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Project description

From the 14th to the 16th of February 2019, Odense 2019 gathered around 100 young europeans from all across the continent under the motto *"Discovering new shores"* with the goal of taking action and finding solutions for both today's and tomorrow's challenges.

The event incorporated many pressing issues of today such as self-driving cars or the development of Copenhagen as a climate neutral city.

From an organizational perspective Odense 2019 enabled EYP Denmark to reach out to many new schools within Denmark thereby also trying to discover new shores.

Odense 2019 succeeded in attracting significant media coverage in Denmark with both local (TY2 Fyn) and national television (DR), as well as several radio stations covering the event.

Climate neutrality Odense 2019 was a first mover within the network seeing many other events and National Committees following our footsteps.

With a great incorporation of sponsors and potential future partners, Odense 2019 hopes to be a potential stepping stone for the organisation both in ways of gaining recognition in the network and within Denmark.

Goals of the event

The Head Organisers of the event sought to use Odense 2019 to come back to the heartland of EYP Denmark for the first time after being officially recognized as a full member of the EYP Network after the spring BNC meeting 2018.

Despite being in the heartland of the organisation it was an outspoken goal of the project to expand the members base drastically across the entire country.



A further goal was to keep the venues as central to each other as possible in order to reduce challenges of transferring people between venues, thereby also reducing carbon emissions.

Moreover, to reduce the workload for the organising team, fulfill all hygiene standards as well as streamline the schedule, a goal of the session was to outsource the entire food supply excluding the coffee break which were anyhow operated by the organising team.

Participants

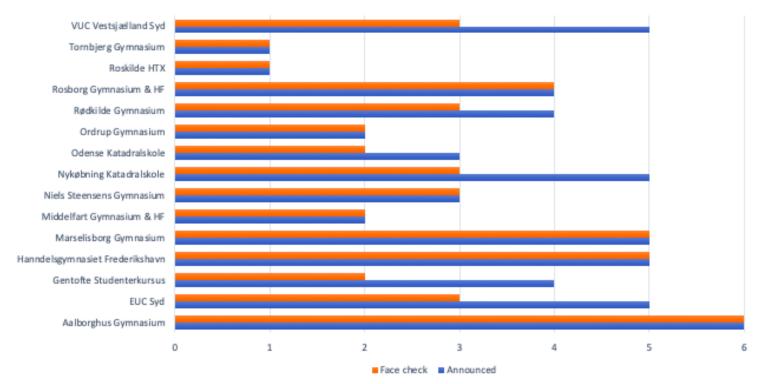
Due to a cooperation with the danish ministry of education Odense 2019 had the luxury situation of more schools applying to the event than there had room to be accommodated. We have even for the first time had schools of the danish minority in Germany seeking to participate.

With a total of 15 different danish schools covering all major parts of the country, Odense 2019 was able to incorporate a very diverse group of participants from Denmark. Moreover, it was able to attract two foreign delegations from Switzerland and Germany.

The officials team of the session comprised 18 different nations.



Attendance from Danish Schools



The chart above depicts the participants from the different schools. Due to illness or by simply not showing up there were unfortunately some delegates which had been announced that have not showed up to the event. However, with 56 delegates present and 38 officials, the session can claim to be the largest event of EYP Denmark's history so far.



The committees¹

Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE) Threat of a global nuclear arms race

Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) EU's stance on autonomous vehicles

Committee on International Trade (INTA)

The EU's external trade policy

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy I (ITRE) Copenhagen turning climate neutral by 2050

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy II (ITRE) Tackling marine litter

Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) Securing a higher voter turnout in the next EU election

Committee on Employment (EMPL) Facilitate the introduction of youth into the workforce

Committee on Terrorism (TERR)

Protection from future terror attacks

¹ The full Resolution Booklet of Odense 2019 can be found on <u>http://eypdk.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/RESOLUTIONBOOKLET-ODENSE-19.pdf</u>



Funds and Budget Variance Analysis

Secured funds of Odense 2019:

Description	Purpose	Number	Contribution	Total (DKK)	Weight
Participation fees - International	General	10	500	5,000.00 kr.	4.86
Participation fees - Danish	General	56	400	22,400.00 kr.	21.79
EYP DK	General	1	15,000.00 kr.	15,000.00 kr.	14.59
Participation fees Chaperones	General	1	400	400.00 kr.	0.39
Ostifterne fonde	General	1	15,000.00 kr.	15,000.00 kr.	14.59
BUPL	General	1	5,000.00 kr.	5,000.00 kr.	4.86
Miljøfonde	After Session	1	5,000.00 kr.	5,000.00 kr.	4.86
Tuborgfondet	After session	1	30,000.00 kr.	30,000.00 kr.	29.18
Rema 1000 giftcard	General	1	5,000.00 kr.	5,000.00 kr.	4.86
Total:				kr 102,800.00	100.00

The table above shows a listing of all secured funds for the session. These can roughly be categorized into **fundraised funds**, **EYP DK assets** and **participation fees**.

Fundraised funds

It has to be stated that the Rema 1000 card was due to the nature of a gift card limited to purchase food items from Rema 1000. Moreover, the funding of the session was comprised of four successful applications for different funds totalling *55.000 DKK*.

EYP DK Assets

A total amount of 15.000 DKK was funded from the organisations cash reserves.

Participation Fees

The participation fee which consists of both the contribution of danish and international participants totaled *27.400 DKK*. Hereby these represent a weight of around 27% of the total secured funds.



Analysis and recommendations

When analysing the weight of the different sources of income it becomes obvious that Tuborgfondet (29%) closely followed by the danish participation fees (22%) were the largest contribution to the session comprising roughly half of the total secured funds with around 51%.

The biggest unused potential in regards to funding Odense 2019 were the international participants whom we unfortunately have started collecting payments from too late. The bad paying moral of some foreign delegations as well as the paying modalities from other currencies to the danish krone has been a special challenge. The bad paying morale has even forced the organising team to exclude a foreign delegation resulting in a loss of participation fees. To adjust for this for the future, we recommend a significantly earlier payment date as well as a avoidance of traditional bank transfers. We recommend the service transferwise ©.

Moreover, we recommend attempting an even broader diversification and a stronger focus on securing funds by foreign participants as early as possible in the organising process.

Category	Budgeted	Payed	Left in budget	
Accommodation	53,040.00 kr.	53,695.00 kr.	-655kr.	
Materials	<u>3,425.00 kr.</u>	4,461.83 kr.	-1,037kr.	
Transport	2,500.00 kr.	0.00 kr.	2,500kr.	
Chaperone	<u>300.00 kr.</u>	0.00 kr.	300kr.	
Coffee Break	<u>5,210.00 kr.</u>	4,978.04 kr.	232kr.	
Lunch	10,933.00 kr.	11,159.85 kr.	-227kr.	
Dinner	<u>11,130.00 kr.</u>	10,210.00 kr.	920kr.	
Room rental	<u>13,500.00 kr.</u>	10,500.00 kr.	3,000kr.	
Total	100,038.00 kr.	95,004.72 kr.	5,033kr.	

Comparison Budget versus Actual Expenditure:

The table above shows the budgeted amounts for different categories in direct comparison to the actual expenditure on these.



The budgeting has been operated following a kaizen approach optimising the figures until the very start of the event with the goal of reducing unfavorable budget variances as far as possible.

Moreover, it has not been planned to use the entire amount of the secured funds (first table) in order to have backup funds from the start. This explains the difference between the secured funds of *102.800 DKK* compared to the budgeted amount of *100.038 DKK*.

Due to an influx of people wanting to stay nights at the ungdomshuset which despite inquiry by the organising team by help of a travel form have not indicated this before, there is a slight unfavorable variance in **accommodation and materials**.

The fact that none of the funds from the **transport** category have already been used can be explained due to the fact that this money has been planned to be used for travel reimbursements. The session has been planned in a way that all transports of delegates have been done by foot. The expected reimbursement will include the gasoline for an organisers private car which has been used for transports of materials between venues as well as minor reimbursements to HOs and the president who had to travel to the event.

The favorable budget variance in **room rentals** can be traced back to the fact that the farewell party was cut out of the program last minute.

The other budget variances are considered neglectable.

The surplus will be transferred back to EYP Denmark which will administer the reimbursements.



Odense 2019 in the media

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Odense 2019 succeeded in gathering significant attention of several media outlets thereby creating widespread awareness of the organisation.

- TV2/ Fyn
- DR (TV Avisen)

Radio



There were several radio stations which covered the events of Odense, including two radio stations coming to visit the session and record live interviews. In the other cases delegates were interviewed at the radio station.

- DRP4 Fyn
- DR P1
- DR P4 Syd
- DR P4 Sjælland







Climate neutrality

As the first National Committee in the European Youth Parliament, Denmark has with introduced a new strict approach to climate neutrality. Via a unique sponsorship the organization has decided to get involved and focus more on the sustainability. This February EYP Denmark is hosting its first climate neutral event. The past years there have been many initiatives to

increase the environmental friendliness of events in the EYP community. Common measures for achieving this have typically been a limitation of single-use plastics or transports by foot.

The head organisers of Odense 2019 however have additionally gone a new way of making sessions more sustainable by cooperating with a **climate protection agency**.



This entails the calculation of the session's

climate footprint which then gets offset by **Gold Standard Climate Certificates**. These officially licensed certificates are at their very base an investment in UN projects and thereby support several of the **UN's sustainability goals**.

With 115 participants the actual costs per participant to offset the carbon footprint only comprises the costs of one cup of coffee per participant! And this shows that active citizenship, education and sustainability can go hand-in-hand and we are very thankful for our cooperation with **Climate Extender**. As of the date of the session report it can be concluded that many other events and National Committees have already followed through and have stepped into the shoes of Odense 2019.





The future after Odense

Contact with school of the danish minority in the northern part of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. This is a great possibility for the future to include the danish minority in Denmark into the organisation. As project managers of Odense 2019 we want to make the board aware of these possibilities of the organisation. With the extensive media coverage and the many delegates from new regions of the country, we hope that Odense 2019 can be a stepping stone to expand the members base and grow the organisation even further.





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