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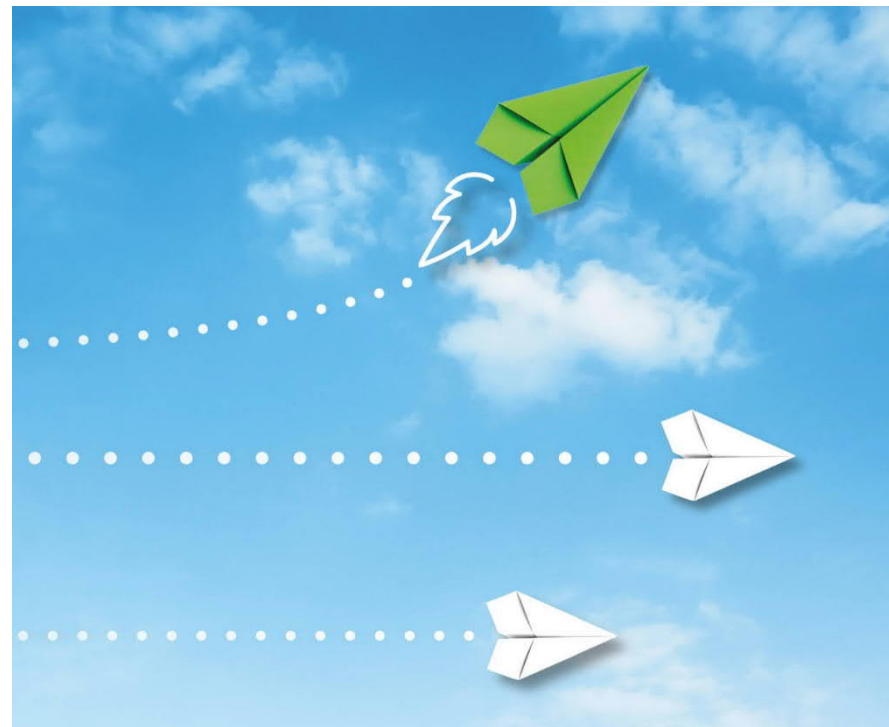
# WIR KÖNNEN AUCH ANDERS!

## Unser Aufbruch vom Reden ins Tun

Dienstag, 26. September 2023

Session 1: Bereit für den Wandel?  
Die Bedeutung demokratischer Meinungsbildung  
für die sozial-ökologische Transformation

Praxisbericht:  
Das Europäische Jugendparlament Österreich  
Referentin:  
Lisa Weinberger  
Präsidentin des Europäischen Jugendparlaments  
Österreich



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EUROPEAN **YOUTH** PARLIAMENT  
**ÖSTERREICH** AUSTRIA



# **DAS EUROPÄISCHE JUGENDPARLAMENT**

Wer wir sind und was wir tun



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# Fakten

- NGO – Internationale Jugendorganisation
- seit 1987
- überparteilich
- Freiwilligenarbeit
- Programm der Schwarzkopf Stiftung



# Fakten

**40** Länder

**30,000** Personen involviert

**500** Events organisiert **jedes Jahr**



# Sitzungen



# Sitzungen: Überblick (1)



- Simulation des Europäischen Parlaments
- Positionen
  - Delegierte
  - Ausschussvorsitzende
  - Organisationsteam
  - Journalist\*innen
  - Jury-Mitglieder





# Sitzungen: Überblick (2)

- Dauer variiert
  - Regionale/Nationale Sitzungen: 3-6 Tage
  - Internationale Sitzungen: ca. 10 Tage
- Veranstaltung in 3 Teile gegliedert
  - Teambuilding
  - Committee Work
  - General Assembly





# Team Building



- gegenseitiges Kennenlernen der Teilnehmer\*innen
- Conflict Games als Basis für eine gute Gesprächskultur
- fördern des Teambewusstseins



# Ausschussarbeit

- Diskussionen über aktuelle europapolitische Themen in sogenannten "Committees"
  - entsprechen den Arbeitsgruppen der EU (z.B. EMPL, ECON, LIBE)





# Beispiel Ausschussthema (1)

## Committee on Human Rights (DROI)

According to Amnesty International, countries such as Poland, Italy and Hungary have used their authority to suppress the Freedom of Expression, leading to the imprisonment and silencing of journalists, human rights activists and NGO members.

What can the EU do to uphold this fundamental right and protect its citizens?



# Beispiel Ausschussthema (2)

## Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

Work Smart, Not Hard: The idea of a four-day workweek has been circulating for years in an effort to counteract employee burnout, with countries and employers around Europe experimenting with this system and reporting various positive and negative results.

Keeping this in mind, what can the EU do in order to create a better work-life balance and improve the mental health of workers in Europe?



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- Erarbeiten von Problemstellungen (RCs) und Lösungsvorschlägen (OCs)





# Beispiel Resolution DROI (RCs)

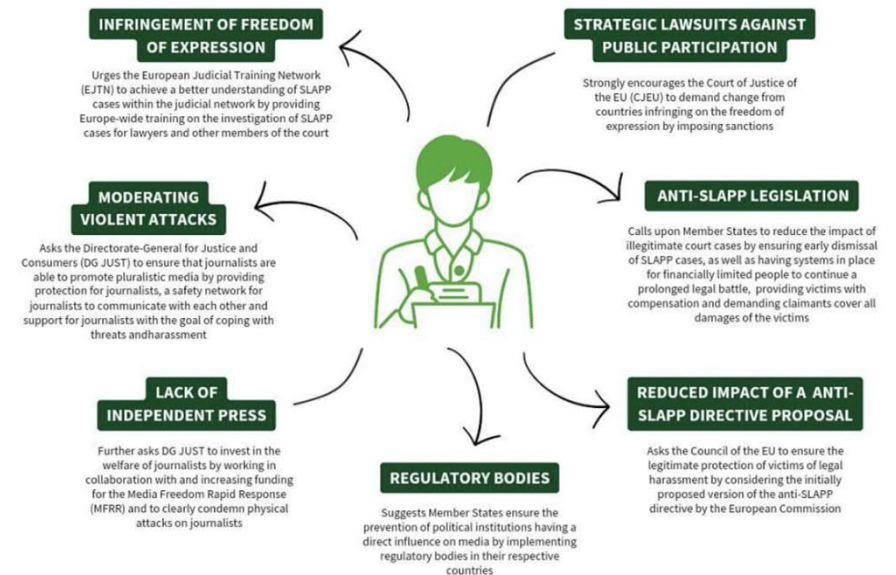
The above is decided upon because

- Freedom of expression and [media pluralism](#) are [fundamental rights](#) being infringed upon by countries such as [Hungary and Poland](#) by controlling the flow of information and spreading propaganda,
- Journalists face [physical, verbal and online attacks and threats](#), directly violating [Article 11](#) of the [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights \(CFR\)](#) due to lacking enforcement of protection strategies,
- Poland has passed a [law](#) that brings private media companies under state control with the goal of preventing media houses from outside the [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) from holding large shares in media companies, resulting in the lack of independent press,
- Journalists and activists often face [Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation \(SLAPPs\)](#) as a method of intimidation, as well as psychological and financial drainage of their victims,
- There is currently [no unified approach](#) regarding anti-SLAPP legislation on a national level, nor on an overarching EU level, resulting in SLAPP cases being treated like regular cases and the claimants not facing any additional consequences,
- An [anti-SLAPP directive proposal](#) was published by the [European Commission](#) in 2022, however, its [re-edited version](#) by the [Council of the European Union](#) reduces the [impact of](#)



## DROI

When You Say Nothing at All: According to Amnesty International, countries such as Poland, Italy and Hungary have used their authority to suppress the Freedom of Expression, leading to the imprisonment and silencing of journalists, human rights activists and NGO members. What can the EU do to uphold this fundamental right and protect its citizens?





# Beispiel Resolution DROI (OCs)

To that end, the European Youth Parliament

1. Urges the [European Judicial Training Network \(EJTN\)](#) to achieve a better understanding of SLAPP cases within the judicial network by providing Europe-wide training on the investigation of SLAPP cases for lawyers and other members of the court;
2. Asks the [Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers \(DG JUST\)](#) to ensure that journalists are able to promote pluralistic media by providing:
  - a. protection for journalists who are especially vulnerable to attacks due to their media presence,
  - b. a safety network for journalists to communicate with each other,
  - c. support and training for journalists with the goal of coping with threats and harassment;
3. Further asks [DG JUST](#) to:
  - a. invest in the welfare of journalists by working in collaboration with and increasing funding for the [Media Freedom Rapid Response \(MFRR\)](#),
  - b. clearly condemn physical attacks on journalists by imposing larger fines on any attacks where members of the press are clearly identifiable as such, following the [report](#) by the [International Press Institute \(IPI\)](#);
4. Strongly encourages the [Court of Justice of the EU \(CJEU\)](#) to demand change from countries infringing on the freedom of expression by imposing sanctions;
5. Calls upon Member States to reduce the impact of illegitimate court cases by:
  - a. ensuring early dismissal of court cases, if deemed to be a SLAPP case,
  - b. having systems in place for financially limited people to continue a prolonged legal battle,
  - c. providing victims with compensation for all legal fees and other losses made as a result of a court case,
  - d. demanding claimants cover all damages of the victims;
6. Asks the [Council of the EU](#) to ensure the legitimate protection of victims of legal harassment by considering the initially proposed version of the [anti-SLAPP directive](#) by the European Commission;
7. Suggests Member States ensure the prevention of political institutions having a direct influence on media by implementing regulatory bodies in their respective countries.





# Generalversammlung



- Präsentation der erarbeiteten Lösungsvorschläge
- Abhalten von Reden und Diskussionsrunden zu den einzelnen Committees
- Abstimmungen über die Resolutionen



# EYP Austria



# EYP Austria

- überparteiliche Organisation
- Partnerorganisation der Jungen Europäischen Föderalisten Österreich
- 7 Vorstandsmitglieder
- erreicht 350+ junge Personen/Jahr





# Trainings



- Workshops
  - Soft skills
  - Event Management
  - Fotografie
- jährliches Trainingswochenende für Mitglieder



# Active Citizenship

- Volksbegehren Info-Veranstaltungen
- Panel Discussions
- Expert Talks





# Ziele und Einfluss



# Warum EYP?



- Bewusstseinschaffung europäischer Themen
- internationaler Austausch
- persönliche Weiterentwicklung
- Plattform für die Meinungen junger Menschen
- aktive Teilnahme von Jugendlichen
  - organisiert von Jugendlichen für Jugendliche
  - Mitgestaltungsmöglichkeiten in der (vereinsinternen) Politik



**Vielen Dank für Ihre  
Aufmerksamkeit!**