

2. CULT: Committee on Culture and Education

The question of empowerment of the civil society and active participation:

Across Europe there are divisions between groups based on age, race, gender and faith. How might these divisions be overcome, and in what ways can particularly young people be educated to become active citizens and have more say in the solution and decision-making processes in their societies and in the EU heading towards the European elections in 2019?

Dear Delegates of the Committee on Culture and Education,

We, your Committee Presidents, would like to give you a warm welcome to the MEP session in Innsbruck. We hope you are all motivated and interested in our topic.

In order to ensure you are familiar with our topic we collected a couple of links, giving you a good overview and a foundation on which to base your work. It is of utmost importance that you prepare yourselves and get an insight into the topic, as you will be working on a Resolution during our committee sessions. You will be expected to be able to both point out the problems and find solutions to these. Of course, you are welcome to use other sources and collect your own information as well. Additionally, we would also appreciate it if you could take a look at the opinion of the country that you are representing about gender disparity and present it to the committee during our meetings. We also ask you to write a brief summary (1-2 pages) on the issue and send it to us as soon as possible.

We hope that the following links are useful for your preparation before the actual session. At first glance, it might seem like a lot of work, but we hope that you are highly motivated and enjoy both the preparation and the session itself. These links should serve only as a starting point, and you are expected to complete further research independently. And remember: only a well prepared delegate can not only present but also defend the resolution successfully.

If something is unclear, please feel free to contact us.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Model European Parliament session in January.

Best regards,

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To make sure that you have all understood the topic sufficiently we would like you to write a short (1-2 pages) summary of our topic, covering both problems and possible solutions. We expect you to present this in our first committee meeting.

Report on EU Engagement with Civil Society (European Commission)

<https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/csoreport080517.pdf>

The future evolution of civil society in the European Union by 2030

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/our-work/publications-other-work/publications/future-evolution-civil-society-european-union-2030>

<https://www.theguardian.com/theobserver/2016/jul/22/future-europe-groups-divisions-integrationists-european-federation-populists-mass-exit-debate-eu>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-43760959>

Active citizenship

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/resources/docs/eesc-2011-35-en.pdf>

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/-/DDN-20170914-1>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiZNO_Lca8k

European Passport To Active Citizenship

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/resources/docs/qe-04-15-149-en-n.pdf>

EU Youth Strategy

https://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/youth-strategy_en

European Elections 2019

<https://www.politico.eu/article/2019-european-elections-live-blog/>

<https://www.euractiv.com/sections/eu-elections-2019>

European Economic and Social Committee

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/about>

Civil Society

<http://unicef.in/OurPartners/Partner/3>

<http://www.un.org/en/sections/resources-different-audiences/civil-society/>

European Citizens' Initiative

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/welcome>

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/our-work/civil-society-citizens-participation/european-citizens-initiative>