# ENVI Preparation Module

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## Welcoming Remarks

Dear delegate of the ENVI committee,

We are honored to welcome you to the MEP BSR session in Copenhagen as members of the Committee on Environment, Public Health, and Food Safety. In our committee, you will discuss important topics with other like-minded individuals and aim to find solutions to environmental problems by writing resolutions that will be presented to the General Assembly. As your committee presidents, we are eager to meet you and address **the issue of climate change and its implications.** 

Our goal in this session is to discuss what the EU can do and its responsibilities to help solve this multi-faceted crisis that affects the entire world. We hope to find viable solutions that could be implemented in the EU to meet its deadline in time (see Green Deal). To adequately prepare for the upcoming session, make sure to read and follow the links in this document and the accompanying fact sheet. Do keep in mind that these links are from different sources and bias might occur. We also ask you to conduct your own research using the guiding questions below (more details below). It is essential that you arrive aware of the extent of the issue and its different fronts, along with already existing strategies to combat it, so you can make well-informed decisions and contributions in the committee meetings. We recommend that you understand the relationship between the EU and the European Parliament and the latter's abilities and limitations in Europe.

We look forward to meeting you in Copenhagen!

Your CPs,

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# **Guiding Questions**

- 1. To what extent and how can the EU ensure that it is putting efforts in combating climate change?
- 2. How can we ensure the competitiveness of our economy while transitioning to a sustainable economy? / How do we maintain the competition capabilities at the same time as changing the market to a sustainable path?
- 3. Which complications/difficulties/issues must the EU overcome to combat climate change?
- 4. How would the EU encourage individual efforts in combating climate change?
- 5. Should the EU fund NGOs aimed at developing renewable energy/reducing greenhouse gas emissions or should it do it by itself?

# Focus Topics

- Overconsumption
- Deforestation
- Transport
- Generating Power
- Emissions

# **Expectations**

- 1. Read and understand the prep module and fact sheet.
- 2. Write 1 page (250-300 minimum of words) of original research using the guiding questions and write down one problem you want to solve and two solutions to it.
- 3. Be aware of the extent of climate change in the EU.
- 4. Understand the relationship between the EU and the European Parliament.

# **Position Paper**

We ask that you, as a delegate, write a minimum 250-300 words of original research using the guiding questions and write down one problem you want to solve and two possible solutions to it. Once finished, send it to 25-071@isriga.lv at least one week before the session. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask us.





# **Links**

### General

- <u>What is renewable energy</u>
- Facts about the natural crisis
- <u>UN Climate Action</u>
- <u>Climate Change European Commission</u>
- Eurostat, Environmental Statistics
- <u>Causes of climate change (EU)</u>
- Consequences (EU)
- Greenhouse Emissions
- Existing Strategies
  - European Climate Law
  - European Climate Pact
  - Paris Agreement
  - <u>Climate Action Progress Report</u>
  - EU Targets and Policies
  - <u>Climate change costs lives and money (graphic)</u>
- To find out more about any and all European laws about climate change and more, we strongly recommend that you visit <u>https://eurlex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en</u>.

### Overconsumption

- <u>Circular economy</u>
- <u>How overconsumption affects the environment and health</u>
- Overconsumption destroying the children's environment globally
- What can be done to reduce overconsumption
- <u>Reduce consumption in private households</u>
- <u>10 solutions for natural resource depletion</u>

#### Deforestation

- What is a carbon sink?
- <u>Deforestation</u>
- <u>Regulation of Deforestation-free products</u>
- https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32023R1115

#### **Generating power**

- How is EU electricity produced and sold?
- Electricity generation
- <u>Alternative Fuels Data Center</u>
- <u>Electricity Basics</u>
- European Alternative Fuels Observatory Alternative Fuels



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#### Emissions

- EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS)
- Facts
- EU Emissions Trading Scheme
- Greener Aviation Fuel
- Planes and Ships
- Cars
  - CO2 targets for cars
  - EU ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars
  - How the EU wants to increase the use of sustainable fuels

#### Transport

- Rail Baltica
- Rail Projects (happening)
- Flagship rail projects
- Carbon dioxide emissions from transportation in the EU
- European Environment Agency emissions from transport in the EU
- <u>EU's transport sector set to make up almost half of the continent's emissions in 2030</u>

#### **Final Remarks**

We, your Committee Presidents, look forward to creating a beneficial resolution, while working in the ENVI Committee. Our job is to guide you through the debate and write a successful resolution. We will provide you with both factual and formal capabilities granting you greater competence. We are very excited to work with you all, and we hope that you will all contribute to the committee sessions in an effective and open-minded way, with the goal of creating prosperous resolutions and strong relations with your co-delegates.

Best Regards, Matthieu Michelet (LV) and Agnes Liv Glöckner (DK)



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