





# Home-made & green

1st EYP-Ukraine-Mini-Session-Post-Inter-Rail-Thank-You-Happy-Hour-Party has hosted more than 20 EYPers for almost 2 days

On June 6, 2009 EYP-Ukraine has hold a special event: 1st EYP-Ukraine-Mini-Session-Post-Inter-Rail-Thank-You-Happy-Hour-Party. Although organised spontaneously, it contained all traditional EYP activities - teambuilding, debates, Eurovillage, wake-up calls etc.

The photos will tell you the story!





## Around Yourope

EYP-Ukraine has celebrated Europe Days in Kyiv, Ternopil and Kryvyi Rih



On May 16, May 23 and May 30, 2009 young volunteers coordinated by 'European Youth Parliament - Ukraine' celebrated Europe Day in three beautiful cities of Ukraine - Kyiv, Ternopil and Kryvyi Rih. This year, as all previous years since 2003, EYP-Ukraine has successfully acted as a



youth NGO partner of the European Commission Delegation to Ukraine recruiting and coordinating volunteers to work in the tents of the European countries, public debates and language schools.

The celebrations started from Kyiv;



although this year the Eurovillage welcomed guests only for three hours, everyone who came to Khreshchatyk had the chance to visit the tents of many European countries, speak to the embassy representatives and receive interesting information as well as try themselves in different quizzes conducted by volunteers.

One week later the Eurovillage moved to the western part of Ukraine - Ternopil. The celebration of the Europe Day has started with the performances of the local musicians followed by the official speeches of the Head of the EC Delegation to Ukraine and Ternopil city officials. Couple of hours later it started raining heavily and all visitors of the Eurovillage hid in the tents: and then the European integration in Ternopil started to be extremely active: the rain made nations much closer to each other. In the evening Eurovillage closed and S.K.A.Y. and

Ruslana's performances followed.

The last to welcome European countries, but absolutely not the least - was Kryvyi Rih. The celebration of the Europe Day was organised on the same day when people from Kryvyi Rih celebrated the City Day. Here, in the longest city of Europe the Eurovillage



was combined with a parade dedicated to the local holiday what made the celebration really spectacular. The celebrations ended with the concert of Lithuanian band InCulto and Ruslana.



## INTER-RAIL MEMORIES

### For the first time in EYP-Ukraine history: EYP-tour in 15 cities within one week

From April 28 to May 3, 2009 Inter-Rail Tour of EYP-Ukraine 'Dialogue Between Cultures - Way to Tolerance and Democracy' took place in 15 cities of the country. Here are some of the memories that participants were expressing after mini-sessions.



#### Inter-Rail Memories. Ivano-Frankivsk

The chairs team (Oleg, Tetiana, Slava) was just fascinated by the city of Ivano-Frankivsk. Mini-session did bear a strong resemblance to a real EYP-session. The first part of the day was mostly about having fun playing various teambuilding games.

As for the second part of it, all delegates were so keen on discussing their topics that it was

hard to match the time frames. The committee on Human Rights had around 50 brilliant ideas on their brainstorm flipchart and they refused to go home until they are done with discussing all of them. The Committee on Civil Liberties came up with really creative ways of solutions towards the conflicts on the grounds of bilingualism. It goes without saying that the GA turned out to be unbelievably passionate and fruitful

Our deepest gratitude goes to the organizers who have done a great job - Andrew and Oksana, you were just amazing!



#### Inter-Rail Memories. Poltava

On May 2, 2009 a mini-session of European Youth Parliament as part of the All-Ukrainian Inter-Rail Tour of EYP-Ukraine took place in Poltava. Participants formed a committee on

Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), moderated by members of EYP-Ukraine Anna Suprunenko and Natalia Tarasevych.



At the General Assembly the committee presented a resolution on the issue of bilingualism in Ukraine. Yana Kozulya, a guest from Committee of Family, Youth and Sport of Poltava City Council, attended EYP presentation and the closing ceremony of the session. The mini-session in Poltava was organized by Nina Ivanchenko (EYP-Ukraine) and Serhiy Shakhov, EYP alumnus, director of the Institute of Democratic Society and the founder of the Student Council in Poltava provided the venue for the event.

#### P.I.D. (Post Inter-Rail Depression) & gmail humour

### Wojtek's arrival

**Sasha Andrusyk, 25 May 22:40**

- He's arriving at 6'23, train # 44 (ivano-frankivsk), car #2. Liosha, I was trying to reach you, but your phone is unavailable for some reason - will you meet him?

And who can volunteer if Liosha doesn't? xx

**Nastyunya Polner, 25 May 22:46**

- When, where and why is he going to Ukraine?

**Oleg Shimanskyi, 25 May 22:56**

- If it's 2morrow - I can't  
If it's Wednesday - I can.

**Katya Vynogradova, 26 May 10:14**

- Was it today?

**Sasha Andrusyk, 26 May 23:37**

- No, a month ago - when i actually sent this message, no idea why it came to the group again

(Hahahaa. Wojtek's spirit is here even 3 weeks after the Inter-Rail)





## Crossing the borders: sessions, sessions, sessions ...



### 6th Regional Session of EYP in Lviv January 29 – February 1, 2009

EYP-Ukraine hosted participants from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, and Ukraine in Lviv. All participants were very active; most of them participated in EYP session for the first time. They managed to combine work in the committees with fun activities through all the session and make this event one of the most remarkable in their life. That's how EYP starts...

Experienced chairpersons from Belarus together with Ukrainian EYPers did their best to make the work in their committees as interesting as possible, and four days of the Session have passed in one moment.

The Opening Ceremony took place in the hall of Lviv City Council. Members of EYP were welcomed by the Secretary of Lviv City Council Volodymyr Kvyrt, Head of the Family, Youth and Sport Affairs Department Yuriy Nakonechnyy and British professor doctor Alan Flowers. The representatives from each country delegations were also given a floor.

Eurovillage was held on January 30 in the Euroclub, one of the halls of 'Lviv' hotel. Most of the delegates were wearing their national costumes, brought national food and thanks to their traditional songs and dances filled up this event with amazing multicultural atmosphere.

All the participants were ready to find out new information and get new knowledge about EU Identity which was the main theme of the session. After long hours of fruitful committee work and resolutions writing, the delegates participated in the General Assembly.

During the GA, the committees presented and defended their resolutions, attacked resolutions of one another and were extremely active in the debates, which left a pleasant feeling of having done something important for today's world.

### 1st Khmelnytskyi Regional Session February 5-8, 2009



The first foreign-session experience of the EYP-Ukraine regional representative Olena Sadoma was in Rzeszow (Poland). The first time she organised session – was in her native city – Khmelnytskyi. In her speech at the Opening Ceremony

of the session Olena said: 'People have welcomed me in so many cities and now I felt it

### Chairs' Trainings

On April 4, 2009 EYP-Ukraine organised a training event on academic and facilitation skills for its members. We thank the International Relations Lyceum # 51 for hosting and supporting us with the facilities. The trainers' team consisted of Martin Hoffmann, President of EYP-Ukraine National Selection 2008 (Germany), Oleksandra Mazur, member of EYP-Ukraine leadership, and Nastya Yanovytska, board member of EYP-Ukraine.

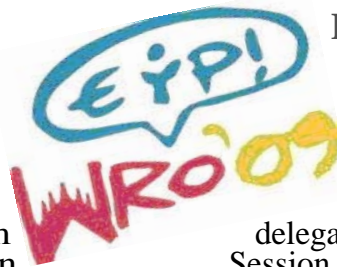
The first part of the training was dedicated to the history of European Union, its structure and EU-Ukraine relations. Then, theoretical and practical insights of the chairing methodology followed. The participants of the training got the opportunity to develop their leadership and facilitation skills. Many of them used this experience in practice during the All-Ukrainian Inter-Rail Tour in April-May 2009. Some of them will further improve their skills while chairing at the upcoming EYP events in Ukraine and abroad.



was my turn to welcome them back in my hometown Khmelnytskyi'.

The session held under the theme 'The Era of Choice – Is Europe Connected Only Economically or United In the Pursuit of Common Safety and Prosperity?' was a blast for over 50 participants from Ukraine, Belarus, Poland, Turkey, Georgia and Czech Republic.

Our special thanks go to the creative team of journalists who managed to create a true 'The Hatman Chronicles' newspaper: just imagine – 2 issues, 12 pages each! The journos made it possible for all who missed the event to feel and enjoy the spirit of the session, and obviously, to envy! (Khmelnytskyi session newspaper is available upon written request).



### 11th Regional Session of EYP Poland

4th to 8th March 2009

On March 4-8, 2009 the 11th Regional Session of EYP-Poland was held in the city of Wroclaw. It was an early morning when two Ukrainian delegates arrived to Wroclaw, for the Regional Session of EYP Poland, not realising how awesome and useful the session would be. They were – Vyacheslav Melnyk and Yaroslav Miller. The rest of Ukrainian delegation were officials: Nastya Polner (journ), Tetyana Lushpay (journ) and Oleg Shymanskyi (chair).

Teambuilding was conducted at the central square of the city. We wondered whether the good mood could be compared to infection, since more and more local people joined us in teambuilding games laughing and obviously enjoying the process.

The General Assembly was conducted in the hall of Wroclaw City Council in the working and efficient atmosphere. Vyacheslav Melnyk: 'The resolution of my committee, CULT, passed. Can somebody think of a better reward for the session? Of course yes! Those unbreakable bonds that were made between us here, in the city of Gothic Churches and Islands - is something to value and appreciate'.



### International Youth Forum, Istanbul May 15 -20, 2009

On May 14, 2009 one day prior to the session, Ukrainian delegation consisting of 7 delegates – Kseniya Alenchyk, Olga Petrova, Veronika Osmikhovska, Alina Stasyuk, Anna Suprunenko, Nataliya Tarasevych and Ganna Tselikovska – arrived at Istanbul.

Already back in Ukraine they told us that the youth forum in Turkey was special (only at Istanbul Youth Forum you can enjoy incredible farewell party on the ship during a cruise on Bosphorus!:) the atmosphere was special; all activities throughout the event were amazing and memories after the session – unforgettable! Some of you might say 'it happens to me at every EYP session!' – Well, that's a common feature of EYP. Even though you have teambuilding, Eurovillage, country presentations, General Assembly at every session – each one is special and unforgettable because of people you meet and friends you find.



## EDITORIAL

# Creepy dream

by Yaroslav Miller

I was lying in bed. I was so exhausted that I couldn't be sure of anything. I didn't know whether I was sleeping and watching a dream or staying in the consciousness. Well, not in a very strong one anyway – I was too tired.

The couple of things I was sure of – were that I was not an average American from the West of the best country in the world and that I definitely didn't think Einstein had been an expensive Swiss cheese. But I couldn't remember who I was. Too tired...

Suddenly, I felt the movement nearby. I was not alone in bed.

- Oh, come on, little papa, show me... – female voice whispered.

I definitely was not alone here.

- Argh, don't know... – another probably male voice answered.

What is going on here????

Did I say it?? Or just thought?

My invisible neighbours continued:

- What is the problem? Don't be shy!

- Oh, don't know he could see him...

- Whom?

- Him...

- Whom?!

- Him... My banana...

- What?!

- Banana...

Both voices were familiar to me. But I couldn't remember, I was so tired.

- Banana! Oh, I see... Your banana... Don't worry he's sleeping. He should be exhausted. Don't you remember he was working with the committees all day long while we were having fun at the second floor?

- Still not sure...

- Oh, come on!! Look!

A hand grabbed my hair and hit my head upon the wall.

What the... I was so astonished that I couldn't say a single word.

- See?

- Hm... wait...

Another hand grabbed my hair and repeated the procedure. Not sure the wall was very thick; if the hit was a bit stronger I would have an opportunity to wake up people staying in the room next to mine.

Now I'm sure. Of course I'm sleeping. It cannot happen in reality. It would be just ridiculous.

- So, what about your banana?

- Oh, ok...

Zip.

- I call him Kazimir the Third.

- You gave him a name?!

- Well, it's hard not to name your best friend. We've been always together since I can remember.

- Anyway, Pipin the Short would suit far better...

Do you believe in the butterfly effect? When a fly or a little bug can cause the tornado in the other part of the world. Well, I do. And I wonder where that fly, which caused tonight's thundershower and my cold, is now. It could be anywhere either flying over tulips in Netherlands or drinking beer from a puddle in Scotland. Anyways, I couldn't restrain myself anymore, I sneezed.

At the very same moment the whispering stopped. Of course, it was just a dream, stupid creepy dream. This is ridiculous. I'm really very tired. And I need to sleep. That was just a dream.

But my head still hurts..



## Upcoming events

Call for delegates

**Lviv Summer Regional Session 2009**

Time: August 20-23, 2009

Deadline: July 18, 2009

Contact: ia@ey-paper.org

Lviv Regional Session will gather around 100 participants from all over Europe. 7 committees will be discussing topics united by the general session theme – Innovation and Creativity.

If you are interested in this event please, send the application form to ia@ey-paper.org no later than July 18, 2009. For additional information contact Katya Vynogradova ia@ey-paper.org, +380988862143

P.S. If you are from Lviv and are willing to join the orga-team, you are welcome to contact the same person =)

Call for delegates & officials

**Sumy National Selection 2009**

Time: September 10-13, 2009

Deadline: June 25, 2009 (for delegates)

June 30, 2009 (for officials)

Contact: nationals2009@ey-paper.org

On September 10-13, 2009 during a four-day session of EYP-Ukraine in Sumy more than 100 delegates from all over Ukraine will be competing for places in Ukrainian delegations to two International Sessions – in Helsinki (Finland) in autumn 2009 and in Tromse (Norway) in spring 2010, as well as to other international EYP events.

To take part in this event, please, fill in an application form (from our web-site www.ey-paper.org) and send it to nationals2009@ey-paper.org no later than June 25, 2009. All selected participants will be notified by June 30, 2009.

For further information, please, contact the head-organisers of the event: Kateryna Kondrunina (Sumy) at nationals2009@ey-paper.org or +38 050 935 6821 and Anastasiia Ianovytska (Kyiv) at nationals2009@ey-paper.org or +38 066 465 7234.



**SUNational Session Sumy**  
September 10-13, 2009



Call for delegates

**International Youth Forum in Batumi, Georgia**

Time: August 7-13, 2009

Deadline: July 1, 2009

Contact: ia@ey-paper.org

EYP Georgia is organising the 1st International Summer Forum in a beautiful Black Sea resort-Batumi. The International Summer Forum will take place from 7th to 13th of August 2009. The event will bring together over 70 delegates from Georgia and participants from all over Europe.

The organising team will do its utmost to create an excellent atmosphere in the meantime at the Forum. Apart from the traditional EYP activities, the programme includes Cultural and Sport events, visiting funfair and historical places of the region. Thus you will have a brilliant opportunity to explore new culture and enjoy amazing Georgian nature.

The Deadline for the officials is June 25th and for delegates July 1st.

**General Assembly of EYP-Ukraine**

Time: June 20, 2009

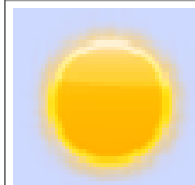
at 11.00-17.00.

Place: Kyiv, school #51

Preliminary agenda:

- Presentation of EYP,
- Delegations' reports,
- Membership interviews (for newcomers).

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