

Day 1



After a welcoming speech by the principal of the hosting school, Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck (AGI), the *Platform Future* gave a short overview of their work over the past year.

Afterwards, former participants reported on their experiences with YPAC and how the involvement had been influencing their lives.

After coaching sessions for all participants, the work in the committees began, followed by Mrs. Taja Ferjančič Lakota's (project officer at the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention) introduction of selected aspects of the general topic "Demographic Changes in the Alps".



In the afternoon, a guided tour through the Alpine Zoo took place where the students got information on nature and species protection in the Alps and learned how animals could be resettled in the Alpine area.

A short walk to the restaurant Villa Blanka cleared the heads of the students for the next committee session. The press group finished the first daily newspaper "Flying facts 1".

The opening ceremony at Villa Blanka started with a series of speeches by several guests of honour and a delicious dinner followed by a musical performance involving the Syrian Geogre Naser (a guest with migration background playing the Arab lute) and two YPAC teachers, Mr. Jens Weber (Switzerland) and Mr. Luis Strasser (Austria).



Finally, the 11 delegations presented their home regions and schools.

Day 2

WORLD CAFÉ: Students met politicians

The YPAC members received information on what the politicians' daily work looks like, got to know the opinion of the various politicians on the subject "Demographic Changes in the Alps", and were asked to put spontaneous questions as well.



*Ex-EU Commissioner **Franz Fischler**, Ex-MEP **Eva Lichtenberger**, Member of the State Government **Christine Baur**, Chairwoman / Women's affairs / Social democrats **Selma Yildirim**, Madam mayor / Innsbruck **Christine Oppitz-Plörer**, City councillor **Franz Xaver Gruber**, City councillor **Uschi Schwarz**, General secretary of the Alpine Convention **Markus Reiterer***

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Founders and organizers: **Claudia Rauchegger**, **Irmgard Senhofer***

AFTER World Café ...

For the rest of the day, the students worked hard discussing, debating, and creating resolutions.

The *Platform Future* tried to build up networks and the press group managed to finish the "Flying facts 2" prior to the evening event.



A student band plaid at the well-known venue "Treibhaus" where the YPAC participants could first satisfy their hunger with pizzas. After recovering from the hard work of the day by dancing to hot rhythms, they tiredly collapsed into their host-families beds.

Day 3

The most important event, the General Assembly, took place at the assembly hall of the Tyrolean parliament. The General Secretary of the Alpine Convention, Mr. Reiterer, delivered the opening speech.



"... And yet: here you are! Smart young people from all over the Alps engaging in the Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention! Engaging in dialogue, looking for good ideas to shape our future, trying to find compromises, working towards shared visions for our precious region. Practicing politics, practicing the mechanics of the political process, practicing democracy at work!..."

BUSY ACTIVITIES at the General Assembly ...

Great debates, questions, answers, speeches against and in favour,...



As there was often only little time for lunch, students even had to work while eating.

During the General Assembly, randomly selected YPAC members from various countries were interviewed by several news media representatives. Articles were published - amongst others - in the leading Tyrolean daily newspaper, *Tiroler Tageszeitung*, and the Austrian Broadcasting Company/ORF and Tirol TV referred to the event on their evening news.



YPAC was accorded a special honour as Sonja Ledl-Rossmann, president of the Federal Council, and a delegation of the Austrian Parliament attended the General Assembly. The MEPs promised to ensure that the resolutions would also be heard in the Austrian Parliament.

The afternoon was the decisive time of the Assembly:
Which resolutions would pass, which would not be
accepted?



After the dinner
at the restaurant
“Bierstindl”, the
presidents
announced the
result of the
voting.



Day 4



At the last day, a scavenger hunt took place where
students could deepen their social contacts and got to
know sights of Innsbruck.

After receiving the certificates, the great event ended
with squeezes and kisses and - in some cases - with tears,
but with the hopeful wish to see each other again.

