

WELCOME TO YMUNE XIII

For the past ten years, it has been our great pleasure to introduce this innovative and exciting conference to delegates from around the world. It has always been our goal to ensure that a diversity of thought and experience are brought to the table — both in the issues we discuss and the delegates we attract — to make for a more enriching conversation. In the past, we have had delegates hailing anywhere from France to New Zealand. Outside of our committees, YMUNE rounds out the educational experience with a diverse range of panels and workshops, and social events for our delegates to make long-lasting friendships and connections with students from dozens of other countries.

A UNIQUE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

Our conference boasts a unique take on Model UN where high-school students converge from around the world to debate events of global importance and put their creativity, diplomacy, and problem-solving abilities to the test. Delegates learn how to actively search for compromises and agreement and embody a diversity of perspectives and represent them as close as possible.

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DELEGATE GUIDE



THE YMUNE SECRETARIAT

The YMUNE Secretariat has been working tirelessly to make an unforgettable conference experience! From workshop planning to crisis prep, this phenomenal team has their sights set on making YMUNE XIII the best iteration of the YMUNE yet. We are committed to delivering the best, so we're here to help if you have any questions regarding the conference!

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

All Times Below Are Brussels Standard Time and Are Subject To Change

Friday

March 15



9:30 - 12:30

Registration

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:00

Opening Ceremony

15:00 - 16:00

Delegate Training
Workshops

16:00 - 18:00

Committee Session I

18:00 - 19:15

Dinner Break

19:15 - 22:00

Committee Session II

Saturday

March 16



9:00 - 11:30

Committee Session III

11:30 - 12:15

Non-Profit Expo/Event

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 - 14:30

International Relations
and Security Panel

14:30 - 15:00

Catered Coffee Break

15:00 - 17:30

Committee Session IV

17:30 - 18:45

Dinner Break

18:45 - 20:45

Committee Session V

21:30 - 23:00

Delegate Dance

Sunday

March 17



9:00 - 12:00

Committee Session VI

12:00 - 13:15

Lunch Break

13:15 - 14:15

Workshops

14:15 - 17:00

Committee Session VII

17:00 - 18:00

Closing Ceremony

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SPEAKERS & PANELISTS



SPEAKER

JOHAN VERBEKE



SPEAKER

ALEXIA BERTRAND

Minister Alexia Bertrand is the state secretary for the budget and consumer protection. She has a law degree from University of Louvain-la-Neuve LLM from Harvard Law. She also worked at a law office before working for the Belgium government. In 2012, she worked on Didier Reynders cabinet. She advised on matters of justice, immigration, and asylum. As of 2019, she has served as a member of the parliament of Brussels-Capital region.

Johan Verbeke is a distinguished diplomat whose illustrious career spans over four decades of service to Belgium and the international community. He received an L.L.M from Yale and has a wealth of experience in various roles within the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including serving as Chairman of the Security Council Sanctions Committees and leading crucial diplomatic missions, Ambassador Verbeke has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication. As Belgium's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and later as Ambassador to the United Kingdom and the United States, he has consistently upheld the highest standards of diplomacy. Johan Verbeke is also the author of *Diplomacy in Practice. A Critical Approach* (Routledge, 2023). Please join me in welcoming Johan Verbeke, whose contributions have left an indelible mark on global diplomacy.





PANELIST
ESTHER POZO VERA

Esther Pozo Vera holds an LLM in EU law from the College of Europe and bachelor degrees in law and political sciences from the University of Murcia. Ms. Pozo Vera is the head of the unit for asylum in DG Home Affairs. She was recently involved with the adoption of the EU's migration pact. She has been working for the European Commission since 2008 and she previously led the unit for Schengen governance.



PANELIST
STELLA RONNER-GRUBAČIĆ

Stella Ronner-Grubačić is the Deputy Managing Director for Values and Multilateral Relations at the EU External Action Service. She received a bachelor's degree in European studies from the Universiteit van Amsterdam. She later went on to complete graduate courses at the Clingendael Institute for International Relations and Ecole Nationale d'administration. Before working for the EEAS, Ms. Ronner-Grubačić worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands and served as an ambassador to Croatia, Romania, the republic of Moldova, and Greece. She is currently working on advancing gender equality and non-discrimination and how it relates to the EU's foreign and security policy.



PANELIST
KURT ENGELEN

Captain Kurt Engelen, a Belgian navy officer, boasts a multifaceted background in military, industry, and academia. Holding master's degrees in applied linguistics and international politics, along with certificates from Cambridge University and M.I.T., he has completed prestigious courses at the European Security and Defence College. With notable roles including staff officer at NATO and head of the EU section at the Belgian Defence Staff Strategy Department, he currently serves as Defence Counsellor to the Belgian PSC Ambassador. Engelen also teaches at the Riga Graduate School of Law and the Royal Military Academy, focusing on international politics and security. Recognized for his achievements, he holds esteemed titles such as Commander in the Order of the Crown and Officer in the Order of Leopold.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

DISAC

Disarmament and International Security

- Topic 1: The Weaponization of the Cyberspace
- Topic 2: Prevention of Illicit Arms Trafficking

SOCHUM

Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Issues

- Topic 1: The Right to Food
- Topic 2: Protection of Children and Women in Conflict Zones

LEGAL

- Topic 1: Ensuring the Criminal Accountability of UN Workers
- Topic 2: The Management of Transboundary Aquifers

The General Assemblies (GAs) are the largest organ in YMUNE but not any less rigorous and intense. They come the closest to simulating a real United Nations committee in terms of their real-life topics, size, and structure; while the large size of the GAs allows for a more beginner-friendly experience, this organ hosts delegates from all kinds of background and experience levels. Thus, the format of the organ requires delegates to conduct thorough research, be an active proponent of their resolutions, and work effectively with other members regardless of their background.

SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES

FRANKFURT ASSEMBLY 1848

- Topic 1: Drafting a German Constitution
- Topic 2: Creating a Unified German Foreign Policy

Specialized committees are small-to-medium sized each with its own unique focus. The structure of the committee makes for lively debate, nuanced points of view, and innovative resolutions to some of the most pressing world issues while reimagining the past and present in resolution-making. At YMUNE, specialized committees aim to simulate fast-paced decision-making for global leaders by weaving crisis updates into the committee experience, to which delegates ought to respond in a timely manner.

REGIONAL BODIES

EUROPEAN UNION

- Topic 1: Immigration and Passport Policy
- Topic 2: Sustainability Standards

ECLAC

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

- Topic 1: Social Welfare
- Topic 2: Transnational Capitalism and the Climate Crisis

Regional bodies cover a more specific region of the world and its particular needs and issues in the broader context of the UN. Because of their more nuanced point of view, regional bodies usually host delegates with more experience or overall delegates who are comfortable leading the debate in a smaller committee setting. In this organ, delegates are asked to develop solutions to some of the most pressing global challenges specific to their region by considering the complexity and multifaceted nature of each topic at hand.

CRISIS

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL 1990

- Topic 1: Nothing Short of a Miracle: German Reunification
- Topic 2: Stabilizing the Balkans: Mediating the Yugoslav Wars

GERMAN REUNIFICATION

- Topic 1: East-West Reunification
- Topic 2: Creating a Unified German Foreign Policy

Crisis committees are fast-paced and innovative, focused on creative problem solving, as delegates are required to develop solutions to the problem at hand using both their own resources and the resources of others in a collaborative manner. Due to its small size, the organ welcomes more experienced delegates who are comfortable with leading the debate and adapt quickly to the rapidly changing situation inside committee.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

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Sponsor Highlight: *KU LEUVEN*

They attend various MUN conferences across Europe and beyond and provide a wide variety of training activities to their members, honing their skills in debate, negotiation, and public speaking. Next to training their members, they also host Belgium's finest annual Model United Nations Conference which is open to all students. KULMUN focuses on including students of all backgrounds and study fields. KULMUN not only offers a professional setting but also recognizes the importance of human interaction through social events.



The KU Leuven Model United Nations Association (KULMUN) is a student-run organization, based in Leuven, Belgium, with a passion for debate, international politics, and connecting with people of diverse opinions.

For further information about KULMUN, please visit their website at <https://www.kulmun.be> or get in touch with them via email at info@kulmun.be.



Thank you for joining us on this journey! We hope you all enjoy the inaugural Yale Model United Nations Europe Conference, and all that our team and Brussels has to offer.

Sincerely,
The YMUNE TEAM

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