

TEACHER GUIDE

NSC Ticino 2023

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General Information

The Session will be a National Selection Conference and will take place from the **22nd to the 26th of September 2023** in **Ticino (Bellinzona, Locarno, and Lugano)**. The application is open for everyone, previous attendance at a Regional Session of EYP Switzerland is not mandatory.

The application deadline is the **31st of May 2023, 23:59 CEST**. Late applications will not be considered.

The participation cost for the session is CHF 100.- per participant. This includes board and lodge, excl. travel to and from the session. Starting from 22 April 2021 under our new policy, we offer travel grants for participants from lower socio-economic backgrounds. Read more about Policy No. 8 ([link](#)) and find the registration form ([link](#)). The participation fee can be paid by the delegates individually or jointly by the teacher, this is up to the schools to decide.

We have a total of 150 spots for delegates in Ticino 2023, Of which 30 will be international delegates. The Swiss delegates will all be eligible to be selected to attend a session abroad as delegates. To Regional (RSs) and National Sessions (NSCs) of other National Committees (NCs) in the network, as well as to International Forums (IFs), the delegates will be selected as a delegation. To International Sessions (ISs) we will select delegates independent of their delegations.

More detailed information about the session can be found in the [Session booklet](#). After your delegation is accepted, we will provide you with a Welcome booklet with details on venues and the Session programme.

Due to high demand, we will be selecting the participants **as a delegation**. More information can be found in the selection chapter of this info booklet.

Application Process

The participants can apply as a delegation. A delegation can consist of 1 to 6 participants. Should you have more than 6 delegates who want to apply, we kindly ask you to form two separate delegations. These will be called [schoolname] [number] (ex: Hogwarts 1 & Hogwarts 2). Each delegation will have to apply separately and have to provide separate applications, which will be evaluated individually as well.

The application process has been simplified, with the delegations having to fill out one [form](#) with their registration and application details all together. You as a teacher are free to decide whether the delegates themselves should fill in this form or if you want to handle this for them yourself.

Each delegation will have to register, providing the contact details and personal information of every delegate within said delegation.

The second part of the application procedure is the part we base the selection on. There is an academic and a creative part to it:

Part 1 - Academic Part

The academic part consists of each delegation coming up with a committee topic that could be discussed at a session of EYP Switzerland and explain its relevance. Click [here](#) to find a list of committees of the European Parliament. The delegation should pick one committee and propose a topic they think would be relevant to discuss at a session.

The theme of Ticino 2023 is «*Finding strength in (re)connection*». While the topic does not have to suit this theme, delegates shouldn't hesitate to suggest a related topic if they feel inspired. We might even decide to use their topic idea for a committee at the Session!

Part 2 - Creative Part

The creative part is to highlight the delegation's motivation to join the National Selection Conference as a team. They are completely free in how they want to fulfil this part of the application procedure: they can draw, take pictures, sing a song, make a video – the possibilities are endless, surprise us! The only restriction: it must be evident that all delegation members contributed.

Please keep in mind that each delegation has to submit a separate application.

Selection & Pre-Selection Criteria

Due to a limited number of spots available at our session, we will be selecting the delegations. As we would like as many schools as possible to be able to participate in Ticino 2023, we will only be selecting a second delegation from your school after a first delegation from every applying school has been assigned a spot. However, please do not hesitate to register more than one delegation, as it is likely that some schools will be able to send two. The selection will solely depend on the quality of the submitted application by the delegations.

We will be assessing the applications on the academic quality and relevance of the provided committee topic, together with the justification. The creative submission plays an equally important role in the application, we want to primarily see creativity, innovation and motivation.

Schools across the network have begun to do their own pre-selection as to which students they send as a delegation. You are free to do so, however we would like to kindly ask you to not solely base your selection on the delegate's ability to debate, but rather focus on qualities like willingness to learn from the session, motivation to improve their skills and interest in active citizenship, political discourse, and policymaking. The focus of EYP sessions is to provide the delegates with a space to learn and explore said qualities, while improving their debating and communication skills. Therefore, we also want delegates who don't have the loudest personalities and would like to learn and benefit from the session.

COVID

Currently, we are planning the event to take place without any COVID measures. EYP Switzerland always will follow the guidelines and measures set in place by the Federal Office of Public Health and the Federal Council of Switzerland. Therefore, we reserve the right to implement safety measures such as mask mandates, distance and testing requirements, as well as limiting the number of participants at a later date.

The rules and regulations will be communicated to the participants and teachers as soon as they have been decided on. We are already setting up contingency plans, to put in place should the situation change. Thank you for your understanding and support.

In case of questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our National Coordinator Can Keskinaslan via nationalcoordination@eyp.ch.