

Topic of the Day: Europe!

Instructions for a presentation-debating competition in English

Organizers: Eurocentrum Zlín; Zlín Region; Eventis o.p.s.

When:

Preliminary rounds: 8th - 17th February 2010

Final round: 1st - 5th March 2010

Where:

Preliminary rounds:

- Will be announced on 11th January 2010 at the latest.

Final round:

- Office of the Zlín Region, tř. Tomáše Bati 21, Zlín - 16th floor

We will specify details about the venue and time for both rounds until 11th January 2010.

For whom: 2nd – 4th year secondary school students; 3-member teams

Tasks:

- Teams are required to register the names of all team members, school and class via email by Tuesday 22nd December 2009: Eurocentrum Zlín – gergelova@euroskop.cz.
- Please note that we might not accept all the teams in case of insufficient capacity (max. number of teams per district round is 10). **Each school can register max. 2 teams** at the first round and in case the full capacity is not reached, another team will be given the opportunity to register. Registration will be confirmed as soon as we get it, you can immediately start preparing your presentation.
- Prepare a presentation on one of the topics listed below, bring it on a flash card or a CD (either ppt or odp format).
- Present the topic in 5-10 minutes.
- Discuss the topic with the jury and with other teams / approx. 5 minutes.
- For the final round, teams can either make adjustments to the same topic they had at a preliminary round, or chose another one – it is up to them to decide. Tasks will be the same as listed above.

Criteria: What will you be judged on?

- Presentation skills – clarity, creativity, fluency, teamwork
- Ability to stick to the chosen topic and to deal with it in an original and creative way
- Ability to present and discuss in English

Results of the preliminary rounds will be announced immediately.

Attractive prizes to be won!

List of topics:

1. What does the Czech Republic being a part of the EU mean to you? What are the main advantages and disadvantages of our membership?
2. Choose one aspect of European integration, which you consider to be problematic. Give us tangible ideas for what you personally or a group of young people in your country could do to improve the situation?
3. What do European values mean to you? What do all Europeans/European countries have in common? Is it connected with European citizenship, identity, etc.?
4. Just imagine that all citizens of the European Union spoke one universal language and practised the same religion and culture. Would you like it or do you prefer living together in diversity?
5. In your opinion, what are the main challenges and issues facing the European Union today? Why do you consider the ones you've chosen to be the most important?
6. Why do you think studying or working abroad is a good idea? Would you like to study or work in another EU country and why?
7. What do you think about language diversity in Europe? Should it be protected or not? Why?
8. Do you think it is beneficial for your school and you as a student to cooperate with schools abroad? Why or why not?
9. What limitations would you place on the extension of the European Union? Is geographical location important, or would you apply different criteria? Which ones and why?
10. Express your voice in Europe. You have the opportunity to establish a youth organisation on European level. Give your organisation a name and decide what would be its main function.

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