



WELCOME BOOKLET

Regional Session
RIVA DEL GARDA 2025



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Welcome Words

Head Organisers

Dear delegates,

it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Regional Session of Riva del Garda 2025.

We are Diletta and Filippo, the Head Organisers. We want to thank you all for choosing to be a part of this event, since it means a lot to both of us; Riva del Garda is the place where we grew up, and the theme we chose for the session is one that we hold very close to our hearts. Our vision for the event is born from the need to showcase how some issues that may appear to

be purely local can actually find their solutions on a more European level, something that we experienced firsthand, having lived here most of our lives.

We genuinely hope that this session will bring along moments of connection, of personal growth, and that Riva del Garda will leave a lasting impression on all of our participants.

See you soon!

the Head Organisers,

Diletta and Filippo Cretti



Diletta & Filippo
Head Organisers



Welcome Words

Presidents

Dear delegates,

We are Elena and Maria, and we are beyond excited to welcome you to Riva del Garda as the Presidents of the Session! We genuinely hope this session will have a special place in your heart by the end of it, as well as in your path in the European Youth Parliament.

The theme of the session: One Europe, Countless Communities: a village-sized EU, is one we hope you can encounter through all

aspects of the session. From the Academic Team's perspective, we have included it not only in our topics and general academic output, but also through our working style.

A proverb that has been central throughout this, is "it takes a village to raise a child". It reflects the idea that no significant effort or achievement is ever the work of just one person; it requires collaboration, support, and shared responsibility. We hope you keep this at the front of your mind as the session progresses, focusing both on the smaller connections as the bigger reason for why you are here.

We are excited to see you and work together with you in Riva del Garda in just a couple months!

See you soon!

On behalf of the Academic Board,

Elena and Maria



Elena & Maria
Presidents

Welcome Words

Head of Jury

Dearest delegates,

It is with great happiness that I welcome you to my beloved hometown! Having all of you here truly means a lot to me, and I'm so glad that we get to share this session together. As Head of Jury, I will, together with my team, focus on supporting our delegates throughout their journey by offering feedback that helps them grow, reflect, and feel proud of what they achieve. We are really excited to be working closely with the whole officials team to make

sure that the delegates have the best possible experience throughout the entire session.

As a jury team, we also want to make it clear that we're not just here to "evaluate." Our biggest priority is to be approachable, friendly, and open, people that everyone feels comfortable coming to for all sorts of things. Whether it's projects, creative ideas, silly games, or simply sharing a chat during free time, we're genuinely looking forward to spending time with you all.

I'm sure this session will be filled with little moments that we'll look back on as a happy memory: late-night chats, fun jokes, spontaneous laughs, and the kind of memories that stick long after we go home.

I'm really looking forward to all the fun we'll have together, can't wait to share this with you all.

See you soon!

Leila - also on behalf of Arturo, Sara, and Tereza



Leila
Head of Jury

Welcome Words

Editress

Dearest delegates,

On behalf of the Media Team, a warm welcome to Riva del Garda 2025!

This session theme, “One Europe, Countless Communities: a village-sized EU,” reminds us that Europe is built not only on institutions, but on people and the connections we form. Like in a village, every voice matters, and our strength lies in collaboration, diversity, and shared responsibility.



Giulia
Editress

As Editress, my team and I will capture these moments, from debates and discussions to the small but meaningful interactions that define the session. Our goal is to reflect the spirit of this event and the community you shape through your work, energy and creativity.

Let this session be more than an event: let it be a space where countless communities come together to live, for a few days, as one Europe.

See you soon in Riva del Garda,

Giulia

Welcome Words

Event Safe Persons

Dear delegates of RS Riva del Garda,

It's Yu and Giulia writing, and we couldn't be more thrilled to welcome you to RS Riva! In just a few weeks we'll all be together, and we know that as the excitement builds, so will the amount of work. That's why we want you to know: we've got your back! We're just a message or phone call away whenever you need us.

As your Event Safe Persons, our role is to make sure you feel at ease, supported, and cared for throughout the session. Whether you have

questions, concerns, or simply need a breather, you can always come to us, before, during, and after the event. Your wellbeing matters not only for the success of the session, but also so you can really enjoy this experience, make the most of all the effort you're putting into it, and (of course!) create memories full of growth, laughter, and friendship. Let's start practicing already! You'll hear us repeat this often during the session, but it's worth saying now: pace yourselves, take breaks, get enough sleep, take a little stroll or stretch when needed, stay hydrated, and keep yourself properly fueled. We'll be here to take care of you whenever you need it, and we invite you to do the same for each other. If we all do that, RS Riva 2025 won't just be awesome, it'll become the kind of memory that keeps you smiling long after you've unpacked your suitcase, and maybe even gets you hooked on EYP for years to come (... if you aren't already!).

We can't wait to see you soon!

Warmly,

Giulia and Yu



Yu & Giulia
Event Safe Persons

Session Theme



Vision

With the theme “***One Europe, Countless Communities: a village-sized EU***”, we wish for our session to focus on the interaction between the European and local level of the Union, specifically how the EU can best support its villages and more remote areas.

This theme is extremely relevant in the context in which the session will take place, namely a village on the outskirts of Riva del Garda, a small town itself. We find it **vital for our theme to be linked to our territory**, as we want to highlight how some issues that may appear to be purely local can actually find their solutions on a more European level. We wish therefore for **our participants to explore this duality**: being immersed in a rural context and debating locally relevant issues with a European breath will hopefully provide a more holistic experience.





General Programme



Friday, October 31stst, Teambuilding

10:30 - 13:00	Delegates arrival and registration
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:30	General and committee teambuilding
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 - 19:00	Committee teambuilding
19:00	End of activities
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:00 - ...	Evening activity





Saturday, November 1st, Committee Work

08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 - 11:00	Committee Work
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	Committee Work
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:00	Committee Work
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 19:00	Committee Work
19:00	End of activities
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:00 - ...	Resotyping and Evening activity





Sunday, November 2nd, General Assembly

07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 - 09:30	Transfer to the GA venue
09:30 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:00 - 11:30	Debates
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 - 13:30	Debates
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	Debates
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:00	Debates
18:00 - 19:00	Closing Ceremony
19:00 - ...	Departures



The Topics



AGRI

Grow big or go home: European farmers have been protesting against restrictive regulations and rising consumer prices, while national agricultural plans still fail to meet European targets. With the current Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) framework set to expire in 2027, how can the EU support smallholders and promote sustainable rural livelihoods?



CONT

Say "Cheese!": Since 2020, Big Meat and Big Dairy, which receive 82% of the EU's agricultural subsidies, have actively lobbied against environmental reforms. Their efforts have significantly contributed to the weakening or postponement of six key climate policies, including the Farm to Fork Strategy and the Sustainable Food Systems Framework. What can the EU do to ensure that its climate agenda is not compromised by the influence of heavily subsidised sectors?



CULT

Lost In Translation: Despite the rich linguistic diversity across many EU Member States, constitutional protections often remain limited, leaving numerous regional and minority languages vulnerable to decline. How can the EU strengthen the protection of minority languages and successfully preserve them for future generations?



ECON

Cash In, Cash Out: While the EU is moving towards a harmonised €10,000 limit on cash payments to improve transparency and modernise economies, cash remains the dominant payment method in several Member States, particularly in rural areas and amongst older generations. What can the EU do to promote secure payment systems while ensuring financial inclusion for those still reliant on cash?





ITRE

Not In My Backyard: As European countries accelerate their renewable energy transition, many rural communities are pushing back against the adoption of solar and wind farms, raising concerns about visual pollution and environmental damage. How can the EU align its environmental policies with the growing dissent of said communities?



LIBE

From Guns to Grants: Ongoing investigations in countries like Italy and Greece have raised concerns over the misuse of EU recovery and subsidy funds. With corruption and organised crime threatening the effective use of these resources, what actions can the EU take to enhance oversight and prevent money laundering?



TRAN

Who Let The Crowds Out? Since the rise of mass tourism, often social-media driven, there have been growing concerns about overcrowding in small European villages, such as Hallstatt in Austria or the Cinque Terre in Italy. In light of the overwhelming flow of visitors these towns have faced in recent years, and of their economic dependence on tourism, how can the EU help them balance their sustainable development with the preservation of their cultural heritage and livability?



The venues

Teambuilding and Committee Work

Parish of the Sant'Alessandro Church

Traditionally used as a **parish community hall**, the Oratory is a welcoming and versatile space that often hosts educational and cultural activities in the city. Located just a **few steps from the accommodation**, it will provide the setting for the team building and committee work activities.

General Assembly

Auditorium Conservatorio di Musica "F.A. Bonporti" Riva del Garda

The General Assembly will be held in the Auditorium of the Conservatorio "F.A. Bonporti." Built in 1987, this **prestigious hall combines excellent acoustics with elegant architecture**. Normally used for concerts and musical performances, it will instead serve as the stage for the final debates and resolutions of the session.



Accommodation

Hotel Diana

Officials will be accommodated at Hotel Diana, located less than five minutes from the committee work venue. The hotel offers **comfortable rooms and a welcoming atmosphere**, ensuring everyone has the chance to rest and recharge after the day's activities. **Towels and bed linens will be provided!**

Useful Information

What will you need?

During the session, we will provide you with the needed materials.

However, we would highly recommend **bringing with you a computer or a tablet**, as we aim at reducing the environmental impact of the event. Always bearing in mind the environment, we would ask you to **bring your own cups, mugs or bottles**, so as to minimise plastic waste.

The Dress Code

The different moments of the session require different dress codes, but don't worry: you'll be here to enjoy the session and get the most out of it!

During **Teambuilding**, we would suggest **comfortable clothes**, as you will participate in activities requiring movement. For the **Committee Work**, **smart casual clothes** are required, as you'll be working on your resolution. Finally, the **General Assembly** requires a **formal dress code**, such as suits, blouses and blazers; nevertheless, make sure you wear something that makes you feel comfortable and that you deem appropriate!

The Safe Person

EYP keeps in the highest consideration the wellbeing of its participants and enacts measures assuring each person attending the session a **safe and welcoming environment**. At every EYP Event an Event Safe Person (ESP) is present. The role of the ESP is to be available for any questions or concerns regarding the EYP Policies.

Moreover, the ESP is responsible for attending to individuals who feel they have been victim of harmful behaviour at the session and for responding to any incident that may occur.

For this session these people are: **Yu Vos and Giulia Fracassi, whom you can reach on Slack.**

How to reach Riva del Garda

Riva del Garda **can be reached only by bus or private transport**, but there are multiple well-connected cities nearby. Generally, you will have to pass through **Rovereto**, which is **the closest train hub** to the town. Then, you will need to get a bus, which timetables can be found [here](#).

BY TRAIN

The closest train station is **Rovereto**, and it can be easily reached from some of the **biggest Italian cities** like Florence, Rome, or Bologna, as well as with a direct train from Munich in Germany. Then, from Rovereto you can take the bus to Riva del Garda.

BY PLANE

The closest airport is **Verona Valerio Catullo (VRN)**; from the airport, you can reach Verona's central station, from which you can arrive in Rovereto.

Nevertheless, as Rovereto is connected to many cities, you can also fly to all the main airports of northern Italy. Here they are **listed in order of best connected**: Milano Bergamo, Milano Linate, Bologna, Milano Malpensa, Venezia Marco Polo (VCE), Firenze, and Rome, and get to their respective train stations.

BY BUS

The best way to reach Riva del Garda by bus is, you guessed it, to go **through Rovereto or Trento**. They are connected to many Italian, Austrian and German cities such as Verona, Bologna, Innsbruck, and Munich.

Alternatively, if you are coming from the south, you might take **the lakeside line**, which is very suggestive but far less practical and slower overall. You can find some information [here](#)!



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