 Euros).

General Assembly

Description: The final day of Girona 2017 will bring together all the participants at a plenary session where each Motion for a Resolution will be presented, debated and voted. At the end will be the Closing Ceremony of the session. Formal business attire has to be rigorously followed: no jeans, snickers, jumpers etc.

Where: Auditorium Josep Irla.

Dress Code: Formal.

Dress Code

FORMAL

Formal clothing accounts for suits with ties for gentlemen and suits, dresses or appropriate length skirts for the ladies. You will be expected to follow this dress code at the following events: Opening Ceremony, General Assembly, Closing Ceremony.

SMART

Smart clothing accounts for whatever in between formal and casual clothing. You are expected to follow the aforementioned clothing code during the Committee Work and Night Activities, these include the Farewell Party and Committee Dinners.

CASUAL

You are free free to wear any type of clothing in which you feel comfortable as long as they are suited to the weather conditions of the moment. You are expected to follow this dress code during Teambuilding and any outdoors activity.

Girona: The City

Girona is an ancient town several thousand years old in Catalonia, Spain. The city has approximately 100,000 people and serves as the capital of the Girona Province in Catalonia and of the comarca of the Gironès. It is located 99 km northeast of Barcelona and it is one of the major Catalan cities. Girona is a city on a human scale with all the charm of a larger city. It is, therefore, a relaxing and at the same time enriching brake from the crowded cities.

In this wonderful city, you can enjoy an exhaustive number of activities both playful and cultural. Spanning from walking along the ancient wall for excellent views of the city to admire the ancient narrow streets of the old Jewish section.



The Weather

One of the most important things to keep in mind before embarking on this fantastic journey is to know what is the usual climate in Girona, as this will largely determine the clothing you will use during the session.

The typical average temperature of Girona for the dates in which the national session is celebrated is around 16º Celsius; however, the temperatures might decrease considerably depending on the day. We, therefore, strongly recommend that you bring a coat and warm clothes. Usually the climate of the city is not very rainy, but we recommend to bring waterproof clothing in case it does.

What to see in Girona

Girona is a very beautiful city not only due to particular elements that you can visit but in general due to its streets and neighborhoods. Among the most significant places of Girona that stand out for their architecture we can highlight the following:

- **Catedral de Girona**, cathedral which its interior includes the widest Gothic nave in the world (yes, it's the one from Game of Thrones)
- **Església de Sant Feliu**, second church in the city. Closed for renovation as of Sept 2007.
- **Banys Arabs** (Arab baths), c/de Ferran Catholic. Opens: 10 AM - 2 PM.
- **Cul de la lleona**, (female lion's butt). As the legend says, you'll only come back if you kiss the lion's butt.
- **Sant Pere de Galligants**, benedictine abbey. It is also home to the Archaeological Museum.
- **The Walls**, the extension of the Roman walls during the medieval ages today enables visitors to stroll along a walkway following some sections of the longest Carolingian walls in Europe (9th century). The various towers are excellent vantage points offering views over the city and the surrounding areas
- **El Pont de Ferro, (Eiffel's bridge)**. Colorful and unique bridge designed by Gustave Eiffel just before the construction of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.



How to **arrive** in Girona

Owing to the fact that you all come from the different regions of Spain, here we explain you how can you reach Girona:

BY PLANE:

The frequency of Girona Airport isn't very high but it's easier to get to Girona, you only have to take BUS Nº 607 to arrive to Girona Bus Station, but there will be an organiser at the airport station.

BY TRAIN OR BUS:

The train station is located with the bus station in the city centre (Plaza España). From here to the hostel you just have to pick the bus L2 at the same train station but there will be an organiser at the train station.

Note that all delegates and teachers are expected to arrive on the April 5th to the hostel no later than 18:00. On Sunday, April 9th, departures will take place from 19:00 onwards.

Session **Rules & Policies**

During the national session the students represent their school and should therefore behave properly. It is the teacher's responsibility to inform their students about this. Please note that all EYP activities are non-alcoholic and that all kinds of drugs are forbidden. The EYP has a zero tolerance policy towards alcohol and drugs.

Managing a conference with a large number of participants requires the organisers to know where you are at all times. This means that you cannot leave the official programme without the permission of an organiser. Even when an authorisation has been given, you must always with an organiser. Under no circumstances can you leave by yourself. The session also adheres to the Policies established by the European Youth Parliament Network. Any participants who breaks the rules will be sent home at their own expense.

Essentials

Those super-important things you always forget to bring... Once you're here with no possibility to go back home and they are crucial:

- > Passport or ID card.
- > Printed copy of your Passport/ID card.
- > Three ID size photos (15x18 mm)
- > Visa (if required)
- > Towel and flip-flops
- > Consent Form signed by parents or tutor
- > Health insurance card and Medical Sheet.
- > Money in Euros .
- > Mobile phone (and charger).
- > Committee Work kit (all articles or research made prior to the session).

Additional Information

PARTICIPATION FEE

All the EYP sessions are financed by grants given the nature of our organisations. The economic help provided by grants or donations covers a good part of the costs of the event, but a little contribution from the participants is still needed to make the event possible. For that reason, there is a participation fee for every participant:

DELEGATES (students): 85 euros per delegate

TEACHERS: 90 euros per teacher

The fee includes all expenses during the event: food, accommodation, etc. except for the Committee Dinners which will take place on Friday 7th of March 2017, both for teachers and delegates.

MONEY TRANSFER

We kindly ask you to transfer the money corresponding to the participation fees to EYP España before the date we will specify in an email. When transferring the money, please remember to make reference to: **CONCEPTO:** *GironaNombreColegio*

Also make sure to pay all bank charges involved in making the transfer. It is recommendable to keep a copy of the transfer receipt, in case any difficulties arise.

Thank you for your understanding. We really appreciate your cooperation.

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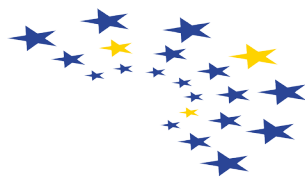


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