

2018 MEUSC MEETING AGENDA AND BRIEF OUTLINE

Thursday, November 8th

10:00 a.m. All Embassy Briefings

- Proper professional attire required
- Brief lecture by foreign diplomat concerning respective country's perspective on the topics of the legislative proposals

12:00 p.m. Lunch

- By delegation; own arrangements

2:45 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

- Welcome to all program participants
- Required attendance by all participants

3:00 p.m. Plenary Session/Invited Speaker

4:00 p.m. Fifteen Minute Recess

4:15 p.m. National Government Speeches

- 3-4 minute opening remarks by Heads of Government and State (HOGS), and President of Commission
- President of European Council begins and introduces HOGS; President of Commission is last to speak
- Required attendance for all program participants

5:30 p.m. Party Group Meetings – Required attendance for all MEPs

- Introductions: First opportunity to meet other MEPs in your party
- Election of party leaders - chair and vice-chair, who must come from separate committees and should come from separate countries
- Note: A student can only hold one elected position during simulation
- Discussion of issues most important to your party
- Discussion and consideration of coalition building with like-minded parties
- Emphasis throughout should focus on your party, not the country you represent
- Begin thinking of nominations for committee chairperson, vice-chairperson, and rapporteur from your party

5:30 p.m. Joint Council of Ministers Meeting and European Council Meeting – Required attendance for all Ministers and HOGS

- Introductions: First opportunity to meet other Ministers; HOGS meet together as well
- Begin discussion of issues most important to your country

7:15 p.m. Commissioners Depart for Dinner/Restaurants

- A working dinner – simulation sponsored – attendance required

7:30 p.m. Working Dinner(s)

- **European Council:**
 - o HOGS sit together
 - o Continue discussion of issues of concern
- **EU Commission:**
 - o Discuss possible/probable questions related to the legislative proposals
 - o Assign members to specific meetings
- **Ministers:**
 - o Sit with ministers who hold similar portfolio
 - o Discuss issues of vital concern
- **European Parliament:**
 - o Seating by Party Group
 - o Like minded parties adjacent to each other
 - o Continue coalition building with other parties
 - o Finalize slate(s) of candidates for committee chair, vice-chair and rapporteur

9:00 p.m. Rules Briefing

- Required Attendance of all MEPs
- Conducted by professors
- Review procedures manual
- Roberts Rules are not utilized
- QMV used when appropriate in ministerial councils

9:30 p.m. Parliamentary Committees Meet

- Initial Meeting Chaired by Eldest Sitting MEP
- Order of Business for both Parliamentary Committees is to Elect Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, & Rapporteur
 - o Rapporteur needs to be well acquainted with the subject matter and able to shepherd the proposal through the process

Friday, November 9th

8:30 a.m. Simultaneous Sessions

- EP Parliament:
 - o Committees begin work on amending the legislative proposals
 - o Each Rapporteur working in concert with Committee leadership must have a draft copy of the amended legislative proposal at the end of the day.
- European Council
 - o Tour de Table
 - o Summit-Style Meeting
 - o Rarely, if ever, would vote on an issue
 - o Discuss pressing issues facing the EU
- Ministerial Councils
 - o Each member opens with brief (1-2 minute) statement on the legislative proposal
 - o Begin work on amending the legislative proposals
 - o Consensus rather than voting
 - o Each Council must have a draft copy of the amended legislative proposal at the end of the day
- Commission
 - o Attend meetings as directed by President of Commission
 - o Be available to answer questions about the legislative proposals as needed

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. Resume Deliberations and Simultaneous Sessions

12:00 p.m. Lunch by National Delegations

2:00 p.m. Party Group Meetings

- Chaired by Party Chairs/Vice-Chairs
- Representatives from each committee give report on work to date
 - o Discuss amendments that have been proposed
 - o Find areas of agreement and disagreement
 - o Strategize as to whether party platform is represented in the legislative proposals
 - o Further negotiations with other like-minded political parties
- **National Governments Meetings**
 - o Individual HOGS meet with their Ministers to discuss progress on the legislative proposals and to strategize

3:00 p.m. Resume Committee and Council Meetings

- EP Committees and Ministerial Councils must have a draft version of their work at day's end
- European Council continues to address its own agenda

5:30 p.m. Recess Sessions for the Day

7:00 p.m. Annual MEUSC Reception in the Ballroom

- Professional attire required
- Awards for Outstanding Commissioner and 1 MEP from each Committee
- Socialize with members of other delegations

9:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day

Saturday, November 10th

8:15 a.m. Simultaneous Sessions

- Plenary Session of the European Parliament
 - o Initial meeting chaired by previously appointed president
 - o Vice-President and Rapporteur need to be selected from Parliament
 - o Debate the amended legislative proposals, section by section (A, B, C...), as provided by the two committees

- Amendments are not permitted
- Vote on final draft proposal (a separate vote for each proposal)
- Joint Council
 - Review the amended legislative proposals as provided by the two ministerial councils
 - Come to agreement on final draft proposals
- European Council
 - Continue work following its agenda

10:00 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. Conciliation Committee between Joint Council and Parliament

As part of the ordinary legislative procedure (co-decision), the Conciliation Committee brings members from the Joint Council of Ministers, the plenary session of the European Parliament, and the Commission together to negotiate a compromise on disputed legislative proposals. The emphasis should be on finding consensus on these issues so that all sides can agree on modified proposals. If compromise agreements are reached, a joint text for each of the proposals will then be submitted for approval to the 1:15 PM meetings of the Joint Council and European Parliament ("3rd Reading").

In the Conciliation Committee, the President, Vice-President, and Rapporteur of the European Parliament, as well as the chair/vice-chair, and rapporteur of each one of the two committees, and the Party Group Chairs will represent Parliament. The President of each of the Ministerial Councils, along with one minister from each of the remaining Member States (chosen by the States themselves) will represent the Council. The Presidents of the Council and the Parliament run the meeting jointly. Before the general meeting begins, the two Presidents, aided by the EP Rapporteur, should review the two legislative proposals briefly to locate areas of disagreement. The general meeting should then address these areas in search of compromise. The Commission President and two other Commissioners (selected by the President) represent the Commission, answering questions from the Committee. Other commissioners and ministers who are not part of the Committee should observe. During this period all other MEPs attend party meetings led by the Party Group Vice-Chairs.

Committee may need to work through lunch period in order to get its business finished (take out lunch could be provided by fellow students).

10:15 a.m. Party Group Meetings

- Vice-Chairs of party groups chair meetings
- Meet to consider party group's position on anticipated Joint Text document and strategize for final plenary session.

11:30 p.m. Hotel Check-Out & Lunch by National Delegation

1:15 p.m. Final Simultaneous Sessions

- **European Parliament (meets through 2:30 pm)**
 - Discusses the joint texts adopted in the Conciliation Committee ("3rd Reading")
 - (No amendments are allowed at this point)
 - Holds the final vote on each one of the joint texts
- **Joint Council**
 - Discusses the joint texts adopted in the Conciliation Committee ("3rd Reading")
 - Final stance for national perspectives and positions by ministers
 - (No amendments are allowed at this point)
 - Approves or rejects each of the joint texts, acting by a qualified majority (unless unanimity is required by the Treaty)
- **European Council**
 - Business concluded by European Council other than the legislative proposals

2:15 p.m. Ministers and HOGS finalize national positions on the legislative proposals (informal meeting by country)

2:45 p.m. European Council Summit on the directives

- Members of European Parliament observe
- President presents the conclusions of the European Council on issues other than the legislative proposals
- Discussion and final positions of national governments on the proposals (if agreed upon in the 3rd reading), with Ministers advising HOGS.

4:00 p.m. European Parliament - Explanations of Vote

- MEPs present their perspectives on what has been accomplished
- Opportunity to comment on the process and its outcomes
- Up to 2 representatives from each party group may speak for up to 2 minutes.
- Presentation of Final Awards (Ministers, European Council, and 2 Plenary MEPs)

5:00 p.m. Adjournment of the Simulation