



European Parliament Simulation

“The refugee crisis as a factor in the raise of Euroscepticism in the E.U.: The integration of refugees in Europe under the aspect of secularism and the defense of human rights in light of EU Charter on fundamental rights”



Rules of Procedure



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General rules of Sitting

Overview

The following rules apply for the purposes of the European Parliament Simulation in the framework of RESTART Project under Europe for Citizens Programme.

The Members of the European Parliament ought to obey the Board, as the latter is responsible of the correct application of the Rules of Procedure and the efficient course of the sitting. In case of the Rules' misinterpretation, the Board holds the discretionary authority of the final decision in order to apply the Procedure.

The Board

The Board of the European Parliament consists of the President and the Vice President.

Recognition

Any Member of the European Parliament wishing to take the floor must raise her/his placard and await recognition by the Board before taking the floor.

No points or motions may interrupt a speaker, unless a point of personal privilege is raised.

European Parliament Procedures

Debate Structure and Motions

Personal Statements

At the beginning of each session, unless the Board decides otherwise, the Members of the European Parliament shall proceed to personal statements on the agenda following the order of their sitting. The personal statement shall specify each Member's position on the debated matter. A personal statement is considered an official statement and may not exceed 1 minute.

Motion to set speaker's time

It sets the time for each speaker during the moderated caucus. A Member of the European Parliament introduces a motion to set speaker's time. The suggested speaker's time is then up for vote following the procedural motion rules.

Moderated Caucus

This is the prevailing debate form of the Simulation. The Members of the European Parliament must debate in the context of a standard negotiation form and are not allowed to move from their seat. It is not necessary for a Member to move for the introduction of this negotiation method as it prevails throughout the simulation.

Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus

It is used for a specified amount of time and on a specific matter of the agenda. The MEPs negotiate in the context of a more informal debate where they are allowed to move around creating different interest groups within the room. A MEP shall move for the introduction of an Unmoderated Caucus of specified time duration (i.e. 15 minutes) in order to refine a sub-topic of the agenda.

Motion to extend an Unmoderated Caucus

Any MEP may move to extend the Unmoderated Caucus provided that the extra time will be deemed useful for the European Parliament to reach a decision. The MEP shall specify the new duration, which shall not be bigger than the previous one proposed, as well as the exact reasoning of this proposal that shall be activated provided the Board and the European Parliament's majority approval. Extension to an Unmoderated Caucus proposed over another extension of this Caucus is not in order.

Motion to suspend the Meeting

Any MEP may move to suspend the meeting, thus interrupting the European Parliament's work until the next scheduled session.

Motion to introduce a Draft Report

Any MEP may move to introduce a Draft Report agreed upon in advance during an Unmoderated Caucus by all MEP. The Draft Report may be subject to Amendments and a final vote.

Motion for Amendments

During the debate on the Draft Report, MEP may present Amendment proposals on the text. The Amendments may consist of adding, removing or modifying an article or provision of the Draft Report.

Motion to Close the Debate on a Draft Paper on the European Parliament's conclusions

This motion means closing the debate on the Draft Report and the Amendments in order to proceed to the vote on the text, which shall be either adopted or rejected by the European Parliament.

Motion to Close Debate on the European Parliament' Agenda and proceed to final vote

This motion is entertained in order to start the final vote on the Final Report presented by the MEPs.

Points and Rights

Point of Personal Privilege

Any MEP may raise a Point of Personal Privilege in the case where a matter prevents her/ him from fully participating in the proceedings. This is the sole point that may interrupt a speaker.

Point of Order

Any MEP may raise a Point of Order where she/he considers that a rule is not duly applied by another Member or the Board.

Point of Procedural Inquiry

Any MEP may at any moment during the Simulation raise a Point of Procedural Inquiry in order to ask the Board to explain the procedure followed on that moment or an ambiguous rule.

Right of Reply

A MEP whose political or national integrity has been impugned by another speaker may raise a Right of Reply. This MEP, once given the floor by the Board, shall explain why this point has been raised. The President of the European Parliament can solely recognise this right at her/his discretion.

Voting Procedure

Unanimity

The European Parliament shall only reach a majority decision.

Voting Procedure

When the President states that the European Parliament is in voting, the transmission of notes among the MEPs is interrupted. The MEP disposes one vote. During the voting procedure they may vote in favour, in favour with rights, against, against with rights, pass or abstain.

Vote with Rights

Any MEP may ask to vote in favour or against with rights, explaining their vote in no more than one minute at the end of the Roll Call procedure.

Pass

Any MEP may pass, having the possibility to vote after the other MEPs have voted. In this case, the MEP may only vote in favour or against and shall not abstain.

Procedure Layout

- *Personal Statements*
- *Moderated Caucus (standard procedure unless motion for an Unmoderated Caucus)*
- *Motion to set speaker's time*
 - ✓ *Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus/ Motion to extend an Unmoderated Caucus*
- *(Motion to suspend the Meeting- when proceeding to a Scheduled Break)*
- *Motion to introduce a Draft Statement*
- *Motion for introducing Amendments*
- *Motion to Close Debate on a Draft Report on the European Parliament's conclusions*
 - *Motion to Close the Debate on the European Parliament's Agenda and proceed to final vote*
- *Final vote in order to proceed to the Draft Report vote*

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