



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Athens Council of Europe Simulation 2020

“The role of Education in protecting Cultural Heritage from Climate Change”

October 22-23, 2020, “Zoom” platform

The Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and the UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy hosted by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece (Institute of European Integration and Policy) are pleased to announce the organization of “Athens Council of Europe Simulation 2020” (ACoES) to be held virtually on October 22 and 23, 2020, under the auspices of the Greek Chairmanship of the Council of Europe (CoE) Committee of Ministers.

“ACoES” will be a two-day simulation of the Committee of Ministers, the CoE’s decision-making body. The event is open to 47 undergraduate students, one from each member-state of the CoE. Participants will be assigned the roles of Ministers of Education of their country of origin, promoting their policy positions and negotiating on the *“The role of Education in protecting Cultural Heritage from Climate Change”*.

The main goal of the simulation is to trigger a broader political dialogue among CoE’s member states on the development of a comprehensive educational policy approach to the cultural heritage and climate change nexus in line with the following priorities of the Greek Chairmanship of the Council of Europe:

- Education and Democratic Culture, and
- Protecting cultural heritage from climate change and safeguarding the right of the younger generation to unhindered enjoyment of cultural heritage.

Participants will have to attend three preparatory lectures to be delivered virtually as well. The first one will address the procedural matters of the simulation, as well as the institutional aspects of the CoE, whereas the second one the protection of cultural heritage from climate change. The third one will be a “mock session” in order for the participants to familiarize themselves with the rules of procedure of the simulation. During the preparatory phase, participants will be required to write a position paper,



summarizing their country's positions on the agenda topic, on which they will be given feedback by the Board of the simulation.

During the simulation, students are expected to deliberate on the proposed agenda item, to draft and produce an outcome document in line with the formal institutional procedures and working methods of the Committee of Ministers. The document will in turn be presented at the meeting of the Ministers of Education to be held in Athens on October 29, 2020, in the context of the Greek Chairmanship of the Council of Europe.

The working language of the simulation will be English, and it will be conducted virtually, through the "Zoom" online platform. There is no participation fee.

Each University/Professor is kindly requested to provide the organizers with a list of two students (one participant and a substitute in case of withdrawals), currently or previously enrolled in courses such as international institutions/organization(s)/governance, international/ EU law, diplomacy, environmental politics, protection of cultural heritage, human rights etc. In case of multiple-University applications from the same member-state, the Organizing Committee will select the participants taking under consideration the applicants' profiles, their experience from prior participations in international organization simulations, as well as their motivation statement, which they will have filled in during the application procedure.

The deadline for applications is August 31, 2020 and the application form is available [here](#).

Applicants will be informed for the course of their application by September 4, 2020, and participants will receive their study guides and relevant material shortly after.

The timetable of the simulation can be found below, but for further information on the programme and the application procedure please visit the Institute's [website](#).

For any queries you may have, do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Team at info-eeep@pspa.uoa.gr.



TIMETABLE

Action	Date
Deadline for applications	August 31 st
Notice of successful and non-successful applicants	September 4 th
Dissemination of Study Guide (including Rules of Procedure)	September 10 th
Position Paper drafting period start	September 10 th
1 st Prep. Lecture (Procedural & Institutional)	September 23 rd
2 nd Prep. Lecture (Agenda topic)	September 30 th
Position Paper drafting period deadline	October 10 th
3 rd Prep. Lecture (Mock session)	October 14 th
Position Paper feedback	October 18 th
Simulation sessions	October 22 nd and 23 rd

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