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EYP-Ukraine has celebrated its 10-th anniversary



## EDITORIAL

Dear EYPers!

We are very happy to present the first issue of our renewed newsletter.

From now on you will get the portion of EYP news and some food for thought on the regular basis. The first newsletter is a fresh start, so we hope it will only get better with time.

We hope you enjoy reading it, and promise to fill every next issue with interesting, funny and useful information. It never gets boring in EYP, something is happening all the time, so we'll keep you updated.

Stay tuned for the next issues, and keep in mind, that all materials of this newsletter were made with Love:)

To be continued...

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# 10th on 10th. EYP-Ukraine has celebrated its anniversary

On the 10th of June we've celebrated 10 years of EYP-Ukraine. Is that a lot, or too little? A 10-year-old child is considered to be very young, while 10 years of existence change a lot in any living creature. To see whether 10 years were significant for EYP-Ukraine, let's look at numbers:

- 7 Regional Sessions in Lviv;
- 5 Regional Sessions in Kyiv;
- 3 Regional Sessions in Sumy;
- 3 National Selections;
- 2 International Sessions;
- 25 cities covered by InterRail;
- Kharkiv and Khmelnytskyi Regional events.

Thousands of Ukrainians have experienced EYP starting with 2000. There are already EYP children, EYP couples and EYP friendships. There is definitely LOADS to celebrate!!!

The celebration took place in the hall of Kyiv City Administration on the 10th of June and lasted for more than 12! hours. How come? Lets see!

**1 p.m.** - EYPers gather in KMDA and register.

**1.30 p.m.** - debates hosted by Kristina Chelmakina and Oleg Shimanskyi take place. Younger EYPers get a chance to learn how it all started, while older go back in their memories.



**3.30 p.m.** - lunch break

**4.30 p.m.** - reception. Honourable guests and speakers, words from 2 honorary EYP-Ukraine presidents and 1 current, representative of the Delegation of the EU, German Ambassador. More fun from EYPers performing

songs and dances, special appearance from the Dnipro choir.

**7 p.m.** - end of the official part

**9 p.m.** - paaartaaaay! Veles club, EYPers, dance competitions and lots of fun.

The party went on until around 4 a.m., when tired, happy, and tipsy the last ones went home.





# Presidential speech at EYP-Ukraine 10th anniversary celebration



## Presidential Speech at EYP-Ukraine 10th Anniversary Celebration

Dear members of EYP, honourable guests, your Excellencies!

I am extremely happy to welcome you at the official celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the International Youth NGO 'European Youth Parliament – Ukraine'. It is great pleasure and honour to have all of you here: active members of EYP, EYP alumni, partners, and friends – all passionate supporters of our organisation!

It has been 10 years since it all started – we have grown and developed: in 2004 we were organising two regional sessions during the year, in 2009 – we have managed to conduct 25 of them in two weeks!

EYP-Ukraine has also developed regionally – at the moment we have members and representatives in all regions of Ukraine. Last year we have engaged over 1000 young Ukrainians into parliamentary debates and the learning process of mutual communication, team-work and leader-

ship.

Annually we conduct numerous regional and national events; we coordinate volunteers at Europe Day celebrations. We send delegations to represent Ukraine at over 20 conferences, sessions and fora all over Europe each year. For our successful activities we have been already for the second time honoured to organise and host the 65th International Session of the European Youth Parliament in Lviv in October this year.

No doubt that none of these activities would be possible without the support of the amazing people and organisations who have worked with us during these 10 years.

My words of gratitude on behalf of EYP-Ukraine for commitment and support go to the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Council of Europe, the UN Office in Ukraine, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Germany, Embassies of the United Kingdom, United States of America, the Netherlands and others, the International Organisation on Migration, the HIV/AIDS International Alliance, Ministries of Ukraine for Foreign Affairs, Family, Youth and Sports, Education and Science, city administrations of Kyiv, Lviv, Sumy and other regional centres of Ukraine, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Economic University and other educational

establishments of Ukraine. And, of course, our keen private supporters: CFC Consulting Company, Wizardry Web Agency, System Capital Management, Coca-Cola Ukraine, Kraft Foods Ukraine, Ahmad Tea London and many more!

In all our activities we aspire to develop the pragmatic and objective attitude of the Ukrainian youth towards the European integration of Ukraine as well as promote the European values among them – mutual coexistence and tolerance, freedom of speech, democratic decision making, protection of human rights.

We are 10 years old, yet we are young and ambitious. Striving for the stars we know that we are the ones who create the world around us as long as we constantly improve and make changes.

'Gutta cavat lapidem, non vi, sed saepe cadendo', – said Romans in old times: a water drop will break the stone, not by the force, but repetition!





## General Assembly - has nothing to do with generals!



The term 'General Assembly' can be often heard coming from parliamentary use in the meaning of the closing event of the session, when all the participants take part in the discussion of the committee work results. This is also the term EYP commonly uses to describe/define organisational congresses that are being held every 4 months and gather active EYP members from different parts of Ukraine. Department reports, reports of delegations on the past events, as well as interviews with the new members are integral parts of a General Assembly. Therefore, such events as GA could be considered 'Open Door Days' for EYP newcomers. However, this year the EYP Board decided to slightly change the usual GA format in order to make the event

more interesting and informative for EYP-Ukraine members that have been actively involved in the organisation's life for a long time.

The program of the first renovated assembly, which was held on March 26, was developed by the members of two departments: Human Resources and Public Relations. At the beginning of the event it was agreed to hold a training on common all-European issues. Anastasia Ianovytska, an active EYP member and intern of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine kindly agreed to share interesting facts about EU formation and institutions with the audience.

The next part of the event was devoted to the EYP departments and delegations' reports. The map of Europe followed a bit later. This map was created during the coffee break, when each EYP member had to mark (on the actual EU map) a European country he or she had visited while participating in EYP events. A curious fact is that only seven experienced EYPers that were present at the GA were able to cover up to 95% of all the EU countries! There were only Iceland and Vatican that remained without a flag-mark...

The closing part of the assembly was the interview with new members, after which a lot of young people were accepted to EYP-Ukraine. Hopefully they will add their own flag-marks to the EYP-Ukraine map of Europe later on.

## East International Forum in Kharkiv 2010



The start of EIF 2010 was bright and loud. As soon as I left the train, I had no difficulty defining who was meeting delegates. Who else would shout without a reason in a crowded place? :) We were gathered and brought by bus to the place we would be calling "home" for the next 4 days. Even though it was 60 km away from the city and reminded me of the USSR, and had neither hot water nor shops around, it didn't scare away any of the delegates.

We unpacked and had some team-building games. Well, actually the schedule was not unique. Firstly, we were separated in 7 committees. Then we got acquainted, and got to work on our resolutions, in other words – have done a serious parliamentary work there... Now let's get to the fun stuff!

Every evening we had a theme party: 'Back to the Future', 'Pajamas Party', and 'Alice in Wonderland'. The team of organisers did a great job in party preparations, so, we all had a lot of. Although the parties finished by 12 p.m., there were not many lucky guys, who slept more, than 3 hours per night. And, despite that, all the committees have successfully defended their resolutions! EYPers are just THAT talented!

But you shouldn't think that all the fun was happening out of the city. All the official events were held in Kharkiv universities.

Moreover, we had a quest around the city right after the opening ceremony. It was a kind of competition between committees, but in fact nobody won.

One of the brightest parts for the Forum was the General Assembly. It was the first time I had visited one and I was really happy to participate in such an interesting and masterful debate. Despite all the instructions, there were cases of breaking the GA rules when some delegates couldn't resist the temptation to talk without raising a committee placard!

My train was leaving early, so I had to leave before the closing ceremony. Those who stayed said that the head organiser was even crying closing the EIF. But no time to cry for me, a really funny trip with Polish delegates followed the forum!

## 4th Kyiv Regional Session, 26-29 April

If one session starts right after another one can notice that. Especially when you take part in both events. Officials came to Kyiv RS right off the Kharkiv train and all they could and had time to do was take a 'Georgian shower' (which basically means pouring perfumes all over oneself). But it seemed like the delegates noticed nothing – so surprised they were watching the 'EYP team-building madness' (that's what they most likely thought of).

In the premises of Kyiv International Relations Lyceum #51, which hosted the entire event, the team-building had started. Many of the participants were officially dressed local students who expected a serious and boring debate to start right away. Ha! Instead they had a number of unexpected experiences: Big Fat Pony followed by 'Alele Kita Ponga', and finally a Zulu Dance.

Day 2 was THE day for serious work. First of all, we had probably the most serious opening ceremony ever (maybe, only excluding International Sessions) with European and Ukrainian politicians making speeches.

The ceremony really helped to get all delegates in the working mood, keeping the session motto and words that have been said during the opening ceremony – 'Make changes today – caring for our planet Earth together!!!' in their minds.

And then the committee work started. For younger participants it was complicated, but they coped with the task! All committees truly exceeded expectations. Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee II (ENVI II), chaired by Jindrich Rusin (CZ) and

Kateryna Baskanova (UA), had the most lively and heat debate on genetically modified food issue.

At the same time ENVI I committee generated a grand action plan. With only 4 hours of work, committee, chaired by Mila Pestun (BY) and Kateryna Popovych (UA), proposed some ideas on how to have a safe trip through Danube Delta, to install the 'Noise Pollution Detector', and the new 'ENVI-Modern Filtering System' on tankers, carrying chemicals. They were about to set their plans in motion, but had to postpone it in order to be on time for GA.

Committee on culture and education (CULT), chaired by Katya Vynogradova (UA) and Uchenna Egbete (NG/UA), had no choice, but to present the nicest resolution ever, because this committee consisted of 13 beautiful and smart girls. So, there, literally weren't other options for them. And the last, but not the least committee, ITRE, chaired by Jakob Blomqvist (SE), the President of the Session and Nastya Bezpalchuk (UA), gained fame of the most serious committee on the session. They were so hard-working that voluntarily refused to have coffee-break. Their chairpersons loved them! As a gift to everyone, a visit to National Opera was organised. It seemed like everyone knows the story of Romeo and Juliet, but Eric from Germany was THE person who didn't, and was interested how the story will eventually end =)

The last day...half-day sleep, half-day – GA. Goal achieved: younger EYPers attracted. Time to pack suit-cases and go home.



## To Tromso or NOT to Tromso? That is a question!



Once upon a time Earth was shaken by the volcano eruption, and huge cloud of ash covered the sky and blocked sunlight for years, and the whole planet fell into freezing winter of Ice Age... Those of you, who did well at school, recognized this sentence as one of the theories of the extinction of dinosaurs, but those of you, who had better things to do at school than mourning the loss of overgrown reptiles probably thought that it's time to look for warmer clothes, as Ice Age is getting closer. The volcano is on again! But let's not get ahead of ourselves. The only Ice Age we are going to see is a cartoon with funny squirrel in it, and the greatest danger for us now is dying from boredom while being stuck at the airport. Now that is the problem!

It all started very dramatically. On April 21, southern Iceland's volcano with unpronounceable name – Eyjafjallajökull began erupting sending ash several km high into the air. Winds pushed the cloud of ash south

and east, across Britain, Ireland, and all of Scandinavia right into the heart of Europe. 'Peacefully' drifting in the sky and completely invisible from the ground this cloud blocked the main air flight paths through the continent and beyond.

Air space over Europe was shut down, and all in all more than 100 000 flights were cancelled and. And as a result railway and bus stations had to stand the siege of those who didn't lose faith in getting to the destination point. Extra trains and buses were put on but still the lines to buy tickets were so long that the rail companies handed out free coffee to sugar the pill. Sure, who needs those tickets if it almost felt like a party with bunch of strangers and free coffee?!!

Of course EYP-members couldn't stay away when the whole Europe was suffering. So, they were right in the middle. In the middle of the airport – in Riga... While the real goal was Tromso, Norway. Or, to be exact –

the International EYP session in Tromso.

A situation like this really calls for sarcasm and bitterness. But not for our fellow EYPers, who think positive!

Somehow it appeared that Ukrainian delegation to Tromso was not a big fan of lounging at the airport, so, they found a way out, to be more precise - a totally new way out! Being fed up with Riga's unexpected hospitality, they've decided to go to Tallinn. Not sure what means of transportation they used, but they might've just take a long walk to kill the time and end up in the capital of Estonia. (Baltic countries are very compact and convenient, don't you think?)

And they didn't stop at that point. To overcome a disappointment of not getting to observe Northern lights and variety of wooden architecture of Tromso, they decided to make a little Euro-tour through more 'available' countries, with their last stop in Oslo. But who can tell the story of the trip better than exhausted and emotional travellers! That's why we have specially delivered the comments from those who lived to tell the tale:

'When we realized that there's actually no way to get to the session, we thought: 'Should we be depressed about this or think of benefits we can take out of the situation?' Of course the second variant took over – and here we go: Riga, Yurmala, Tallinn, Stockholm, Oslo. These are the cities we've been to in some short two-week period. Having the awesome 5 members of the delegation represented by Yura Alikseev, Anya Suprunenko, Maksym Nikolaichuk, Olena Vazhynska and Natalia Tarasevych we've never got bored and always enjoyed spending time together. It was really great to have the opportunity to arrange our unplanned trip in the spontaneous way! For example, while getting to Oslo we remembered that we haven't booked any accommodation, nevertheless we arrived there, and after spending 5 hours at the bus station we did find the apartment. We've always kept in mind that we are not just a random company but a delegation therefore we held such events as Euro village, Teambuilding (we had name games, trust games as well as energizers)'.

## Use a chance! The list of selected delegates to nearest international EYP-events

### Delegates to International Forums and Regional Sessions:

1. Oleksandra Gipsh
2. Olena Zagorodna
3. Ruslan Azarov
4. Oksana Kagdin
5. Kennedy Nnodim
6. Anastasia Filipciuk
7. Anastasia Desyatova
8. Kate Kaimashnikova
9. Iryna Gorobets
10. Syuzanna Kakar

11. Anastasia Bezpalchuk
12. Terry Udah
13. Iryna Savchuk
14. Anastasia Olkhovnikova
15. Viktoria Hrubas
16. Sergey Sabadazh

### Delegates to the 65th IS of the EYP in Lviv, Ukraine (21. – 31.10. 2010):

1. Noah Adjonyo
2. Darija Popelnukh
3. Lyudmyla Tokhtarova

4. Kateryna Popovych
5. Olga Popovych
6. Kateryna Kalendruz
7. Maryana Hrebenuk

### Waiting list for the International Session:

1. Oleksandra Gipsh
2. Olena Zagorodna



## EYP summer horoskope

### Capricorn

Summer season will drive you up to the top of EYP career. Either being selected the President of the Forum or the Editor at the International session, relax and take everything for granted. Remember nobody is so generous in this life to give the upfront payment, everything you got, you deserved much earlier!!

### Aquarius

The stars have grouped into EU flag circle and dancing around you. The hottest season of the year will be very productive for any sphere you pick up: whether you want to fundraise money for Lviv session or write an article to the next issue of WC – no obstacles for you, this time, Aquarius!

### Pisces

Golden rule is just a phrase for all upcoming events you are going to 'dive into' dear Pisces. Take care of your attractive body and rehearse your charming smile. You are facing the highest possibility to meet THE eyper you were looking for. But be careful, distance is a serious test.

### Aries

The beginning of summer will train your patience. If you take a deep breath and wait for the deserved – a present will fall straight to your open hands. The life grants those hardworking and devoted. Closer to the end of august you will face a significant change. Either being elected to the board of EYP-Ukraine or becoming a member of the Officials team at Lviv International session, take the best of it!

### Taurus

What goes around comes around. Think twice before writing some dirty things to gossip box or leaving "do not like" comment to some eypers pictures on facebook. On the contrary, helping out with inside organisation stuff, living active EYP-Ukraine's life and be very polite to the President and Vice-



campaigns or starting your own column at WC rather than looking for 101 ways to avoid paying 25 hrn. monthly to the blonde secretary ☺.

### Virgo

Carpe diem and stop moaning. Each problem has a solution. All you need is just to type Introductory clauses to the problem and to go for a cocktail, looking for Operative ones. The answer is in the air – relax and wait for it to fall down on your head like an apple once did on Newton's. Avoid "Have never ever" game from middle June till the end of July. Your tongue might be an enemy for those dates. August is frizzy like champagne – prepare some cocktail dresses for hot EYP parties.

### Libra

You are ready for talent show. Summer charges your life battery to its fullness. Listen to your heart and follow the instincts. Euroconcert in Frankfurt might make you famous and from that moment "Imagine" will find a new voice of yours and will become a new irreplaceable part of each session. But do not forget that mankind created Papparazzi and Valid Arfush even edits the magazine with such a name. The chances to be caught up on the bar glued to some EYPers lips are very high. ☺

### Scorpio

"When love takes it over" Guetta sings about you, Scorpio. Be ready for a dizzy feeling. The world through pink glasses will inspire you and EYPers around for new inventions. The flying feeling will cause big money expenditure – put a limit on your credit card when inviting your sweetheart shopping!

### Sagittarius

Your optimistic attitude to life has always gathered people around you, making you an object "must know" in the society. This month you might need some solitude without European anthem, cocktail parties and noisy delegates. Hide in a cave for a week, unsubscribe eyp mailing list for a while and "forget" your cell phone at work. That is the only right way to focus on the next wave of your life. Whatever new decisions appear in your smart head, do not forget to be back to eyp-mailing list again!:)

Presidents will do the job and by the end of the summer you will enjoy the result of being a "goodie".

### Gemini

Both parts of your identity will lure you to the EU, and that is the only common decision they will make. Be ready for a rollercoaster. Many summer events have a very unpleasant feature – they are held at the same time period. Ignore emotional decisions in this case. Better call some good EYP friend or look through EYP memories album, evaluate all pros and cons.

### Cancer

The worst thing a cancer can do is to start making steps backwards when they are almost crossing the finish stripe. More confidence. July is not just your birthday month, it is the month when luck will visit you and if you make confident decisions it is very likely to 'stay in' for 3 months further. Do not forget about Lviv session budget, when you win the national lottery for the third time in a row.

### Leo

Your creativity potential in summer will shock EYP-Ukraine. Like a beauty that woke up from a deep sleep, you will finally come back to EYP reality and your projects will rock all the 3 upcoming months. Being a king, you always know what to do yourself. The only thing I suggest routing your creativity into useful direction like creating great EYP promo

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