

CEMU SCHOOL OF DEMOCRACY AND MEDIA & COMMUNICATION



INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE: A GAME OF DIPLOMACY

On Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019, the young participants from Denmark, Portugal and Spain of CEMU Youth Exchange will play a Game of Diplomacy.

The theme of this game of international relations is “Climate Change”. The goal of the game is to draw a common plan to combat Climate Change in which the three countries agree. The context for this game is the European efforts to present a negotiated and unified position on Climate Change at the next COP25 to be held in Santiago de Chile next December.

For the game, on Monday July 1st, the three teams will select three representatives who would act as top negotiators and head of the diplomatic mission of their respective countries. Each team will be made up of 10 youth. The three leading diplomats will assign roles among their team players. Each team would also need to choose two officers in charge of Media & Communication. These six Information and Communication Officers would participate in a live radio show on Wednesday afternoon at Antena CEMU Radio. They will have to explain in English and Spanish what this game is about and what results were achieved among the three countries.

Structure of the International Diplomatic Summit:

1. **Presentation.** For 30 minutes, participants will meet the two representatives of the Danish Embassy in Madrid, who would introduce the theme and contextualize the topic of climate change in the European Union, and in connection with the COP25 in Santiago de Chile. There will also be a brief explanation on the mechanics of the game.

Then, the game itself would start.

2. **National positions on Climate Change.** Each group would focus on reviewing the proposal on energy saving and climate change written by their country. Each member state has sent their recommendations to the European Union. Participants would have 30 minutes to add or eliminate specific ideas included in the national proposal.
3. **Review of common points among the three national proposals.** In another 30 minutes, participants would have the opportunity to exchange proposals in order to find out the ideas that are common to the three proposals, and to underline those in which they disagree.
4. **Establishing a common position.** For 15 minutes, participants would make together a summary of the proposals, dividing the national recommendations between agree and disagree, to point out the difficulties.

5. **Red Lines.** Then, the diplomatic advisers from the Danish Embassy would introduce the concept of Red Lines in a simple format, and according to the specific recommendations in which the three countries agree (15 minutes).
6. **Reconciliation of differences.** Time to reconcile differences and understand the positions of the other countries (30 minutes).
7. **Drafting a final and common proposal.** The three leading representatives of each country would have 30 minutes to write a common proposal with the ideas agreed by all. This final proposal will be presented to the three teams at the end of the gathering; and also in Spanish during the radio program, that will be broadcast that same afternoon on Antena CEMU, the CiudadEscuela Muchachos radio station.

There would be two 15-minute-breaks during the game.