

# Joint Report on Graduate Workshop 2021



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## Guideline for Simulation – OER

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- The following shows the procedure of a simulation of the European legislative process
- Participants should prepare in advance an opening speech and a position paper based on the attitudes of their assigned role
  - For members of the European Parliament (MEPs), both the position of the member state and the respective faction should be included

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# Timetable for Simulation

Timetable – Part I	
09:00 – 09:45	Role Workshops
09:45 – 10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation of Proposal
10:30 – 12:00	Faction Meeting and Opening Statements by Faction Leaders
	Lunchbreak
13:00 – 14:00	Debate on Topic
14:00 – 15:00	Faction Meeting to prepare Amendments

# Timetable for Simulation

Timetable – Part II	
15:00 – 15:30	Presentation of Amendments
15:30 – 16:30	Debate on Amendments
16:30 – 17:30	Faction Meeting
17:30 – 18:00	Voting on Amendments
18:00 – 18:30	Final Debate on Topic
18:30 – 19:00	Final Vote on Topic
19:00 – 19:30	Closing Ceremony

# A Participant's Role in MEUs

- As MEPs the role of participants is to represent their individual opinions, based on the national countries' respective parties as well as the factions' own policies preferences.
- A Role as Ministers of the European Council is to represent the countries' interests within the European legislative process.
- In this participants will co-decide and jointly debate, amend and vote on one proposal as introduced by the European Commission.

# A Participant's Role in MEUs

- Legislative process consists of three readings
  - Each Reading includes:
    - Opening Statements
    - A General Debate
    - The drafting of amendments
    - The debate on amendments
    - The vote on amendments
    - Approval or Rejection → 3. Reading only
1. and 2. reading only

- Speakers' List
  - „Motion to be put on the Speakers' List“ / Note to the President
  - Worked through in order
    - Default speaking-time of 1 minute
  - „Point of information towards the speaker“
    - MUST be a direct question
    - Maximum time-limit of 30 seconds per question
    - Right to refuse an answer
  - If time runs out, remaining speakers have the right to hand in a written speech on ½ page of paper
    - Summarised by the President



- Informal Discussion
  - „Motion to move to an informal discussion“
    - Unmoderated, unofficial discussion
    - For up to 20 minutes
    - MEPs/Ministers must stay in the room
  - Afterwards return to Speakers' List



When the Speakers' List runs out the chamber **immediately** moves to the next phase of the reading!

- Procedural Points
  - Point of Information to the Speaker/Chair
    - To ask a question about a Speaker's statement
    - To ask a question about things such as remaining time or procedure to the Chair
  - Point of Order
    - To submit a question of procedure for a ruling of the Chair
  - Point of Personal Privilege
    - To express personal discomfort

- Procedural Motions
  - Motion to Limit or Extend Speaking Time
  - Motion to move to Informal Discussion
  - Motion to close the Debate
- Motions are proposed and voted upon
  - Speakers in support/against a motion might be asked at discretion of the President
  - Absolute Majority is required
    - Except for Motion to close the Debate (2/3 majority)

- Amendments to a Proposal
  - Can be handed in at any time!
- Voting on Amendments
  - Amendments that were not debated, cannot be voted on
  - Amendments without a speaker against it automatically pass and vice-versa
  - Amendments are passed by simple majority (EP) or by qualified majority (CoEU)

- After 3rd reading
  - directly follows General Debate
- Voting on amended proposal
  - Passed by simple majority (EP) or by qualified majority (CoEU)