

# Western European MEP VI: Lier

**ENVI** PREP MODULE: ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

## 1 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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### 1.1 GENERAL RULES

During the committee meetings, certain rules will apply. Underneath, you'll find a brief summary by the committee presidents.

#### 1. No electronic devices

Electronic devices such as smartphones and laptops are not allowed during the committee meetings. However, we ask you to always carry your laptop as it will be allowed to do additional research when deemed necessary by the committee presidents. We will also ask you to review the resolution at the end of certain sessions, which will also be easier with the use of a laptop.

#### 2. Common-sense-budget

Since we are discussing economic matters and climate legislation – which is known for its expensive measures – we, the committee presidents, have chosen to abandon the concept of infinite money, which is sometimes used in MEP sessions. We believe that budget is very important, but don't want to revise the European budget. Therefore, we will use our so-called common-sense-budget, which basically means that you don't have to present all financial numbers, but it must be reasonable.

#### 3. No plagiarism

When writing footnotes or annexes, which will be done together or by a qualified member (agreed upon by the majority and to be reviewed before being implemented), don't just copy and paste texts from external sources. If really necessary, always mention your sources as plagiarism is forbidden by law.

#### 4. Good behaviour (general)

We expect you to behave yourself and be invested into the discussions. You can only leave our meetings during the breaks, to get some water or go to the toilet. Please be nice and polite, even during heated discussions.

#### 5. Dress code

Please follow the MEP dress code, which you are all familiar with. This means that we expect you to be dressed in Western business attire.

Please note that those are a few rules we'd like to mention, but rules can be added later on when deemed necessary by the Committee Presidents. This will always be communicated.

## 1.2 WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

Our committee meeting serves as the gathering of all ENVI members to discuss a resolution and address the current topic. The primary objective in these meetings is to collaboratively formulate a comprehensive resolution aimed at addressing the question of which measures the EU should take to decrease the number of negative influences the EU faces due to climate change whilst safeguarding our economy. These sessions emphasize teamwork, with delegates from across Europe contributing their unique insights rather than engaging in competition.

The resolution itself is divided into two sections: the preambulatory clauses and the operative clauses. **Preambulatory clauses** provide context for the resolution, identifying problems that may need resolution or highlighting factors that could hinder its success. **Operative clauses** offer concise explanations of the policies intended to address the topic at hand.

During committee meetings, delegates propose and create various operative and preambulatory clauses to be considered for inclusion in the resolution. Once a sufficient number of clauses are presented and this is agreed upon by the majority, delegates engage in open debate to assess their effectiveness and relevance to the topic. They decide whether to include the clauses in the final resolution as-is or if amendments are necessary before incorporation.

The discussion will also be put into forms: formal discussion and informal discussion. **Formal discussion** means that any delegate wishing to speak will need permission from a committee chair. During formal discussion, when speakers begin, they must acknowledge the committee president, a simple Mr./Madame President will suffice. In order to seek permission from a committee president a delegate must raise their placard and will be duly acknowledged by a chair. An **informal discussion** allows delegates to speak and move freely among themselves without need for permission from the committee presidents. This will only be allowed if deemed necessary by the committee chairs.

After reaching a consensus on the final resolution, a thorough examination takes place to identify any areas where it may not effectively address the issue. Delegates aim to prepare a defense for potential challenges when presenting the resolution in the General Assembly. Committee meetings also play a crucial role in determining speaker roles for the General Assembly, including who will deliver which speech.

## 2 POINT OF VIEW

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**DEADLINE:** February 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

In order to fully understand your point of view, we kindly request all delegates to prepare and submit a "Point of View Statement" for the upcoming committee sessions. This statement should be approximately one page in length, providing an opportunity for each delegate to express personal insights and opinions on the current committee topic.

It is expected that delegates articulate their stance on various aspects of the issue, focusing particularly on those that significantly impact their nation. A "Point of View (POV) Statement" is a crucial document created by each delegate or representative, aiming to establish their country's or organization's policy regarding the committee's topic. The content of the POV statement should be informed by thorough research on the discussed issue.

Delegates are required to send their POV statements to the committee presidents before the specified deadline. Please note that deadlines may vary between committees, as it is at the discretion of the chairpersons to establish the due dates. In preparing their POV statements, delegates are encouraged to elaborate on their country's perspective, providing insights into potential solutions that have been implemented to address challenges related to the discussed issue.

Moreover, any pertinent information regarding how their country believes the European Union should take measures to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change is highly welcomed. The "Point of View Statement" serves as a platform for delegates to contribute valuable input and play a pivotal role in shaping discussions on the actions the European Union should undertake to effectively reduce the adverse effects of climate change. Your timely submission and thoughtful contributions are essential for the success of our committee sessions.

### 3 PROCEDURE OF THE GA

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The General Assembly follows a structured procedure to facilitate efficient and organized discussions on resolutions. The process is overseen by the Presidency, which ensures that each step is carried out in a systematic manner. Who will give the speeches given by committee presidents (in defence of the resolution) will be decided after agreeing on the resolution.

You can find the detailed information regarding the GA procedure on the [website](#).

### 4 EVALUATION

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The awarded delegates are chosen by the Chairpersons of respective committees on the basis of:

- Ability to cooperate and compromise with other delegates.
- Knowledge and application of the Rules of Procedure.
- Engagement in committee proceedings.
- Quality and the total time spent delivering speeches.
- Engagement in writing Working Papers and Resolutions.
- Adherence to the country or organisation policy.
- Preparedness.
- Respect towards all participants, staff and equipment.
- Punctuality.

Approaching the Chairpersons to ask for an award, any forms of bribery and related behaviour are strictly prohibited and eliminate a Delegate from the possibility of being awarded

## 5 CONTACT INFORMATION

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We kindly ask you to deliver us your contact information as well, so we can answer any questions and keep you guys posted.