



Information Booklet

BATUMI CITY SESSION

Cooperation for Regional Development









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Dear all,

We are happy to welcome you on one of the challenging but exciting events of EYP Batumi Initiative Group with the support of EYP Georgia and financial assistance of Batumi City Hall. Batumi City Session will be held on 23-25 March, 2012 and will gather approximately 32 Delegates from Georgia, selected through the open call, under the theme “Cooperation for the Regional Development.”

Batumi city session is planned to be an ongoing tradition organized annually for the development of EYP in Batumi.

The event will follow traditional EYP methodology and will combine Teambuilding and Committee Work in the first 2 days and presenting General Assembly on the third.

Batumi Initiative Group with the help of European youth parliament of Georgia – expects the session to be of high academic and organizational quality. The session theme is the most actual topic of Europe as well as the whole world and committee topics will be focused mostly on Regional Issues.

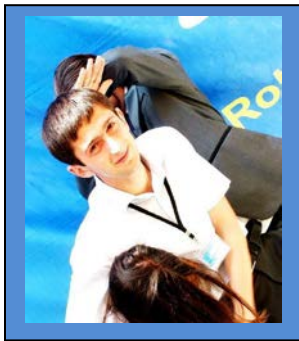
We organizers are doing our best to make these sessions unforgettable. We are deeply convinced that participants of this event will acquire useful skills, enabling them to become more successful in the future. We hope you are as excited for the upcoming session as our team. We are waiting for your applications and wish you good luck for the selection process.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Batumi City Session!

Sincerely,

Ruslan Tsulukidze

On behalf of the EYP Batumi Initiative Group



Head Organizer of the Batumi City Session



European Youth Parliament, Georgia

Founded in 1987, the European Youth Parliament (EYP) is a non-partisan independent educational project, which is tailored entirely to the needs of the young European citizens, encouraging them to have their say in shaping the future of their continent. The EYP seeks to promote the European dimension in non-formal education and to give youngsters the opportunity to participate in a practical learning experience.

EYP encourages young people – the citizens of the future – to be aware of the thoughts and characteristics of other nations, to respect the cultural differences and to learn how to work together for a common good. Students are supported to take interest in current affairs and the democratic process, practice independent thinking and take personal initiative. These are the key concepts of EYP activities.

The most prominent part of the EYP activities is a session – a simulation of the European Parliament. Sessions range from the ten-day international to regional, national and local sessions. Over twenty thousand young people take part in EYP activities annually.

EYP Georgia represents a relatively new member of the EYP network, consisting of 35 countries. However it is one of the most rapidly developing and growing national committees. EYP Georgia has accomplished full recognition criteria and has been recognized as a plenipotentiary member of EYP in 2008. Since then, it organizes a National Selection Conference and approximately 8-10 other national, regional and international events each year.

As of now, EYP Georgia reaches more than 1500 Georgian youngsters through its broad range of activities. Its foremost aim is to foster the EYP aims among the age group of 16 to 20. The aims are the following:

- To raise awareness of European issues, encourage active European citizenship and Motivate students to become engaged;
- To promote international understanding, intercultural dialogue and diversity of ideas;
- To contribute to the personal skills development of European youth;
- To promote volunteering on a European scale;
- To provide a forum for young Europeans to take action, discuss debate and reflect European issues



EYP Batumi Initiative Group

Batumi Initiative Group is group of youth established in 2008 and involves former, present and Active EYPers from Batumi.

The aims of the Batumi Initiative Group are:

- To develop EYP in Batumi and raise awareness about different EU's or international issues
- To strengthen the regional development of EYP Georgia
- To establish strong regional representative in Batumi
- To promote active citizenship and democratic values

The Members of Batumi Initiative Group

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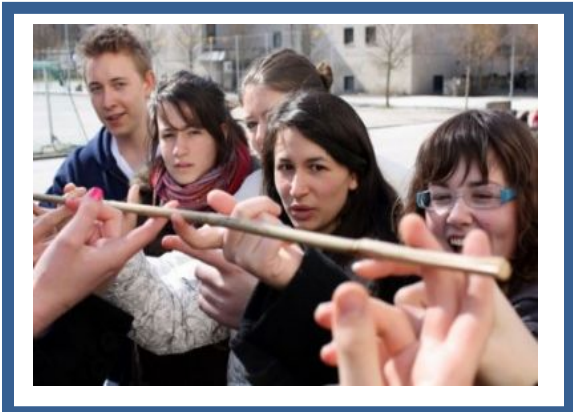
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The Session Methodology

General Methodology

EYP sessions follow a similar programme and are based on the same methodology of Teambuilding, Committee Work and General Assembly synthesized with evening activities.



Teambuilding

Young people coming from different Backgrounds and having never met before will Gather in committees. They need to function as close-knit team pulling together and respecting Each other till the end of the event. The aim of Teambuilding activities is to prepare the participants for this challenge. In conjunction with the committee chairperson, the delegates in committees engage in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Some of them are physical, others – creative or problem Solving, but all of them are designed to get a group of people working as a team, creating a basis for an open, productive and fair discussion under the atmosphere of trust among the participants.

Committee Work

Committee work is the central part of any session of the EYP. Delegates come together now working well as a team after the teambuilding to discuss a particular topic. The goal of the committee work is to write a motion for a resolution that is agreed by each committee member. The principle of consensus is central in the EYP methodology and it might be a big challenge for the group to reach a compromise on every issue. The chairperson of the committee facilitates the discussions. The idea is that the resolution reflects the ideas of the group (not the chairperson) and every member of the committee agrees to what is stated in the document.



General Assembly

The General Assembly reunites all the participants of the session to consider the results of the committee work. Each committee presents and defends its motion for a resolution, which is debated by other committees. At the end of each debate, there is a vote – based solely on the personal conscience of each delegate.

The Session Theme

Batumi City Session will have a special Theme – *Cooperation for the Regional Development*



VENUES

Batumi State University



Shota Rustaveli State University is an important educational, scientific and cultural center of our country. It has a 75-year-long history.

Batumi Boulevard

The history of Batumi Boulevard dates back to 1881



Batumi City Assembly



Batumi City Assembly Building was built in 1895

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY 1

10:00 – 11:30	Opening Ceremony
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 14:00	Teambuilding
14:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Committee Teambuilding
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 18:00	Committee Work
18:30 – 19:30	Committee Presentation

DAY 2

10:00 – 11:00	Committee Work
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:30	Committee Work
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	Committee Work
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 19:00	Committee Work

DAY 3

10:00 – 11:30	General Assembly
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 14:30	General Assembly
14:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Closing Ceremony
16:00 – 18:00	Farewell Party