RAISING YOUNG PEOPLE’S VOICES FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

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INTRODUCTION

I Choose Europe Closing Conference

The “I Choose Europe” campaign has been led by civil society organizations, aiming to strengthen young people’s public participation before and after the European Elections 2019. As part of it, we organized debates and public events intended to raise awareness of the European Elections and send a clear message to prospective and newly-elected decision-makers that young people’s voices matter.

With the new Commission just taking office, this final conference will be the perfect moment to assess the success of the “I Choose Europe” campaign and also look at the future of how youth and civil society organizations can make their voice heard in European-level decision-making in the next cycle of reforms in the European Union.

The closing ceremony will take place between **20-21 January 2020** in Brussels, Belgium. It will bring together young Europeans from all over the continent, civil society organizations, as well as representatives of the European institutions.

During the conference you will have the opportunity to reflect on the “I Choose Europe” electoral campaign, as well as the role of youth and civil society in shaping Europe’s future. Furthermore, a discussion on the upcoming **Conference on the Future of Europe** will take place. It will be followed by a simulation workshop where participants will be able to discuss their proposals for the future of Europe together with civil society organizations and Members of the European Parliament, as well as representatives from the European institutions.

The outcomes of the discussion will be compiled into a set of policy recommendations addressed to European decision-makers, creating synergies with our upcoming “Y-FED” project aimed at bringing the EU closer to its citizens.

**Objectives of the Final conference:**

- Assess the success of the “I Choose Europe” campaign.
- Reflect and debate about the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe, while exploring the role and expectations of youth and civil society organizations.
PROGRAMME

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SPEAKERS

Brando BENIFEI
Brando Benifei, comes from La Spezia, Italy, and he is sitting with the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament and serving in Parliament since 2014. He has been chair of European affairs for the Young Democrats and Vice-President of ECOSY (youth organization of PES) for 4 years. During his first term from 2014 until 2019, Benifei served on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. In 2019, he moved to the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as well as the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries.

Damian BOESELAGER
Damian Boeselager, is a German politician, who in 2017 founded, together with Andrea Venzon from Italy and Colombe Cahen-Salvador from France, Volt Europa. He sits in the European Parliament with the group of the Greens/EFA since being elected in 2019.
He studied Philosophy and Economics at the University of Bayreuth and Public Administration at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin from 2016 to 2017. He completed a semester abroad at Columbia University in New York City.
In the European Parliament, Damian is a member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Delegation for relations with Canada.

Daniel FREUND
Daniel Freund, was elected Member of the European Parliament in July 2019 and sits with the Group of the Greens/EFA.
He worked until his election for Transparency International office as Head of Advocacy for EU Integrity. Daniel has been a political adviser in the European Parliament working on constitutional and legal affairs. He has previously worked at the German Foreign Ministry, the EU Delegation to Hong Kong, Deloitte Consulting and the French National School of Administration (ENA). Daniel holds a master’s degree in public affairs from Sciences Po Paris and an undergraduate degree in political sciences, economics and law from Leipzig University. Daniel has also studied International Relations at the George Washington University.
In the European Parliament, he is a member of the Committee on Budgetary Control, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association. He is also is one of the main rapporteurs on the Conference on the Future of Europe.
Eva MAYDELL
Eva Maydell, was born and raised in Bulgaria. Since July 2014 she represents Bulgaria’s GERB sitting with the European People’s Party in the European Parliament. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Affairs and Business Administration from the American University John Cabot in Rome, Italy and a post-graduate qualification in leadership from the Harvard Kennedy School. Maydell worked in the International Development Law Association in Rome from 2008 to 2009 before becoming a political advisor to MEP Iliana Ivanova. In her first term from 2014 until 2019, she served on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, where she was her parliamentary group’s rapporteur on the protection of personal data in electronic communication. In 2019, she joined the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy.

Paolo VACCA
Paolo Vacca is (voluntary) Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) since 2014. He is also Secretary General of The Spinelli Group, a network of federalist members of the European and national parliaments and like-minded supporters across Europe. A long-time campaigner for European unity and federalism, Paolo has organised and contributed to countless conferences, seminars, events and grass-root campaigns and actions across Europe promoting European democracy and European unity. Professionally he works as Director Legal Affairs Europe for a global chemical multinational with European headquarters in The Netherlands.

Alejandro CORDERO
Alejandro Cordero is currently Policy and Advocacy Officer at the European Secretariat of the Union of European Federalist in Brussels. He studied International Relations and diplomacy of the European Union at the College of Europe in Bruges. He is also a graduate in Spanish and German Law of the WWU Münster and the University Carlos III of Madrid, from which he also holds a degree in Political Science. He is currently finalising his thesis of an LL.M in German Law. Alejandro is a convinced European and has engaged with different civil societies around Europe. He co-founded the NGO OAN International of which he was its Secretary General until 2017. He has participated, chaired and organised numerous Models of the United Nations inside and outside the European Union and will be chairing and facilitating our simulation exercise.
Leonie MARTIN
Leonie Martin is as President of the Young European Federalists (JEF) Europe the ex-officio board member of the UEF. She hails from the Euroregion Meuse-Rhine and currently works in Brussels. She has a master degree in European public policy and administration from Maastricht University and one in International and European law from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Leonie has also lived in Budapest, Berlin and the Washington D.C. area and she can be reached on twitter at leoniemartin90.

Milosh RISTOVSKI
Milosh comes from Kumanovo (North Macedonia) where he worked as head of CID for over 8 years. Being a trainer for over 10 years and part of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, Milosh has expertise in both non-formal education and youth policy. He was appointed as new Secretary General of JEF Europe in April 2018. His main objective is to strengthen JEF Europe and its sections, in order to ensure JEF’s political impact grows even stronger at all levels.
The Conference *Raising Young People’s Voices for the Future of Europe* will the place at BIP Brussels, 2-4 rue Royale 1000 Brussels.

On Tuesday 21st of January the Conference will be held in the Zinneke room, at BIP Brussels. Please enter the building through the gate and cross the square to enter the venue room on the second floor.
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We encourage to read the simulation guidelines before the conference if you will participate in the simulation of the conference!
Preface

Dear participants,

Dear friends and partners,

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Rest assured: the organization team has developed an exercise which is not meant to be a real simulation or model, but a simulated debate. The preparation team has counted on the help of various experts on Models of the United Nations; and has simplified some rules in order to allow you to experience a formal debate, without the need of previous experience or thorough preparation. **We encourage you, however, to explore this guide and to be curious and research about the different topics that interest you about the future of Europe.**

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Best regards,

**The Chair of the simulation** - Alejandro Cordero

**The Secretary General of UEF** - Paolo Vacca

**The President of JEF** - Leonie Martin

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Recently, the European institutions have proposed to organize a Europe-wide conference to last for 2 years, allowing the citizens to extensively debate about the future of the Europe. This 2 year conference is supposed to start in May 2020. For this reason, the topic of the simulation will be: Reform and future of Europe.

The idea of the simulation exercise is to allow you to test your knowledge about European politics, as well as different current political trends and the work of the institutions of the European Union. At the same time we want to help you deepen your expertise and boost your critical thinking about how the European Union should work in the Future and what the role of youth should be. Furthermore, the exercise will allow you to be aware of the most recent developments about the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe.

Together with a general debate on the future of Europe, you will be able to discuss and propose the discussion of different concrete issues, which you might deem important to the future of Europe: From the way in which we do elections, citizens’ participation and the Spitzenkandidat (or lead candidate) system, to the need for a common migration and asylum system or the need for effective policies against climate change, etc.

We will simulate a meeting of the Youth Agora, which is foreseen as one of the bodies of the „Conference on the Future of Europe” gathering young Europeans (see more about the structure and the Conference on the Future of Europe below in page 4).

**Position papers**

In many simulations e.g. Model of the United Nations, Model of the European Union, participants represent a certain country, body or institution. In order to assure that the participants have a proper understanding of the issues discussed, these models commonly ask participants to prepare a position paper.

During our exercise, we simulate a Youth Agora within the Conference on the Future of Europe. Your role is to represent ordinary citizens and you will therefore defend your own thoughts and ideas for the future of Europe. This will facilitate the preparation of the simulation and the debate. For this reason, participants are NOT asked to prepare nor submit any position paper.

However, we want to help you to do the most of the debates and discussions and we do encourage you to explore, research and prepare for the debate.

**Rules of Procedure**

In the very back of this guide, you will find a set of rather “sophisticated“ Rules of Procedure (RoP). It is them that govern how debates work, but don’t worry they are summarized and explained in the third section of this guide (see page 6). In the end, the process is meant to be very intuitive and it is only important that you are familiar the rules. We encourage you to read the RoP and to get familiar with the processes of the debate (for the RoP, see page 11).

Senior supporters of different MUNs tell us from their own experience at the UN and other organizations that the strict adherence to the Rules of Procedure is extremely important for having a realistic atmosphere. Also, knowing the rules makes it much easier to influence the debate.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during the explanation of the simulation exercise.
The objective of the simulation: Writing a Youth Agora Resolution

Ultimately, it is the goal of the Youth Agora to come up with consensus and common institutional or policy recommendations for the future of Europe in for of a Resolution. By inviting different organizations and representatives of the European Institutions, we want to make sure that European decision makers and civil society actors hear your ideas and the simulation exercise has a real impact.

This Resolution should be very simple and mainly highlight the points agreed and the main common recommendations for future reform of the European Union. Participants can use the so call “unmoderated caucus” to write down their ideas and draft the Resolution which will be shared, further discussed and finally voted upon at the end of the simulation exercise.

Individual research

During the debate it will be useful to have a working knowledge of two elements: Firstly, the organization of the upcoming “Conference on the Future of Europe”; and secondly (especially relevant for the debate), some ideas regarding different areas that you and other participants might consider important to be debated in order to tackle the discussions on the future of Europe.

In order to facilitate critical thinking, -in the upcoming section- we present you an overview of the Conference on the Future of Europe and some proposed issues that may interest you to deepen in for the debate.

Speeches

No matter how good your research is, every idea about how you want to see Europe functioning in the future matters. You will be able to also practice your public speaking skills. You can prepare your proposals or ideas and you can also improvise and add value to the ongoing debates.

2. Briefing note about the “Conference on the Future of Europe“

The conference of the future of Europe should be - according to the European Parliament:- “a renewed opportunity to have a profound debate on the future of Europe, so as to shape the Union that we want to live in together“. It is supposed to last 2 years and to be composed of different bodies with different responsibilities such as: Conference Plenary, Citizens’ agora, Youth agora, Steering Committee and Executive Coordination Board (see composition chart below).

Background information

• In March 2019, President Macron proposed to organise by 2020, together “with the representatives of the European institutions and the Member States, a Conference for Europe in order to propose all the changes our political project needs”; in order “to chart together the road to European renewal”.

• After her election by the European Parliament in July 2019, Ursula von der Leyen expressed her commitment to the discussion and debate on the future of Europe. She also confirmed the Conference on the future of Europe will be organised by the European institutions and
that citizens should “have their say at a Conference on the Future of Europe, to start in 2020 and run for two years”.

- To date, the composition, working method and mandate of the Conference has started to be underlined by the Parliament. The Conference is meant to start on Schuman day 2020.

CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

**ORGANIZATION BODIES**
- Executive Coordination Board
- High-level Patronage
- Presidents of European Parliament, Commission and European Council
- Secretariat of the Conference

**CONFERENCE PLENARY**
- Meets at least two times per half year in the European Parliament

**President VdL guidelines**
- To work closely with the European Parliament and the Council to agree on the concept, structure, timing and scope of the Conference;
- To ensure the widest possible participation in the Commission’s Citizens’ and
- To work closely with the VP for Inter-institutional Relations and Foresight and the VP for Values and Transparency to ensure the follow-up on what is agreed by the Conference.

**The last point of President VdL guidelines is the strengthening of our democracy. In this section, the call for a Conference on the future of Europe represents a key aspect of her approach to European Renewal.**

- In her Mission letter to Commissioner Dubravka Suica, von der Leyen stated that “we need a Conference on the Future of Europe, to start in 2020 and run for two years. [Which] should bring together citizens of all ages from across our Union, as well as civil society and European institutions”.

- Furthermore, President VdL has given Suica three concrete tasks: (1) To work closely with the European Parliament and the Council to agree on the concept, structure, timing and scope of the Conference; (2) To ensure the widest possible participation in the Commission’s Citizens’ and (3) To work closely with the VP for Inter-institutional Relations and Foresight and the VP for Values and Transparency to ensure the follow-up on what is agreed by the Conference.

- The initial answers of the responsible Commissioner-designate Dubravka Suica to the written confirmation hearing questions indicate that the EP should play a leading role and Council and Commission should be involved. As regards the scope and objective of the conference, Suica has set out that the Conference should “lead to a concrete outcome” including on improvements of the lead candidate system and the introduction of transnational lists (TNLs). Suica does not rule out that the conference might lead to treaty revision under Art. 48 TEU.
In order to facilitate the preparations for the Conference on the Future of Europe, the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament (Presidents of the different political groups in the EP) in its meeting on 24th October created a Working Group in charge of organizing together with the Constitutional Affairs Committee the Conference itself. After the working proposal of this bodies, the European Parliament recently stated its position in a Resolution voted on 15th January.

The discussion among experts and institutions in Brussels shows how the initial proposal could consist of: a Conference Plenary, made of representatives from national and European Parliaments as well as the Commission and the council, on the one hand; and different (thematic) Citizens’ Agoras, made of citizens from all Member States of the Union meeting regularly in different cities around Europe. Additionally a Youth Agora gathering the input of young voices about all different topic that might be of concern to them.

Experts are pointing out that currently three different mandates with varying levels of ambition could result as outcome of the proposal: “A constitutional conference” including a concrete proposal for a new (Constitutional) Treaty to be submitted to the European Council by the European Parliament along the requirements of Art. 48 TEU; The “open model” - where the conference is to make proposals for the improvement of the lead candidate system and to discuss the introduction of TNLs with the outcome might include suggestions for treaty changes. And “Citizen Dialogues 2.0” - as a platform for exchange between citizens.

**Topic proposal for the simulated debate**

Debating about the Future of Europe requires analyzing different dimensions that might be essential for the future of our democracy, our economy or our institutions. We encourage you to explore what issues might be interesting to discuss during the debate and to research a bit on the political trends around these issues.

Additionally, we propose you below a non-exhaustive that non-exhaustive set of policies that could serve as a guidance for the Conference and our simulation:

- European values, fundamental rights and freedoms,
- The democratic and institutional aspects of the European Union
- Electoral system in the EU, Spitzenkandidat (or lead candidate) system and transnational lists
- Security and the role of the EU in the world (EU common foreign policy and European Defense Union)
- Social justice and equality, common migration and asylum system and other sectorial policies
- Economic and employment issues including taxation and Digital transformation
- Environmental challenges and climate crisis
- Treaty reform and EU / Member States’ competences distribution
3. During the simulation: Understanding the flow of the debate

Schematic summary of flow of debate

Drawing up general list of speakers

Speaker gives speech
(Speaking time is set by the chairperson)

Chairperson asks for points or motions

Point of information or point of order

No points or motions

Motion for a Caucus

Moderated caucus takes place

Unmoderated caucus takes place

Debate continues with next speaker
This section explains the different modes of debate and how to make use of them in order to better understand the flow of the debate. It is a simplification of the Rules of Procedure. We encourage you to read the aforementioned Rules of Procedure below (see page 11).

**Formal debate**

After the debate is open, the speakers' list will be opened by the Chairperson for any participant wishing to express their opinions and suggestions for the future of Europe before the Youth Citizens' Agora. It has proven to be useful to have a short opening speech or some ideas prepared for each topic in advance of the conference. In your first speech you could state your general position about the future of Europe and highlight the issues you consider most important to be discussed.

Keep in mind that there is a time limit on speeches, you have to stick to it. The Chairperson will set and inform of the speaking time at all stages of the debate. He or She will also inform you when you have run out of time. Participants may always inform to the Chair by signalizing with their hand, if they wish to be added to or removed from the speakers list.

During debates, all participants must remain seated and pay respect to the other speakers, which also includes refraining from using laptops/notebooks, tablets and smartphones. No point or motion except for a Point of information (also known as personal privilege) for reasons of audibility may ever interrupt a speech!

When allowed by the Chairperson, delegates can raise their placard for a point or motion in between speeches. More than one motion may be raised, and they will be voted on in order of precedence.

**Moderated caucus**

“Caucusing” is the parliamentary term for diplomatic negotiation. The moderated caucus serves as a semi-formal debate focused on a specific topic. In contrast to the formal debate, there is no speakers list, and the Chair may call directly on delegates who indicate their wish to speak by raising their placard. Usually the speakers' time is shorter than in formal debate, allowing for a much quicker discussion. Furthermore, the moderated caucus is narrowed down to one topic, for example a specific aspect of the Future of Europe or a certain policy issue. Thus, a moderated caucus is often the easiest way to find common conclusions on a specific problem.

If you think that a moderated caucus might be productive, you may raise a motion for a moderated caucus, specifying the overall duration and the topic.

**Example:** “I propose a motion for a moderated caucus for the duration of 15 minutes, in order to discuss the issue of Spitzendkandidat system and transnational lists”

**Unmoderated caucus**

An unmoderated caucus allows participants to step out of formal debate and directly discuss their stand-points and solutions. During this time, most of the work on resolutions gets done and participants are free to use their laptops and any other electronic devices. During unmoderated caucus, participants may move around the room freely. Although the Rules of Procedure are suspended during the unmoderated caucus, remember to stay in character.
In order to have an unmoderated caucus, you may raise a motion for an unmoderated caucus specifying the duration.

**Example:** “I propose to move / a motion for an unmoderated caucus for the duration of 20 minutes for the purpose of drafting common conclusions of the debate”

**Suspension of the meeting - Lunch break**

During a suspension, you may step out of character and have a private conversation with your fellow participants. We encourage you to use that hour break to draft some ideas with other participants for the second session, which after the debate will hopefully come up with a common resolution of the Youth Citizens’ Agora on the Future of Europe.

**Points**

Besides motions, you can also raise points during the committee session.

The **Point of Information** to the Chair allows you to pose questions to the Committee Chair about the Rules of Procedure. We encourage you to make use of this point any time you feel uncertain about the committee procedure. Similarly, you can use the Point of Information to a delegate to ask a delegate for clarifications on a previous speech. Please be precise and short with your question and do not use it to deliver a statement.

The Point may be used if you cannot follow the debate properly due to external factors or personal discomfort, e.g. if you cannot hear the speaker properly and is the only occasion a participant might interrupt another speaker.

A **point of Order** might be risen, if you believe that there has been a mistake in the proper use of the Rules of Procedure by a fellow participant or the Chairperson.

**End of debate and voting on a resolution** (see schematic summary below)

The debate should produce a brief common resolution with the conclusions of the exchange of ideas. Once this stage has been reached, the debate on our agenda item (The Future of Europe) will end upon proposal of the Chair or when a motion to vote a Resolution is passed. Once the debate has ended, the committee will move directly into voting procedure and vote on all draft resolutions that are currently on the floor (In the case of more than one resolution discussed). During voting procedure, only a few points and motions are allowed (see Rules of Procedure).

**Final Note:** Due to the length of the exercise the debating process won’t allow to further debate and amend the proposed resolution. The idea is that this document should be a simple and consensual gathering of the main debating points.
Schematic summary of how to prepare a Resolution

Citizens’ Agora debates and exchanges ideas

Participants comply the debate ideas in a working paper

Submission to the chairman

Copy and circulation by the chairman

After circulation of the draft resolution, participants finally discuss about the content and final ideas

Participants vote to close the debate, once they are content with the text of the resolution and the voting procedure or substantial voting starts

Draft Resolution is voted upon and, if passed, becomes an adopted Resolution of the Youth Agora
## 4. Points and Motions (in other of precedence)

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<td>Point of information</td>
<td>Address discomfort of a participant (e.g., speaker is inaudible) or ask questions about the rules of procedure.</td>
<td>majority</td>
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<td>Point of Order</td>
<td>Correct error in procedure.</td>
<td>majority</td>
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<td>Point of information (to a participant)</td>
<td>Ask another participant for clarifications regarding their speech.</td>
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<td>To appeal the decision of the chair</td>
<td>A decision made by the chair is appeal by the Youth Citizens’ Agora</td>
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<td>To close the debate</td>
<td>The debate on the Future of Europe is closed and the Youth Citizens’ Agora proceed to vote resolutions if any.</td>
<td>2/3 majority</td>
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<td>To adjourn the Youth Citizens’ Assembly</td>
<td>Simulation exercise concludes.</td>
<td>majority</td>
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<td>Opens an Informal debate (participants can leave their places and discuss or work on resolutions).</td>
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<td>Narrow formal debate to certain issues (to be specified in the motion).</td>
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I. GENERAL RULES

Rule 1 - Scope

(1) These rules shall be applicable to the simulation exercise (Youth Agora) during the Closing conference of the “I Choose Europe” campaign.
(2) They shall be considered adopted in advance of the simulation exercise (Youth Agora).
(3) No other rules of procedure are applicable.

Rule 2 - Language

English shall be both the official and the working language in the simulated Youth Agora, except as otherwise provided by Chairperson.

Rule 3 - Participation of Accredited Observers

Representatives of accredited observers (Civil Society Organizations) and attending Members of the European Parliament shall have the same rights as those of participants, except that:
- they may not be proposers of draft resolutions. However, they can be supporters;
- they may not vote on substantive matters (e.g., vote of a resolution).

Rule 4 The Chairperson

(1) The Chairperson is the final and sole institution concerning any decision upon the interpretation of these rules.
(2) The Chairperson may designate one deputy to act on his or her behalf.
(3) The Chairperson shall open and close each Youth Agora meeting of the simulation exercise, direct the discussions in meeting by recommending the proposal of certain motions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to a vote, and announce decisions. He or she shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have the responsibility to maintain order during committee sessions.
(4) The Youth Agora’s Chair may rule motions out of order or dilatory.
(5) The Youth Agora’s Chair may, temporarily, transfer his or her duties and powers to another member of the Organization Staff.

Rule 5 - Quorum

(1) The Chairperson shall declare a Youth Agora’s session open and permit debate to proceed if at least one quarter of the register participants are present.
(2) The presence of a quorum shall be assumed, unless specifically challenged and shown to be absent. Presence may be determined through a roll call.
(3) The presence of a quorum is required for any procedural vote or vote of a resolution of the Youth Agora.

II. RULES REGARDING DEBATE

Rule 6 - Agenda of the debate

(1) The Agenda for the meeting of the Youth Agora and therefore the topic of discussion will be: the debate on the Future of Europe.
(2) Participants will be able to decide upon the concrete topics for discussion (e.g., democracy and participation, migration, Institutional reforms, Climate action, migration economic model, social Europe and other policies) and propose formal debates on them (moderate caucuses).

Rule 7 List of Speakers
Rule 8 - Speeches

(1) No participant may address the Youth Agora without permission of the Chair. The Chair may call a speaker to order if the latter’s remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion or violate these rules in any other way. 
(2) No participant may interrupt a speaker while delivering a speech except for a Point of Information/Personal Privilege due to audibility.

Rule 9 - Speaking time and Yields

(1) The time granted to speakers (speakers’ time) shall be set by the Chairperson.
(2) Time left can no be yield.

III. GENERAL RULES REGARDING POINTS AND MOTIONS

Rule 10 - General rule

(1) Formal debate may be interrupted by points or motions brought in by the participants. Only the points and motions explicitly mentioned in these rules shall be in order.
(2) Unless otherwise specified in these rules, a point or motion shall be brought in by raising the placard when the Chair asks for points or motions (except for urgent points, which may be raised during debate).
   After being recognized by the Chair, the delegate shall state to which point or motion he/she wishes to rise.
(3) The Chair shall rule on the admissibility of the point or motion.
(4) No motion shall require any seconds. The Chair is not required to ask for objections before putting the motion to a vote.

Rule 11 - Precedence

(1) Points shall take precedence over motions.
(2) Points shall take the following order of precedence:
   - Point of Order;
   - Point of Information (to the Chair)
   - Point of Information (to another participant).
(3) Motions shall take the following order of precedence:
   - To appeal the decision of the chair;
   - To close the debate/adjourn the Youth Citizens’ Assembly;
   - To extend the previous caucus;
   - For unmoderated caucus;
   - For unmoderated caucus to work in working groups;
   - For moderated caucus;
(4) During voting procedure, motions shall take the following order of precedence:
   - To adopt by acclamation;
   - To vote by roll-call;
   - To vote on a Resolution;
(5) If motions containing different durations of moderated/unmoderated caucus arise, the motion with the longer duration takes precedence. A motion to extend a moderated/unmoderated caucus shall always take precedence over a motion for a new caucus of the same or a different type.

IV. RULES REGARDING POINTS

Rule 12 - Point of Order
(1) During the discussion of any matter, participants may rise to a Point of Order to complain about an instance of improper parliamentary procedure. The Point of Order shall be immediately ruled on by the Chair in accordance with these rules.
(2) Participants rising to a Point of Order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Rule 13 - Point of Information (to the Chair) / Personal privilege

(1) During the discussion of any matter, participants may rise to a Point of Information (to the Chair): Inquiry to ask the Chair a question regarding the Rules of Procedure or any other aspect regarding the proceedings of the conference.
(2) Participants rising to a Point of Information (to the Chair) may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.
(3) Whenever participants experience personal discomfort that impairs their ability to participate in the proceedings (e.g. problems with audibility, air conditioning etc.), they may rise to a Point of Personal Privilege, in order to request that the discomfort be corrected.

Rule 14 - Point of Information (to another participant)

(1) After another participant's speech during the General Debate, a participant may rise to a Point of Information to the participant speaking to ask him or her for clarifications regarding their speech.
(2) It is at the discretion of the chair to authorize a Point of Information (to the participant).
(3) Points of Information (to the participant) must be worded as simple question and not be used as a statement on the substance of the matter under discussion.

V. RULES REGARDING MOTIONS

Rule 15 - Withdrawal of Motions

(1) A motion may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has commenced. A motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any member of the Youth Agora.
(2) Once a motion has passed, all other motions on the floor are automatically withdrawn and can be motioned for again when the Chair asks for points or motions.

Rule 16 - Motion to appeal the Decision of the Chair

(1) A member of the Youth Agora may appeal against a decision of the Chair. If this motion is successful, the Chair will alter his or her ruling according to the appeal. If this motion fails, the Chair’s decision shall stand. An appeal cannot be directed against any procedural regulation contained in these rules.
(2) This motion is not debatable and requires a simple majority vote.

Rule 17 - Closure of the Debate / Adjournment of the Youth Agora

(1) Members of the Youth Agora may at any time move for closure of the debate.
(2) The motion requires a two-thirds majority. If the Youth Agora is in favor of the closure, the Chair shall declare the closure of the debate.
(3) Once debate has been closed, the Youth Agora shall forthwith vote on all draft resolutions currently on the floor.
(4) Plenary meetings of the Youth Agora can be closed for the remaining time of the conference (adjournment). A motion to adjourn the meeting is not debatable, requires a simple majority and will only be allowed at, or near the very end of scheduled last session of the simulation exercise.

Rule 18 - Unmoderated Caucus

(1) The purpose of an unmoderated caucus is to allow immediate and informal negotiations in order to clarify positions, and frame or draft resolutions.
(2) Unmoderated caucus shall supersede general debate; for its duration, formal rules shall be suspended.
Participants may propose a motion for an unmoderated caucus. Caucus shall begin with the passing of the motion and end after the specified time has elapsed.

Participants can propose a motion to work in working groups. If passed the chair will organize working groups thematically in line with the needs of the debate and participant can choose in which working group to participate.

Rule 19 - Moderated Caucus

1. The purpose of a moderated caucus is to facilitate substantive debate at critical junctures during discussion or to discuss specific issues.
2. Moderated caucus shall supersede general debate. For its duration, the Chair shall depart from the list of speakers and admit representatives to the floor at his or her discretion.
3. The only points and motions that shall be in order during moderated caucus are:
   - Point of Order;
   - Point of Information to the Chair / Personal Privilege
4. Participants may move for a moderated caucus at any time during general discussion. Upon bringing in the motion the delegate should specify the total time for the moderated caucus and a topic for the moderated caucus. Moderated caucus shall begin with the passing of the motion and it shall end after the specified time has elapsed or if requests for admission to the floor are exhausted.

Rule 20 - Extension of Unmoderated/Moderated Caucus

1. A motion to extend an unmoderated or moderated caucus shall be in order immediately after the original caucus time has elapsed. The time proposed for the extension may not exceed the time of the original suspension.
2. It is within the discretion of the Chair to rule consecutive extensions out of order.
3. The Chair may decide to extend a caucus at his or her discretion.

VI. RULES REGARDING RESOLUTION WRITING

Rule 21 - Working Papers, Draft Resolutions, Resolutions

1. A working paper is a document written by participants, in which they formulate ideas and conclusions of the debate. In order to have it accepted as a draft resolution, delegates are required to submit the working paper to the Chair prior to closing of the debate and opening the voting procedure.
2. A working paper becomes a draft resolution as soon as it has received the approval of the Chair. A draft resolution shall be made available to all delegates by distributing copies, or by other appropriate means.
3. A draft resolution is adopted as a resolution as soon as a substantial vote on its entire content passes.

Rule 22 - Submission of a Working Paper

1. Participants may submit a working paper to the Chair for the purpose of its consideration as a future draft resolution.
2. The paper should then be examined concerning style, form, and the use of technical terms. The Chair may entrust members of the Organization Staff with this task: They will suggest changes, as they deem necessary. The Chair has the authority to correct errors in spelling, grammar, style, and obvious mistakes in content.
3. A draft resolution is considered property of the Youth Agora as a whole and may only be withdrawn with the unanimous consent of all participants that drafted it (sponsors).

VII. RULES REGARDING VOTING

Rule 23 - Procedural Voting

1. All votes on motions are considered as procedural votes.
2. Delegates may not abstain on procedural vote. The Chair may decide to retake a vote on which participants abstained.
Rule 24 - Vote of Resolutions (Substantial Voting)

(1) All votes on draft resolutions are (after closing the debate) considered as substantial votes.
(2) Members of the Youth Agora may abstain on substantial votes.
(3) Accredited observers and participating representatives of the European Institutions may not vote on substantial matters.

Rule 25 - Voting Rights

(1) Each member shall have one vote.
(2) Unless otherwise specified in these rules, all votes require a simple majority to pass.
(3) A simple majority is reached if the number of participants voting in favor of the motion or item exceeds the number of participants voting against it.
(4) A two-third majority is reached if at least two thirds of all participants in the vote cast a vote in favor of the motion or item.
(5) The Chair is not required to count votes on procedural matters, if he or she is satisfied that a majority has (not) been reached. On substantial matters, the Chair should always announce the exact number of votes in favor, against, and abstaining; unless a substantial vote is made by acclamation.

Rule 26 - Conduct during Voting

(1) Only the following points and motions shall be in order during substantial voting procedure:
   - Point of Personal Privilege;
   - Point of Order;
   - Point of Information (to the Chair);
   - Motion to adopt by acclamation.
   - Motion to vote by roll-call.
(2) At the beginning of the voting procedure the presence shall be determined through a roll-call by the Chair.
(3) After the Chair has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a Point of Personal Privilege or a Point of Order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.

Rule 27 - Method of voting

(1) The Youth Agora shall normally vote by show of placards.
(2) A participant may move to adopt the draft resolution by acclamation. This motion shall pass if no other participant objects. If objection by at least one participant is registered, the motion fails and voting shall proceed as usual.
(3) Any representative may request a roll-call on substantial matters. This motion is not debatable and passes without a vote. The roll-call shall be taken in English alphabetical order of the names of the participants or the placards. The name of each member or placard shall be called in any roll-call, and the participant shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".
The "I Choose Europe" campaign has been led by civil society organizations, aiming to strengthen young people’s public participation before and after the European Elections 2019. Before May 2019, we organized debates and public events intended to raise awareness of the European Elections and send a clear message to current and future decision-makers that young people’s voices matter.

With the new Commission just taking office, this final conference will be the perfect moment to assess the success of the "I Choose Europe" campaign and also look at the future of how youth and civil society organizations can make their voice heard in European-level decision-making in the next cycle of reforms the European Union.

The closing ceremony will take place between 20-21 January 2020 in Brussels, Belgium. It will bring together young Europeans from all over the continent, civil society organizations, as well as representatives of the European institutions.

The outcomes of the discussion will be compiled into a set of policy recommendations addressed to European decision-makers, creating synergies with our upcoming "Youth for Understanding" project aimed at bringing the EU closer to its citizens.