



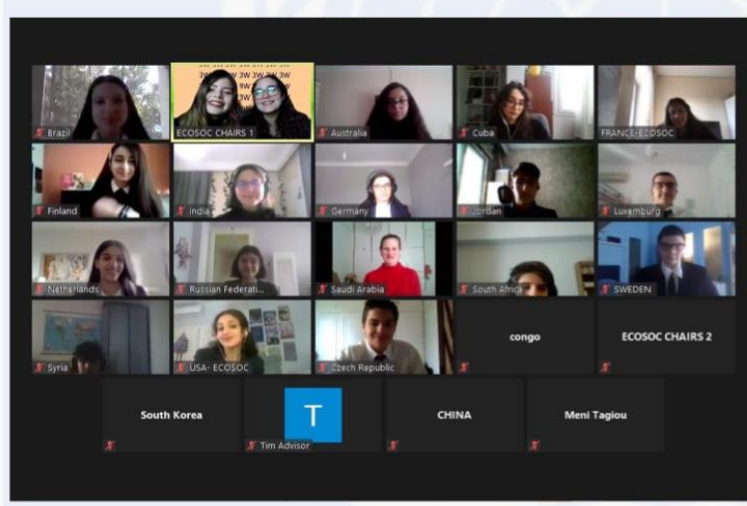
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Day 1 has officially come to an end with everyone confused and hopefully with great anticipation for the next day. Friday went way better than expected both for Chairs and delegates! Active participation and high morale from everyone and a lot of amendments. A bit of ice-breaking games went on and the delegates finally relaxed. Detentions were given and entertained in the form of dancing in the Historical Crisis Committee and a love confession in the ECOSOC Committee.



The Gossip Form was on fire and the MSKMUN Got Talent got thrice the number of the whole conference. The great is from Oguzkaan Koleji... EFE TUNALI and his guitar!! It is high time for everyone participating in the conference to enjoy the procedure MSKMUN-style.

Let's see what Day 3 has instore for the delegates and everyone participating...

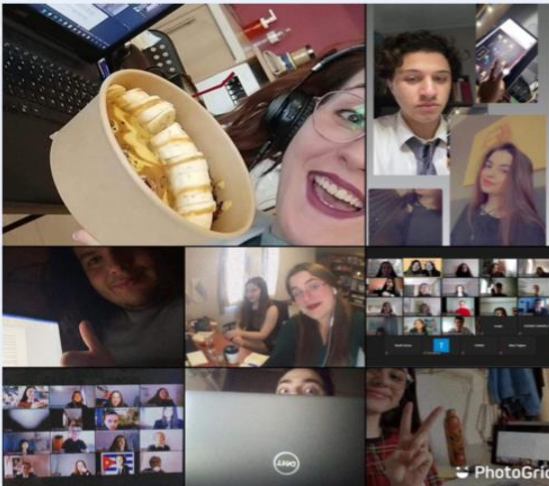
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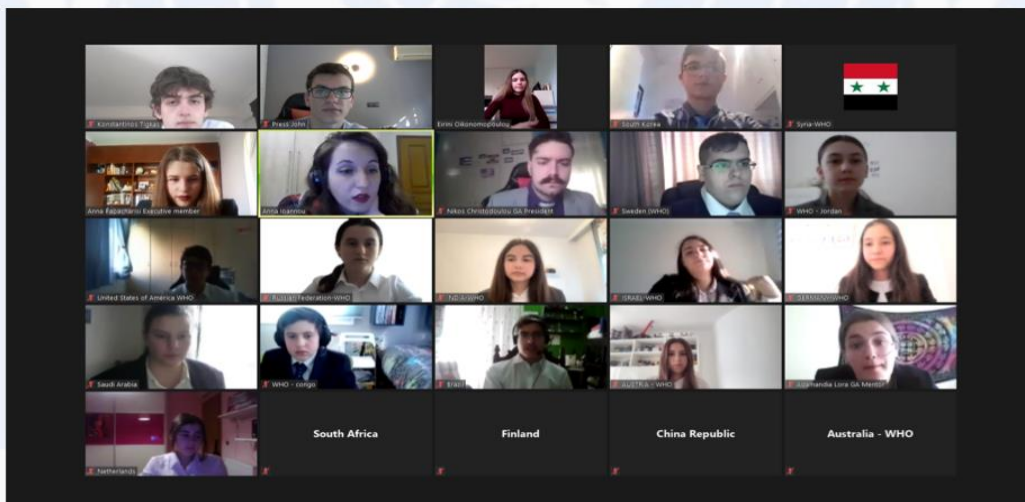
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How to make the most out of MUN: A guide for newcomers and not only!



I can still remember the stress that I had when the first MUN conference I attended was about to start.... I was allocated with the country of Iceland in a topic that I certainly did not like, in a conference far far away from home. Tons of debating with a lot of delegates who really did better preparation than I did. And I am pretty sure that many of you feel that way too right now that you are reading this.

While the only award I won was the one for drinking the most bottles of water during the entire conference and it has been three years since the end of it, I still remember how it was, after all, my opportunity to let my fear about public speaking vanish. Not to mention that it was my way of getting two awesome best friends and tons of enjoyment. With that in mind here are nine tips from my side, in order for you to get the most from this amazing conference!

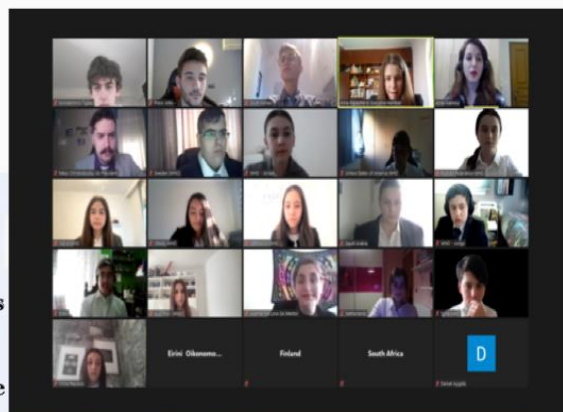


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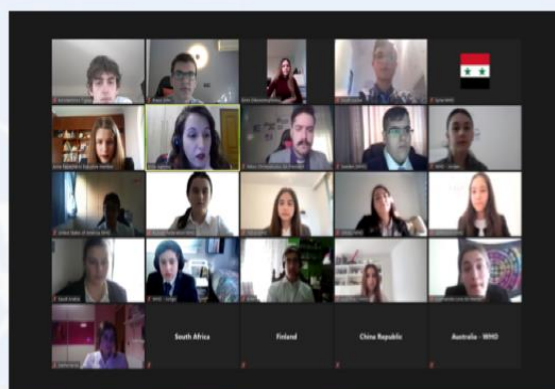


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Tip #1 (the most important one): Do not be afraid to talk! I know first-hand that talking to a group of people - even from the comfort zone of my home – is not an easy task to do. There are so many things that can go wrong, especially when delivering a speech on an MUN. Every delegate is afraid of simple mistakes such as mispronouncing a word to a complete mess-up such as expressing the exact opposite of what their country's position is. I am guilty as charged for having done both. However, what you should keep in mind, is to not let these mistakes discourage you; you should consider your mistakes to be an encouragement for you to make a better speech on the next opportunity!



Tip #2: Do not stick to the background papers Background papers are designed to give you just a small glimpse of the topic. It is therefore important that – even if the conference has started – you go on the internet and do research on the topic. Find out what caused this problem to exist, which countries were mainly involved and most importantly any past attempts to solve it that failed. Then try to find if your country has actively suggested solutions or position itself on the topic and try to find solutions that mimic your country's position and style. Do not think of it as an awful chore! Think of it as a chance to discover something new and try to get your hands on policymaking as if you were elected to represent your country in the actual United Nations!



Tip #3: Pay attention to your fellow delegates Listening to your delegates is a great way to have a 360-degree-view on any given topic. Try to hear their country's perspectives in order to immerse yourself into global citizenship. It is needless to say that this will come in handy in the future as most job listings include communication skills as a must. Active listening is also an important asset to draw new people into friendships or successful partnerships!

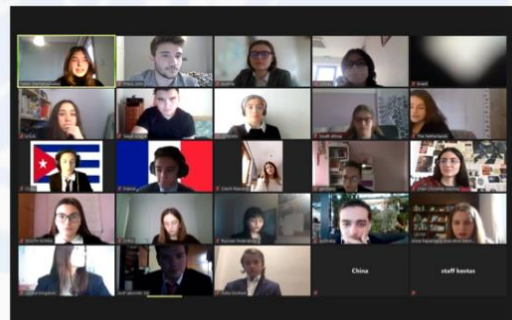
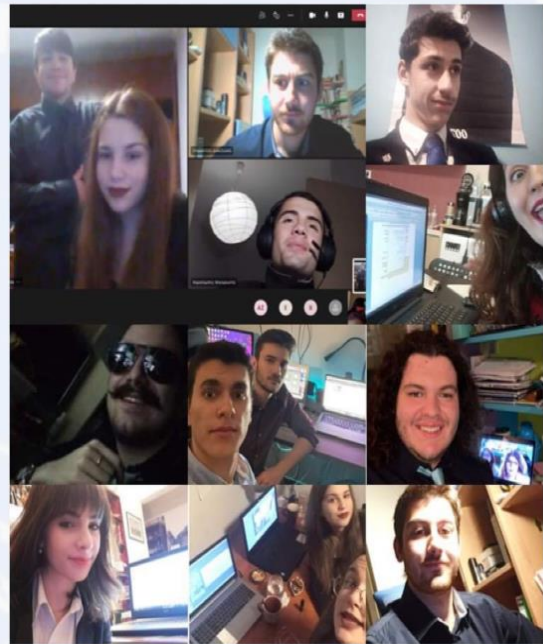


Tip #4: Challenge yourselves and your fellow delegates
Just listening to what other delegates are saying helps you see their perspectives on the topic. But what about your country's perspective? Make sure that you actively manage to defend your country's position as well as try to «attack» (in a diplomatic way) other countries on the ways they failed to solve the topic or for not having taken a position before on the topic. Also, if you see at any time that a country is constantly changing their position, make sure that you take every opportunity you get to point that out and ensure that your country's position is constant unless there is a significant reason to change.

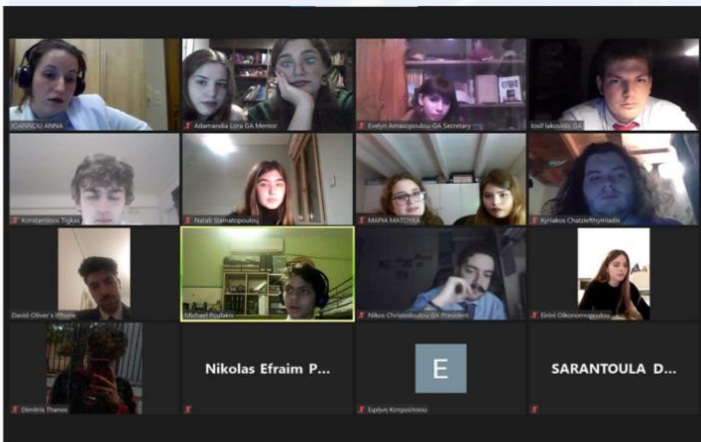
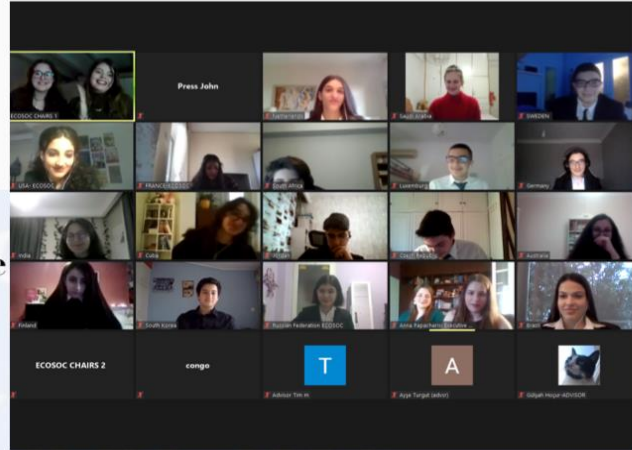
Tip #5: Utilize your advisors to your advantage
Faculty advisors have always played an important role in all conferences. They are the ones who encourage you to participate in a conference and most of the times they are also responsible for training you and providing you some materials so that you prepare for the MUN. If you think that your research has come to a standstill, they can be a significant resource to help you find the way!

Tip #6: The role of the other delegates in your delegation
While you and the other delegates in your delegation may have been assigned to different and irrelevant between them committees that does not mean that you cannot use their company so that you do research together or discuss about your committee. As you will see multiple times on the internet: Teamwork makes the best work! Keep in mind that there have been a lot of times that friendships arose from being part of a MUN delegation so.... what a better reason to socialize!

Tip #7: Chairs are here for you
Our chairs were picked for their ability to encourage the constant entertainment on a fruitful debate and are thoroughly trained on how to handle delegates questions about the topic and the rules of procedure. Never forget that they are in this conference for you and never ever hesitate to ask them any questions you might have regarding anything.



Tip #8: Submit amendments
As humans, we all have a view on how to approach and solve a topic. That been said, it is imperative that we manage to communicate and have our thoughts heard on how things can change no matter what our bargaining power or our influence is. With that in mind I am encouraging all of you to regularly submit amendments that add clauses that would make the final resolution better, modify clauses that do not exactly meet your country's expectation on solving this topic and removing clauses that would not actually help addressing the topic.



Tip #9: Have fun

Even though the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word MUN is formality and seriousness, that is half of what MUN is. While we expect that by the end of the conference you will have a good understanding on how the United Nations and its committees work

and that you are able to support your country's position on a topic, MUN is also known for being a great place to socialize as well as find friends and future peers. By the time the detentions begin, you will definitely understand what I mean, as you will all leave debating behind and begin dancing to a silly song! Also, I definitely suggest that you do not let the fact that this is a virtual conference to keep you from socializing during the breaks. By now I am pretty motivated and ready to excel in the remaining days of the conference. I wish you all the best of luck and I am more than eager to see you debating in your committees!

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