

Committee Topics Turku 2018 – National Session of EYP Finland

1. Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO): *Brexit and the Euroscepticism*

In light of the Old Continent's biggest political event in 2016 that forever ruffled the political and economic scene of the EU, increased the number of the calls for EU referendums and campaigns to leave EU or redefine several Member States' membership in the 'ever closer Union', how can the EU put under control and efficiently respond to growing scepticism among the European citizens concerning its functioning and democratic legitimacy after Brexit?

2. Committee on Culture and Education (CULT): *Indigenous languages of the Nordic countries*

United in diversity: While the free movement of people increases the cultural diversity of the EU, but the Nordic indigenous languages still in danger, how should the EU ensure that these languages are protected and saved from extinction taking into account the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages?

3. Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs I (LIBE I): *Freedom of religion vs powerful Islamophobia in the EU Member States*

Hindering the split of the European society: With recent attacks on European cities, xenophobia and radicalisation of certain groups on the rise, how should the EU react to tackle these matters swiftly and effectively?

4. Committee on Employment and Social Affairs I (EMPL I): *Startups development and investment, especially in the field of robotics and artificial intelligence*

Welcome to the future: While youth unemployment has been decreasing constantly but remaining above pre-crisis levels, how should the EU foster the youth's participation in startups, most importantly in the area of robotics and artificial intelligence?

5. Committee on Foreign Affairs I (AFET I): *International ties – EU-USA strong relations vs. conflicting values*

Cooperation between the continents: What should the EU do to strengthen the international ties with the US particularly in the fields of trade, migration, environment and economic stability, keeping in mind that the values of EU and US are considerably diverse?

6. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI): *Food waste*

The European Commission estimates that one third of food in the EU is constantly being thrown away and is never consumed. Taking into account the growing urban population and worldwide consumption, what actions should the EU undertake to ensure sustainability in the production and consumption of food and reduce food waste in Member States?

7. Committee on Foreign Affairs II (AFET II): *Arctic ice and global crisis - EU positioning in combating this issue*

With the melting of the Arctic ice exposing unexpected economic opportunities, how should the EU position itself in this global crisis, taking into account the means for climate and ensuring the security for all actors involved?

8. Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI): *Climate change, carbon-free future*

Standing together for the world: with the effects of global warming becoming more and more apparent, how should the EU act and position itself locally and globally in order to unite all Member States to achieve the low-carbon vision for 2050 and start using more sustainable and pro-green practices?

9. Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs II (LIBE II): *The media - freedom of expression and effective media checks*

EU at the crossroad: the balance between the freedom of expression and high media standards. Bearing in mind the recent events regarding “fake news” and “alternative facts”, how should the EU proceed to ensure effective media checks and strict fact-checking whilst respecting the freedom of expression?

10. Committee on Employment and Social Affairs II (EMPL II): *Digital Single Market and new job opportunities*

With the ever-growing and developing Digital Market challenging the EU and putting it in the race with time, how can the EU accompany its Member States in order to ensure that citizens develop the necessary skills for new job opportunities created by the global digital transformation?