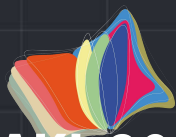




Welcome Booklet

*Baku 2023 - 99th International Session
of European Youth Parliament*

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Welcome Words *Head-Organisers*

Dear Participants,

With great enthusiasm and excitement, we extend a warm welcome to all of you to Baku 2023 - the 99th International Session of the European Youth Parliament! After months of extensive preparations, and overcoming various challenges, we are thrilled to see our efforts culminate in this extraordinary event.

Baku - is a city brimming with beauty and cultural richness. As the capital of Azerbaijan, it combines a rich historical heritage with modernity, offering a unique backdrop for our session. We are honored to have the opportunity to host such an esteemed gathering in this beautiful city.

Baku has been selected as the host city for this occasion due to its commitment to fostering innovation in education and providing a safe space for personal growth and development. These two objectives align perfectly with the goals of Baku 2023, which revolves around the main topic of "Education for All." We firmly believe that education is the key to empowering individuals and creating a more inclusive society. Throughout the session, we aim to explore ways to ensure equitable access to quality education for all, regardless of socioeconomic background, gender, or geographical location.

As you engage in academic work, embark on media projects, and immerse yourselves in the experiences that Baku has to offer, we encourage you to be open to new opportunities and experiences. We genuinely hope that Baku will provide you with an unforgettable and transformative experience, where we collectively work towards fostering education for all.

Once again, we extend our warmest greetings to each and every one of you. Get ready to embark on a remarkable journey filled with growth, friendship, and inspiring moments.

Warm regards from sunny and windy Baki,

Rafael Hajibayli | Rufat Mir Feyzullazade | Guldana Dadashova

*Project Manager & Head-Organisers of Baku 2023 - 99th International Session
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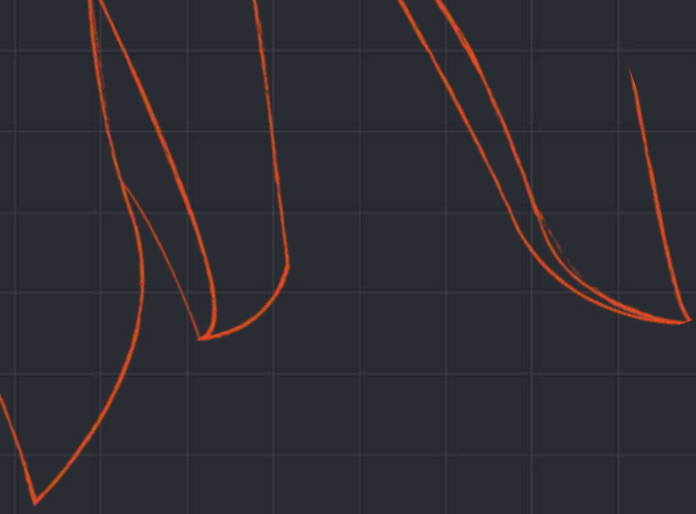


Session *Vision*

About Baku: The session is taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan as one could guess from the name of the session. Baku is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city, known for its beautiful architecture, rich history, and modern amenities. Some of the city's most famous landmarks include the iconic Flame Towers, the Maiden Tower, and the Palace of the Shirvanshahs. Baku is also home to a thriving arts and culture scene, with numerous museums, galleries, and performing arts venues. The city is truly a unique blend of the old and the new, with traditional Azerbaijani culture and customs coexisting alongside contemporary developments and trends.

Baku is often known as the "City of Wind" due to its location on the shores of the Caspian Sea. The city experiences strong winds that come in from the sea, which can make for a refreshing breeze on hot summer days. In fact, the name "Baku" is believed to have originated from the Old Persian word for "wind-pounded city." Two of the main winds in Baku are "Khazri" and "Gilavar". "Khazri" is the cold northern wind and "Gilavar" is the warm southern wind. They are often associated with the city's maritime history and its connection to the Caspian Sea. The winds are also sometimes mentioned in local folklore and literature, and they have inspired several works of art over the years.

About the session theme: The education system is something that immediately affects us as young people and will impact future generations and how they shape the world around them. When it comes to creating a system that would fully explore our potential, we think that the voices of young people are not being heard loudly enough. Sharing over 10 years of EYP experience in Azerbaijan, our National Committee's generations came together to work on a theme that has always brought us together and motivated us to move forward: building an educational system that fulfils the needs and demands of a world that is constantly changing. Which is why, Baku 2023 aims to be a hub for people to come together to celebrate and challenge the role that education in all of its forms plays in our lives, breaking down barriers and promoting change.

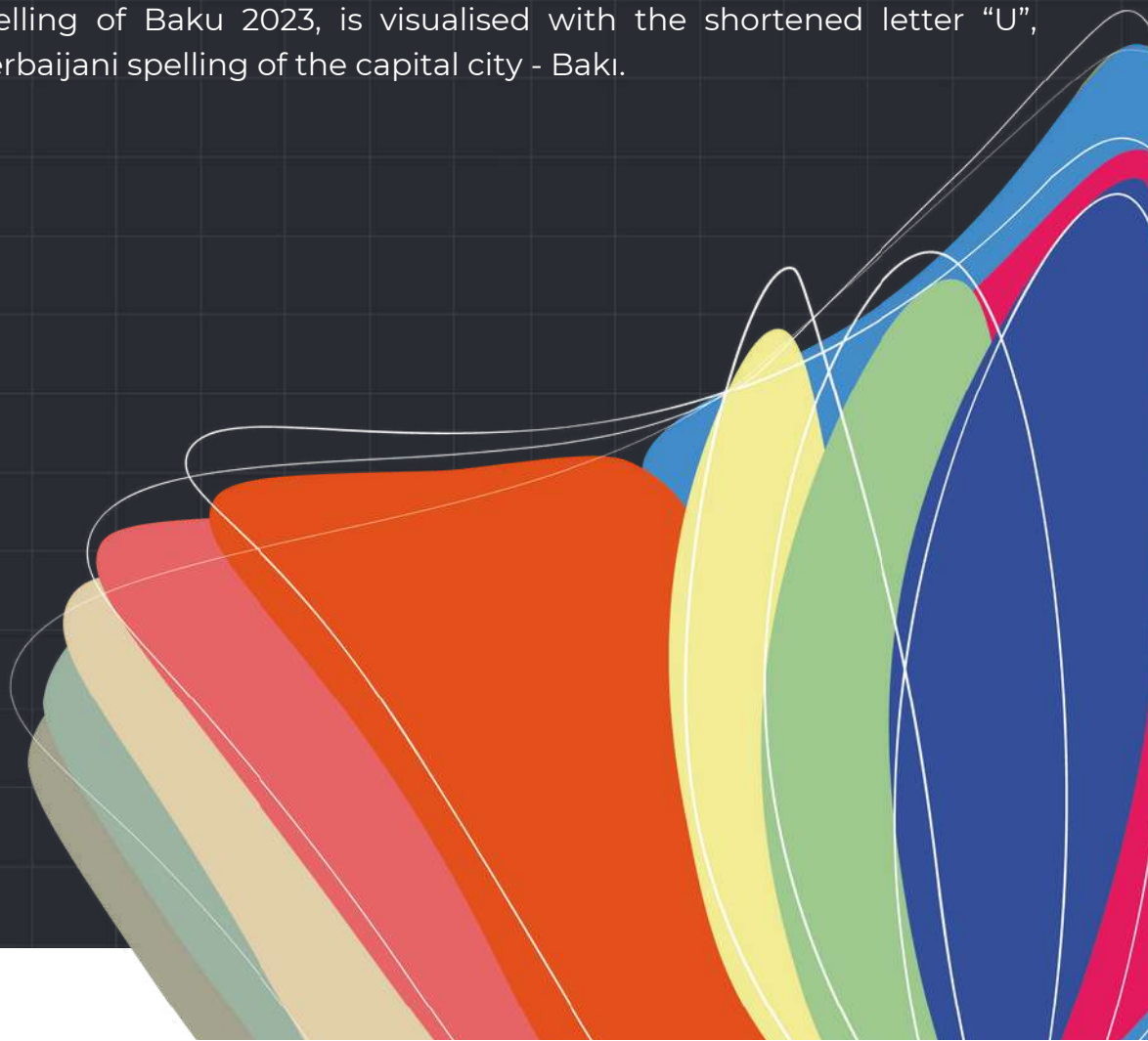


About the Logo: With the session's theme touching upon education, the logo of Baku 2023 depicts an open book with fluttering pages that illustrates the struggle between the two previously mentioned winds: "Khazri" and "Gilavar" evoking the literary name - "City of the Winds" bringing up the dynamic and vigorous spirit of young people. While the colors show the warmth that one is filled with while being in Azerbaijan. By taking a closer look at the logo, we can also notice that the pages take the shape of some of Baku's famous landmarks:

Heydar Aliyev Center - A landmark taking the shape of an eternal cycle and waves symbolising connection between the past and the future.

Flame Towers - A flame shaped towers, illustrating the adopted motto of Azerbaijan - "The Land of Fire"

Additionally, the spelling of Baku 2023, is visualised with the shortened letter "U", emphasising the Azerbaijani spelling of the capital city - Baki.



Welcome Words *The President*



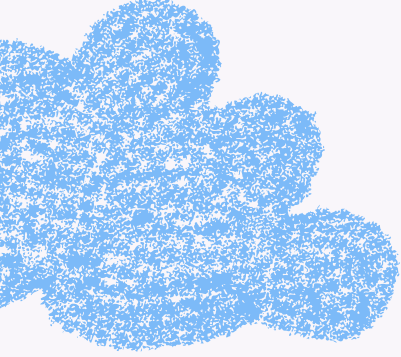
Dearest participants,

Əziz fellow adventurers,

The best journeys of our lives are the ones where we dare ourselves to take. This is a statement I say with conviction, for seven years ago I dared myself to join the European Youth Parliament, this new and unique organisation. And now, it has become a part of my life, it is part of who I am, and it has allowed me to grow and to learn in ways I had not experienced before. Thus, thank you for trusting Baku 2023 as a journey you dared to take, in your young lives, in the EYP, in the unique land of fire that is Azerbaijan.

The EYP is first and foremost a political, non-formal education organisation for young Europeans. With this event's theme being centred on the values and the future of Education, I am convinced it is the right place for us to manifest the spirit of EYP in full. This theme is not simply a theme chosen to give the session an identity, it is at the core of how we will work towards all activities in Baku 2023. The EYP journey is about discovery, about learning, through a format which allows education to be built and experienced in its tangible form of community and policy. So in joining us in Baku, expect nothing less than a good learning experience.

Where we choose to travel for our learnings, is as important as where we come from. Growing up in Albania, in the years of transition from a communist dictatorship, I often found myself questioning what era and to which place I belonged. One thing that I was reassured seven years ago when I joined the EYP, was that despite and considering everything I was at home, I was European. And this is not solely a feeling of belonging or a reassurance I told myself - it is an ideal that manifests itself perfectly in what we do in this organisation. In each of the EYP events that we participate in, we bring ourselves along, and together build the colourful tapestry of identities which defines being European and a global citizen. So I hope you bring your truest self with you, for we will welcome it and are working hard to build a safe environment for it to shine; as yours, as European.



There have been numerous months and weeks of work from the organisers and the other teams to make Baku 2023 a reality. The culmination of our work is having you join us in August, and experience an event unique not only to our network, but to the world in general. Take a deep breath, there is no pressure or expectation to make this the best or most important days of your life. Instead, I invite you to open your hearts and your minds to what can be some joyful and memorable days of cultural, social, civic and individual learnings. I trust to say this on behalf of the session officials: we are doing this in order to bring us all together in celebrating the EYP spirit.

Finally, I am certain that you will be welcomed and supported by a charismatic Chairs' Team who will be there to guide you. Just as we'll be supported and taken care of by the lovely Organising Team, and be promoted by the naturally creative Media Team. I cannot wait for you to meet the wonderful individuals who are making Baku 2023 a reality, just as I long to see you all together giving this event its true spirit.

With notes of compassion and gratitude for having you join us across the continent,
S ninl  g r Œm y  s birsizl nir m,
See you soon in Baku,



Realdo Silaj

*The President of Baku 2023 - 99th International Session
of European Youth Parliament*



Welcome Words *The Editress*

Dearest Participants,

I am filled with joy and anticipation as we gather here in the spirit of the European Youth Parliament's international session. As the Editress, entrusted with the task of preserving moments of this experience, I am excited to embark on this unforgettable journey together with you.

In the European Youth Parliament, we embrace the power of education, and the event's focus on the values and future of education resonates deeply within us. We understand and appreciate that learning extends far beyond classrooms, textbooks, and lectures. Shared experiences, collaboration, and the power of storytelling are also crucial sources of learning. Therefore, I assure you that our dedicated media team will carefully document each step of the journey, capturing the spirit of discovery and growth that this event holds.

Growing up within the rich cultural fabric of Azerbaijan, a land known for its history and hospitality, has shaped me greatly. The warmth and generosity of this nation have taught me the importance of embracing diversity and celebrating humanity. I look forward to witnessing your own personal transformations as you become familiar with the culture of Azerbaijan and connect with its welcoming people.

Behind the scenes, our Chairs' Team will guide you through an amazing journey, ensuring that your voices are heard and your perspectives are valued. The Organising Team, through their energy and care, will provide unwavering support as they weave this session together. Our creative Media Team, inspired by the power of storytelling, will document the nuances of your experiences, preserving the laughter, meaningful work, and personal growth that will unfold during our time together.

With love and anticipation,
Gözəl Bakımızda sizi görmək ümidi ilə,

Aylin Alakbarli

*The Editress of Baku 2023 - 99th International Session
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Session Programme

Day 1 05 August	Programme
07:30 - 08:00	Wake Up Call
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 09:30	Transfer
09:30 - 11:00	Training modules
11:00 - 13:00	Delegate arrival + CMO
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:45	Delegate arrival + CMO
15:45 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 19:00	Delegate arrival + CMO
19:00 - 19:30	Transfer
19:30 - 00:00	Welcome party with dinner

Day 2 06 August	Programme
07:30 - 08:00	Wake up
08:00 - 08:45	Breakfast
08:45 - 09:00	Gathering
09:00 - 09:30	Transfer
09:30 - 11:00	General team building
11:00 - 11:30	Walking transfer
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 - 13:30	Teambuilding I
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	Teambuilding II
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 18:00	Teambuilding III
18:00 - 18:45	Bus transfer
18:45 - 19:15	Eurovillage preparation
19:15 - 21:15	Eurovillage
21:15 - 21:45	Transfer to accomodation
21:45 - 00:00	Chill / Sleep

Day 3 07 August	Programme
07:30 - 08:00	Wake up
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 09:45	Walking transfer
9:45 - 11:00	Committee Work I
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:45	Committee Work II
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 15:00	Committee Work III
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 - 16:30	Committee Work IV
16:30 - 17:00	Transfer
17:00 - 20:00	Opening Ceremony
20:00 - 20:45	Transfer to accomodation
20:45 - 00:00	Chill / Sleep

Session Programme

<i>Day 4 08 August</i>	<i>Programme</i>
07:30 - 08:00	Wake up
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 09:30	Walking transfer
09:30 - 11:00	CW & expert talks I
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	CW & expert talks II
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	CW & expert talks III
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	CW & expert talks IV
17:30 - 18:15	Transfer to Old City
18:15 - 20:15	Scavenger Hunt
20:15 - 21:45	Committee Dinner
21:45 - 22:15	Transfer with public transport
22:15 - 00:00	Chill / Sleep

<i>Day 5 09 August</i>	<i>Programme</i>
07:30 - 08:00	Wake up
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 09:30	Walking transfer
09:30 - 11:00	CW & expert talks V
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	CW & expert talks VI
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	CW & expert talks VII
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	CW & expert talks VIII
17:30 - 18:00	Transfer
18:00 - 20:30	UN Event + Dinner
20:30 - 21:00	Transfer to accomodation
21:00 - 00:00	Chill / Sleep

<i>Day 6 10 August</i>	<i>Programme</i>
07:30 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 09:30	Transfer to various activities
09:30 - 17:15	Activities / Free Time
17:15 - 18:00	Transfer to Univerium
18:00 - 18:45	Dinner
18:45 - 19:15	Time for preparation
19:15 - 20:00	Transport to Euroconcert venue
20:00 - 22:00	Euroconcert
22:00 - 22:45	Bus transfer to accommodation
22:45 - 00:00	Chill / Sleep

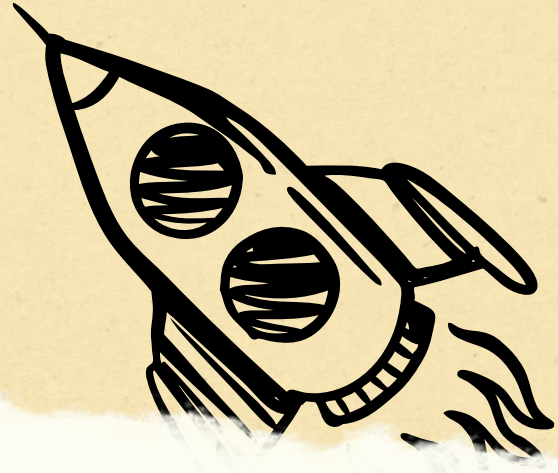
Session Programme

Day 7 11 August	Programme
07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 - 09:00	Transfer to GA
09:00 - 10:00	GA opening
10:00 - 11:00	Debate I
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:30	Debate II
12:30 - 13:30	Debate III
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Debate IV
15:30 - 16:30	Debate V
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 - 18:00	Debate VI
18:00 - 19:00	Debate VII
19:00 - 19:45	Transfers
19:45 - 20:45	Dinner
20:45 - 21:45	Swing dance
21:45 - 22:15	Bus transfer to accommodation
22:15 - 00:00	Chill / Sleep

Day 8 12 August	Programme
07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 - 09:00	Transfer to GA
09:00 - 10:00	Debate I
10:00 - 11:00	Debate II
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:30	Debate III
12:30 - 13:30	Debate IV
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Debate V
15:30 - 16:30	Debate VI
16:30 - 17:00	Extended Coffee Break
17:00 - 18:30	Closing Ceremony
18:30 - 19:30	Transfer to Dinner
19:30 - 22:15	Dinner & Farewell Party
22:15 - 23:15	Bus transfer to accommodation
23:15 - 00:00	Chill / Sleep / Transfers

DAY 9
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departure



Elements of *the Programme*



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TEAMBUILDING

Teambuilding will take place on the first day of the session. During this day, every participant plays icebreaker games and activities to enable participants to get to know each other and establish connections with their peers early in the event programme.

Dress code: Casual



COMMITTEE WORK

Committee work is the core part of the session. During the days of Committee Work, each committee – facilitated and moderated by their chairpersons – outlines and discusses the issues of their topic, and then brainstorms and drafts solutions to it in the form of a resolution. Every decision is made by consensus and requires each participant to be actively engaged.

Dress code: Smart Casual



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly (GA), is the session's final and most important element. On GA days, all the committees gather to present and discuss their resolution, following standard parliamentary procedures.

Dress code: Formal



CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Throughout the session, cultural activities such as the Eurovillage which provides an opportunity for participants to get to know about each other's cultures and traditions, and Euroconcert made of musical, poetic, dramatic performances are conducted.

Dress code: Check the Session Activities section



Session *Activities*

Welcome Party

We are excited to see you! The welcome party marks the informal beginning of the session. All the participants of Baku 2023 will gather together to celebrate their arrival at the session with good music, food, and atmosphere. Make sure to jam out at the party and have as much fun as possible before the main part of the session.

Dress code: Casual

Eurovillage

Join us at the Eurovillage! Experience a vibrant array of booths highlighting various European cultures with national items, activities and delicious cuisines. Engage in interactive workshops and immerse yourself in hands-on activities. We encourage you to bring not only items such as national snacks and flags, but also interactive items like national games, brainstorm quizzes, and prepare workshops that further enhance the liveliness of your national booth and create unforgettable memories for all of us!

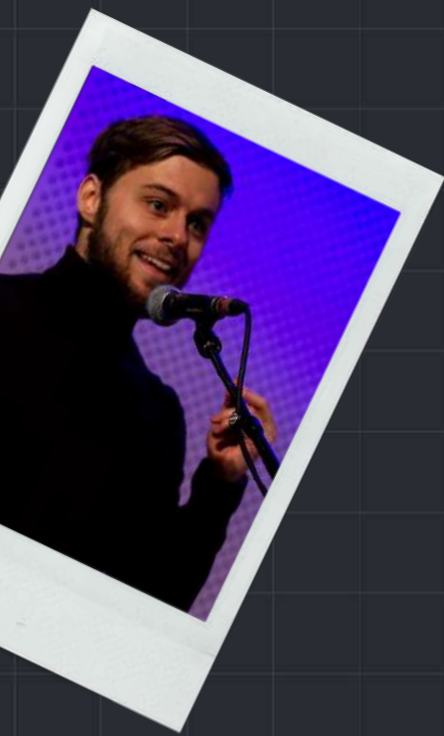
Furthermore, this event will also showcase Azerbaijani culture through optional masterclasses in different corners. Don't miss out and take the most of the opportunity to showcase your culture! The organising team will send a registration form for the Eurovillage before the session.

Dress code: Traditional clothes or Casual



Session *Activities*

Opening Ceremony



The 99th International Session continues with an awe-inspiring opening ceremony on August 7th. The stage becomes a cultural voyage, featuring music, dance, and artistic performances related to Azerbaijani culture. The effective entrance will be followed by the influential dignitaries and the leadership of the session delivering inspiring speeches. From a theatre-style event Opening Ceremony will transform into the elegant Gala Dinner where participants, officials and guests will get an opportunity to network, go through a captivating cultural experience and savour delicious food.

The event is planned to take around 2 to 3 hours after day 1 of committee work. The participants will be given free time to dress up and relocate from the committee work venue to the opening ceremony venue.

Dress code: Formal

During this event, participants are given the opportunity to demonstrate their musical or artistic talents, as well as their national heritage on stage and leave the audience in awe! Please note that very soon the Organising Team will send out a form asking several questions about your intended performance. So, you can already start thinking about it! It's not mandatory to contribute, but highly encouraged and appreciated.

Dress code: Casual and if necessary performers can wear specific clothing for their performance.

Euroconcert



Session *Activities*

Scavenger Hunt & Committee Dinner

Welcome to the thrilling scavenger hunt taking place at the 99th International Session of EYP Azerbaijan, set in Icherisheher (Old City)! This highly anticipated event promises an engaging experience for all participants. Each committee attending the session will be assigned to a dedicated organiser who will orchestrate their scavenger hunt adventure.

The scavenger hunt will take you on a journey through the enchanting streets of Icherisheher, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its rich history and cultural significance. With each riddle solved, teams will uncover hidden clues that will guide them closer to their ultimate destination.

The grand finale of the scavenger hunt will culminate in the exciting revelation, leading participants to a charming restaurant, selected to host the evening dinner. This restaurant promises not only a delightful culinary experience but also an atmosphere where participants can share stories of their thrilling scavenger hunt endeavours.

Get ready to engage your problem-solving skills, work collaboratively with your committee, and explore the captivating streets of Icherisheher as you embark on this memorable scavenger hunt during the 99th International Session of EYP Azerbaijan. An unforgettable adventure awaits!



Dress code: Casual

Session *Activities*

Swing Dancing



Swing Dancing is an active form of partner dance, which requires a constant switch of partners for each move, creating a marvellous and inclusive atmosphere. The idea is that you observe instructors showing dance moves and repeat them together with your partner. Once you learned the dance move, you switch partners to learn the next one. By the end of the activity, you suddenly discover that you managed to network with more than 20 different people and learn more than 10 dance moves. Once all dance moves are remembered, everyone is encouraged to invite each other to dance and practice what they have just been learning together!

The venue for the activity is as exciting as the activity itself: everything will happen at Goal+ campus which is hosting the largest Sports festival in Azerbaijan this year.

Dress code: Casual

Free Day

On our special Free Day, we have organized a range of exciting activities to ensure a memorable day for all our delegates. This day is all about unwinding, enjoying, and experiencing the diverse beauty and culture of Azerbaijan.

In Baku: Cool off at the seaside and enjoy the waves of the Caspian Sea. Discover Azerbaijan's educational history with a museum tour, unleash your creativity with our Art Activities or explore famous landmarks like the Old City and Highland Park.

Exploring Further: Experience the natural wonder of Gobustan and the Mud Volcanoes, or see the Fire Temple and the Burning Mountain. For a deeper dive into our culture and history, join us on regional trips to Shamaxi and Lankaran, where unique experiences such as wine tasting in Meysari and exploration of tea plantations await.

To cater to varying interests, we have prepared different activity bundles. You will receive a preference link to select your desired activities. Further instructions, including what to bring and lunch arrangements, will follow.

This Free Day promises to be a memorable adventure packed with discovery, friendship, and enjoyment! We can't wait to share these experiences with you.

Dress code: Casual

Session *Activities*

Evening of Inspiration with the United Nations



Get ready for an event where we'll dive into the world's Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 and explore how education can make a real difference in achieving them. We'll kick off the event with an exciting presentation by UN representatives from Azerbaijan, giving you an insider's look at the current state of affairs. But that's just the beginning!

Our main event is a lively Panel Discussion featuring a diverse lineup of speakers, including representatives from UN, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan. They'll share their insights, spark thought-provoking conversations, and answer your questions. But wait, there's more! After the discussion, we'll transition to a delicious dinner where you can network with the representatives and each other. Plus, we've got some fun and interactive games lined up to keep the energy high throughout the evening.

Dress code: Smart

Farewell Party

The farewell party, which will be held at the captivating location of Yanar Dag, adds a touch of uniqueness and excitement to the occasion. Yanar Dag, also known as the "Burning Mountain," is a phenomenon featuring natural gas fire that has been continuously burning for thousands of years in Azerbaijan.

During the farewell party, guests will have the opportunity to witness the mesmerizing flames and experience the warmth radiating from the fire, creating a truly unforgettable ambience. Adding to the celebratory atmosphere, one of the country's finest DJs will take the stage, filling the air with vibrant beats and setting the mood for a lively and enjoyable evening.

As the DJ spins their tracks, you will have the chance to dance, socialize, and make lasting memories during these final hours together. With a combination of music, dancing, and a vibrant atmosphere, the farewell party promises to be an incredible experience, leaving everyone with cherished moments and a sense of joy.

Dress code: Free

Dress Code

The session will consist of a great variety of events, for which different types of clothing are advised. The suggested dress codes may serve as guidelines for the participants' clothing choices. It is recommended to bring light summer clothes because of the usual high temperatures in Baku during early August. But also, some warm clothes are also recommended to take in case of a sudden weather change. It is better to check the weather reports for Baku during session dates before packing for the travel.



Casual: This entails almost any type of comfortable clothing that allows for free movement in activities such as teambuilding but can also serve for other informal events.

Smart: This is the golden middle way between formal and casual, usually associated with work and school environments. Smart style is mostly encouraged during committee work.

Formal: This style contains formal suits, shirts, skirts, trousers, and dresses in order to ensure a professional appearance. This dress code is mainly suggested during the general assembly and other evening events.

The overall intention behind these guidelines is to ensure that participants will dress respectfully and appropriately, bearing in mind the nature of each event and the people that will be attending. In no way does the aforementioned imply that a strict policy on clothing will be followed and we strongly discourage the use, purchase or acquisition of special items that you don't feel comfortable in.

Packing List

Essentials

- valid passport or ID card (if you are not an Azerbaijani citizen, it is important to bring your passport)
- visa if required
- insurance evidence (health insurance card, etc.)
- money (notes and coins) and/or credit/debit card (we recommend bringing at least 70€, without staying any extra nights)
- mobile devices, phone and charger
- power plug and/or adapter (most plugs in Azerbaijan are type C/ eu)
- food and decoration for the Euro village
- Sunscreen for Baku's Sun

Committee Work

- committee work materials (your own research, academic preparation kit, preferably in digital form)
- laptop/tablet/notepad and their chargers
- preferred notebook and pens

Clothing

- sufficient clothing for all days of the session (remember the different dress codes: Casual for Teambuilding Day, Semi-casual for Committee Work Days, and Formal for General Assembly Days)
- traditional clothing for Eurovillage

Personal Items

- personal hygiene items and any emergency medication (Remember to share your relevant medical history with the organising team in the Medical Emergency Sheet)
- if needed for participants taking part in the EuroConcert: instrument, music on an external flash drive, costume etc.
- towels and other personal hygiene products will not be provided, you will however be able to purchase them from shops



Useful Words *in Azerbaijani*

Salam - [salam] - Hi, hello

Necəsən? - [nedjasan] - How are you?

Yaxşıyam - [yaxhshiyam] - I'm good

Sağ olun - [sagh olun] - Bye

Çox sağ olun - [choh sagh olun] - Thank you

Hə - [he] - Yes

Yox - [yokh] - No

... haradadır? - [hardadi] - Where is ... ?

Restoran - [restoran] - Restaurant

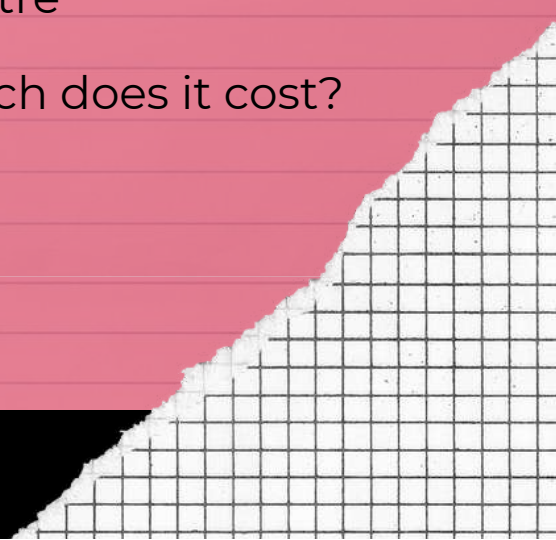
Metro - [metro] - Subway

Avtobus dayanacağı - [avtobus dayanacagi] - Bus stop

Xəritə - [kharita] - Map

Mərkəz - [merkez] - Centre

Neçəyədir? - [necheyedir] - How much does it cost?



Accommodation

Univerium

All the participants of Baku 2023 will be staying at Univerium. The address of the venue is as follows: Bakikhanov street 37, Baku, Azerbaijan.

Univerium is the biggest and one of the most renowned dormitories in Baku and is committed to supporting a diverse and inclusive student community based on respect for self, others and the environment. As the official residence for participants throughout the session duration, the participants will experience the warm hospitality of Baku.

The participants will also have the pleasure of attending the welcome party, hosted in Univerium. We look forward to welcoming you all to Baku and fostering meaningful connections in this unparalleled setting!



Safety and *Legal Notes*

Leaving during the official programme: All participants are expected to partake in all the official session activities listed in the Session Programme with the exception of emergencies or other urgent situations. We would like to remind all participants that this event consists of more than 200 people which entails a range of legal obligations and responsibilities for the Organising Team, therefore no participant is permitted to leave without the permission of an Organiser. Even with given permission delegates are still required to stay with an Organiser at all times. In no circumstances can a participant leave the Session without informing a member of the Organising team. Failure to follow this will result in the individual being excluded from the event and sent home at their own expense.

Alcohol and drug policy: The European Youth Parliament has a zero-tolerance policy on all drugs. The possession and usage of all types of drugs is considered illegal under Azerbaijani law. If any participant is found in possession of any drugs, they will immediately be removed from the session and sent home at their own expense. Possession of drugs will be reported to the local police and can result in measures taken by the local criminal and administrative offence laws.

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Only alcoholic beverages under the threshold of 13% Alcohol by Volume will be permitted at the session to delegates over the age of 18. No Session participant should put themselves in a position in which they are unable to fulfil their duties or participate in the session programme due to overindulgence. The minimum legal age for purchasing and drinking alcohol in Azerbaijan is 18 years. There is a fine for selling and giving alcohol to persons under 18 years old.

Safety and *Legal Notes*

Visa: If you are a citizen of a country who needs a visa for entry to Azerbaijan, it is highly recommended to apply for an e-visa through evisa.gov.az. You can check the list of eligible countries [here](#). Check the Travel Booklet for more information.

Insurance: Travel insurance is not required officially by the government of Azerbaijan; however, it depends on personal preference and you are welcome to obtain one to cover your stay. We recommend you to check your insurance policy regarding coverage for medical expenses incurred abroad. Even in the absence of health insurance, medical assistance can still be obtained. Additionally, medical services in Baku are more budget-friendly compared to those in the European Union.

Welfare policy: The EYP has an extensive Welfare Policy for International Sessions, which covers rules regarding behavioural standards, e.g. discrimination, abuse (of trust), (sexual) harassment, violence, consent and child protection. Should the unfortunate event ever occur in which behavioural standards are not met, whether with regards to you or another participant, please do not hesitate to contact any official at the session. All officials have been briefed on how to support you in such a situation. Officials, in turn, are supported in these efforts by the appointed Safe Person of the session. You are also always free to contact the Safe Person directly with any issues or questions. Information about the assigned Safe Person will be given at the session.

Currency exchange: It is important to remember that the currency of Azerbaijan is Azerbaijani Manat (AZN). While making the payment credit cards can be used; however, it is essential to consider that the percentage of exchange will be added to the transaction. Additionally, it is possible to exchange EUROS to AZN at the airport or in the city center.

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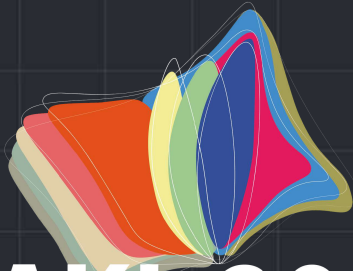


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