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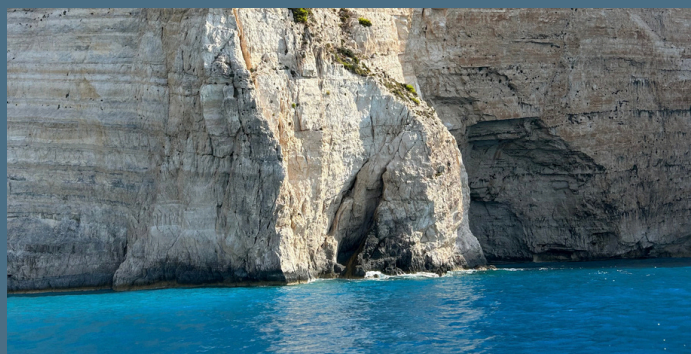
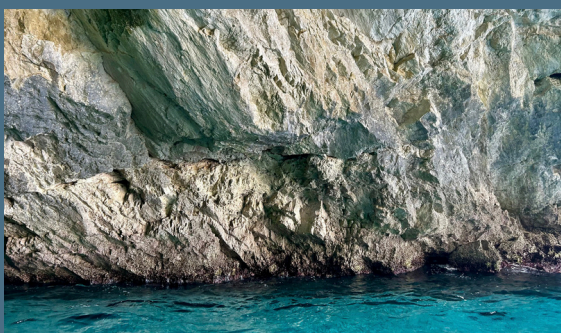
THE SHIP-WRECK

Navagio Beach (Greek: Παραλία Ναυάγιο), or Shipwreck Beach, is an exposed cove, sometimes referred to as "Smugglers Cove", on the coast of Zakynthos, in the Ionian Islands of Greece. It is one of the most famous and photographed beaches in the world. On 5 October 1980, the MV Panagiotis ran aground at Navagio Beach, Zakynthos, during a storm. Although smuggling was never officially confirmed, later court documents and photos suggest the ship was carrying illegal cigarettes from Turkey to Italy. The crew abandoned the ship, which remains on the beach today, giving it the name "Shipwreck Beach."

THE MEP EXPERIENCE AT THE SHIP-WRECK

Despite forecasts of rain, spirits remained undampened as delegates, CPs, CMs, the Presidency, teachers, and presidents boarded the boats and set course for Shipwreck Beach and its stunning sea caves. The journey offered breathtaking views of Zakynthos's iconic scenery and the region's famously crystal-clear turquoise waters.

At the sight of the pristine sea, little convincing was needed — clothes came off swimsuits came on and participants were in the water almost before the boats had anchored. Backflips, front flips, and cannonballs sent cascades of spray across the deck, drawing cheers and laughter from every corner. Music filled the air, dancing broke out spontaneously, and the energy was nothing short of electric, a day that proved no weather forecast could dampen the enthusiasm of this session.



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COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE

The SEDE committee had a busy second session today, discussing cybersecurity, financial fraud, and how to improve trust in European democratic institutions. The delegate of Cyprus pushed for stronger identity checks and data protection, proposing the idea of using digital passports to prevent identity fraud. The delegate of Germany supported multimedia campaigns to raise awareness about cybersecurity, while others questioned whether more campaigns were really necessary. The USA also seemed to think some questions were unnecessary, clearly not looking to give themselves any extra homework. Things got a little chaotic when Germany had an awkward misunderstanding that left the president confused for a moment. Luckily, the committee had a five-minute break (which looked like a team huddle), with the Spanish president bringing some serious team spirit. The delegate of North Macedonia continued to address the chairs as "honorable presidency," making it a memorable part of the debate. However, the funniest moment was definitely when someone made an inappropriate comment, which left plenty of room for interpretation. Despite the confusion, jokes, and disagreements, the delegates still managed to work together and pass several proposals, including at least one unanimous vote. Overall, SEDE showed that diplomacy is about teamwork and finding solutions, even when things got a little chaotic.



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COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

The ITRE committee is working on two things: The question of strengthening EU-Mediterranean cooperation on energy, clean technologies, and strategic supply chains, and making the best resolution there is on the matter. The meeting started later than usual as the delegates were previously enjoying the beauty of the Ionian Sea. They started with a vote to merge, keep, or strike their ICs. From the 17 ICs that were made the day before, the committee managed quite easily to drop them to 8. The committee then moved to voting on their OCs.

Overall, the committee's presentation was nothing less than professional, with clear and respectful debates. Furthermore, I would like to congratulate the committee and their presidents for their work, and I'm excited to see their final resolution and their work on the GA!



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COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

One of the most concerning issues that the EU is facing today is the rapid demographic change in the workplace and in different social systems. Lower birth rates, an ageing population, and a shrinking working-age population all contribute to increasing pressure on labour markets, pensions, healthcare, and other public services.

On Day 2 of the Mediterranean Model European Parliament in Zante, the EMPL committee was on fire. Starting with where they left off, the committee focused on perfecting their ICs and creating the corresponding OCs. The team worked together in creating an excellent and broad resolution, with all the delegates being equally very actively participating in the procedure. At the end of the day, the committee had voted and finalised $\frac{3}{4}$ of the proposed resolutions.

Overall, the committee showed an extreme amount of passion for the subject matter, and everyone seemed very well read.

I'm excited that I got to see such a great team working on making the future a better place. I wish them the best for tomorrow's finalising phase and the best of luck at the GA.



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COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE, AND HOME AFFAIRS

The LIBE committee started their day brainstorming and later moved on to the voting process and debate. The debate kicked off with issues such as migratory pressure raised by the delegate of Montenegro, and ways to tackle it. This was deemed too vague by the delegate of Malta, who proposed a rephrasing that had most of the committee in favor. The day continued as a merger was proposed by the delegate of Germany, which was harshly rejected by the delegate of Italy. Small note: the delegate of the Netherlands should maybe stop striking and start agreeing. One must say these delegates love using personal pronouns, and one must also say the CP of Bulgaria and Cyprus hate reminding them of this every 2 minutes. A highlight of the day must be the Spanish delegate, who is mainly interested in looking good in front of the camera and was exposed by the presidency which, one must admit, was quite funny. A friendly reminder was made that AI is prohibited at this point of the session, as incidents have been heard of, though nobody is quite sure where. Again, the Spanish delegate provoked laughter in the room as they got up, thanked the floor, and said they had nothing to say. A stray OC was found in the doc, and everybody started looking at each other well, nobody looked at the delegate of Spain, as it was definitely not his. After the Cypriot CP interviewed everyone, it turned out to be the delegate of Cyprus. All in all, LIBE ended with laughter, lots of personal pronouns, a self-report therapeutic session, and some OCs.



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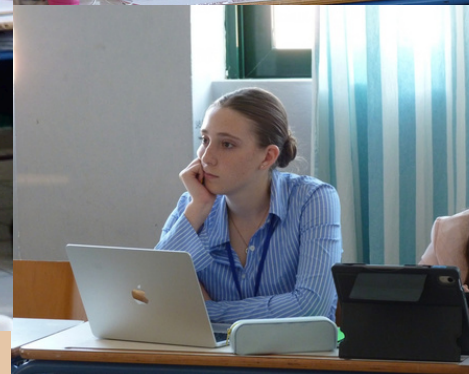
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Day 2 saw ENVI delegates transition into formal debate after forming groups to brainstorm their OCs.

The Netherlands called for a strike on the clause proposing that EFCA be used to revoke fishing licences for illegal activities within MPAs. The delegation argued that EFCA lacks the authority to carry out such measures, a point reinforced by Bulgaria, who added that the organisation does not hold the power to revoke licences. Following a vote, the clause was struck.

Italy then raised concerns about the feasibility of an OC recommending mandatory electrification of all vessels under 5,000 gross tonnage that stay docked overnight, noting that this would pose a significant challenge for some member states. Italy proposed that financial support be made available to countries unable to meet this requirement. The USA further suggested extending the docking threshold from one night to one week. Both changes, the financial support mechanism and the revised timeframe were accepted.

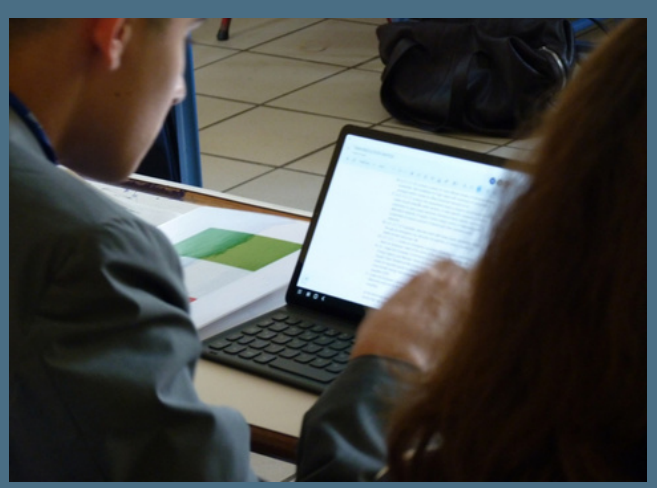
Finally, the committee had proposed creating a new organisation to address a specific problem, but the Netherlands pointed out that a suitable body already exists: the OceanEyes Initiative. Delegates continued to work diligently through the session, persevering despite the occasional reminder to maintain order or resist the temptation of a discreet snack.



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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

In TRAN, delegates formed groups to brainstorm and draft OCs. The delegate of Austria wanted to propose an OC calling for a study on better ways to produce energy at home options that are quick to set up, generate significant power, and focus on renewable energy or nuclear power, so that people can rely less on oil. However, the delegate proposed to strike this OC, arguing that it would take a long time to implement and might not yield results. In TRAN, a dispute began to develop because the delegate of Hellas kept pushing for an OC about a topic that other delegates had not seen referenced in the commission's explanation. The delegate of Hellas argued that it could be derived from the information sheet. After merging five OCs into one — amid distractions from a phone and delegates doing each other's work, the debate came to an end.







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