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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

The TRAN committee focused on protecting maritime transport routes, strengthening Europe's energy supply chains and improving seafarers' safety. Austria proposed rephrasing OC 3 to promote the use of rescue capabilities and military vessels, including those from Operation Aspides, to improve maritime security. Supported by the delegations of Italy and Spain, the revised clause passed. Montenegro also defended an OC regarding protecting seafarers, disagreeing with the Netherlands over whether existing measures were sufficient. The clause passed by a majority. Meanwhile, the delegate of the United States proposed expanding nuclear energy to reduce dependence on external energy supplies and ease pressure caused by ships rerouting around the Cape of Good Hope. Members of the committee opposed the idea, highlighting long construction times and national energy policies. Despite the US delegation's defence, the proposal was struck down. Between heated debates, repeated reminders about raising placards, and a quick five-minute break, TRAN continued working towards safer transport routes and more resilient European supply chains — proving that reaching agreement can sometimes be just as challenging as keeping ships on course. One highlight must be the interesting debate of the committee regarding choosing a name for a fund they created, specifically the Transport Efficiency and Optimisation Maritime Allocation Network which coincidentally forms the name TEOMAN— which for some reason does ring a bell. Now for the fun part: the assignment of speeches. The thrilling reading of the resolutions will be delivered by the delegate of the US, the opening speech by the delegate of Austria, the closing by the delegate of Hellas, and the amendment by the fearless delegate of Germany. Lastly, the press representative for tonight's press conference is officially the delegate of Montenegro — unofficially, the delegate is Spanish.

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COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The weather in Zante is chaotic, but that is no issue for the EMPL committee. The day starts at early in the morning with all the delegates going over the last quarter of their OCs. With no issues at all, the committee managed to finalise and send to the Presidency the final draft of their hard-worked-on resolution.

Overall, the committee was very bright, with a lot of ideas that helped shape the resolution into what it is today. They were mostly serious with a few laughs here and there.

And so the fun begins!

For electing the delegate who will prepare and essentially read the final speech, the delegation of Bulgaria went against the Belgium delegation in the battle of the speeches. In the end, Bulgaria won the speech in favor of the resolution with a speech as to why random people should be selected for the Olympics. For the opening speech, the battle was fierce. Malta, Belgium, and Austria wanted that win as much as Spain did at this year's final World Cup game. In the end, with a wonderful speech, Malta won the battle. The speech against the amendment was Montenegro's win with a speech as to why MEP should be held in the Maldives-*who do we need to talk to about that?* And now the REAL fun begins! The reading of the resolution must be my favourite part of the MEP experience. Being the winner is not a priority; fun is! The delegates get to read a song that is quite questionable in different voices. Even though the CPs and their Committee Manager definitely won the challenge, the role essentially was deservedly given to the delegate of Cyprus.

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COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE

In the committee SEDE, they were working really swiftly. The delegate of Cyprus would like to point out that the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) is being enforced, and that every product that is released will have built-in cyber resilience. The North Macedonian delegation responded to this by noting that this approach had already been used in another piece of legislation before, and asked how it would change and maximize the potential for the OCs, which was answered by stating that the implementation of the CRA is crucial and that the process needs to be accelerated, as it is the only viable path forward. Otherwise, progress could be actively stalled even as the act is already being enforced. This was accepted.

The delegate of Belgium suggested that the GDPR should be strengthened. The GDPR already exists, but the delegation argued it is not working well enough — the concern is not just about research, but also about enforcement. The delegate of Germany raised a concern with this, noting that companies such as Google or Apple can choose not to comply with the GDPR. In response, Belgium proposed rephrasing the OC to place greater emphasis on the need to strengthen the rules that are already implied. The delegation also stressed that awareness needs to be improved, so that people are informed about their rights under the GDPR.

The debate was lively and spirited. Moving on to the always fun speeches selection process. The opening speech will be delivered by the USA, the against the amendment speech went to Montenegro, the reading of the OCs was handled by Germany, and the closing speech was given to North Macedonia. Last but most definitely not least, he press representative for tonight's press conference will be Austria!

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COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

In ITRE, they are finally discussing their OC's which one must note is progress. One of their OC's was about using battery storage to smooth out the intermittency of renewables. The delegate of Bulgaria did not understand where this would take place, so in response, the creator of this OC, Italy, honestly admitted they didn't think of that, but the delegate made it clear that this idea already worked in some other countries such as Morocco and Egypt. They somehow miraculously kept this OC. After this, the delegate of Malta created an OC that proposes the creation of wellness centres of vocational excellence (COVEs) in energy technologies , those are hubs that would connect vocational schools with industry. The idea is to bring together the training side and the employers who need those skills, focusing on wellness and health using digital or electronic technologies. This way, students learn what industry actually needs. This OC was thankfully kept. At the end of the debate, the stress started to build up and time started to run out, so they paired up in groups to make more OCs. This meeting started a bit chaotic; delegates didn't pay much attention and, because of that, didn't really realize that there was a voting session, not to mention delegates weren't really keen on thanking the presidency for the floor. Despite the shaky start, the committee managed to find its footing as the debate went on. Moving on to the speeches, the opening speech will be delivered by the very enthusiastic delegate of the US, who celebrated a bit too much when he got it. The reading out of the resolution will be done by the beautiful delegate of Austria. Now for the more thrilling parts, the against-the-amendment speech will be delivered by the confident delegate of Bulgaria and the closing by the delegate of Montenegro. Lastly, the press representative for tonight's press conference is the delegate of the Netherlands. An honourable mention must be given to the very creative CPs of ITRE who came up with some very original, and one could say controversial, topics to conduct the selection process. All in all, as this was the last committee meeting of the session, the press would like to congratulate them on their efforts and wish them luck in the upcoming plenary session.

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COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE, AND HOME AFFAIRS

LIBE worked HARD. Day 3 was definitely one of the best days for the committee. As they finished their OCs smoothly, they started the fun part of the session: the assignment of speeches. The delegates have one goal : to survive the challenges proposed by their committee presidents. Wedding proposals, controversial matters, and a walk down memory lane are a few of the challenges the committee had to face.

To figure out who would have the honor of reading the resolution aloud at the General Assembly, the delegate of the United States of America had to perform the theme song of the beloved cartoon Sophia the First with his best Mickey Mouse voice, which not only granted him a few good laughs but also the reading of the resolution.

It's no secret that the CPs love their delegates, but do the delegates love their CPs? That was a challenge for anyone who struggles to express their love and wants to respond to the amendment. The delegates had to propose to their CPs in a romantic and definitely expressive way. Down on one knee and holding a ring, Turns out no other delegate loves their CPs more than the delegate of Italy, who really made the CPs say YES! I guess this committee will stay together, especially during the general assembly.

Bulgaria’s challenge was by far the hardest; he had to convince everyone why we should all walk around naked. Needless to say, we were not 100 % convinced.

Last but definitely not least, with a question on democracy's future in modern society, the delegate of Cyprus had the pleasure of attending the Press Conference that happened later that day !

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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

The ENVI committee tackled environmental issues ranging from biodiversity loss and sustainable fishing to protecting small-scale fisheries and reducing emissions. A clause caused confusion when the USA declared that subsection 1 "doesn't make any sense at all," while the delegate of Belgium suggested using existing marine spatial planning mechanisms to improve coastal monitoring. However, ENVI also became an unofficial grammar lesson: the USA clarified to Cyprus that they meant "weather," not "weathers," and continued helping the committee correct grammatical mistakes. The delegate of Hellas showed its sharp eyes by spotting another error, although fixing it came with technical difficulties. Delegates also learned that "spatial" isn't "special" and that "excluder" isn't "excluded," even when the sentence makes absolutely no sense! Meanwhile, Italy admitted its EMFAF proposal was poorly worded, prompting collaboration with the Netherlands and Bulgaria. The committee also debated reducing ships' emissions in port and whether turtle-protection measures could harm Mediterranean fishermen. Between serious environmental discussions, technical difficulties, and the USA's unofficial grammar-police duties, ENVI proved that tackling Europe's environmental challenges takes teamwork, sharp eyes, and a surprisingly strong command of English. After completing their resolution, a celebration was due, so the committee stood up, put on their dancing shoes, and moved to the rhythm of a Just Dance YouTube video. Regarding the speech selection process, the reading of the resolution will be delivered by the delegate of Austria, the opening speech will be presented by the delegate of Belgium, the closing by the delegate of the Netherlands, and the highly anticipated against-the-amendment speech will be handled by the delegate of Spain. Lastly, the press representative of the ENVI committee for tonight's press conference is the delegate of Malta.

THE *Press* CONFRENCE

The press conference stands as one of the most anticipated highlights of any session and this year's EURO MEP ZANTE edition was no exception. Certain individuals, whose identities shall remain strictly anonymous, have gone so far as to call it the best part of the session. Any suggestion of bias on their part is, of course, entirely unfounded.

Proceedings opened with a welcome address delivered by the Press Committee President, who set the tone for what promised to be an engaging and dynamic exchange. With formalities observed, press representatives made their way to the stage and took their seats, ready to hold committees to account.
The floor was then opened for questioning. The first press delegate stepped forward, posing a question directed at the representative of the EMPL committee, who responded to both questions with composure and conviction drawing a resounding round of applause from the audience.
Proceedings continued as the LIBE committee took the floor, specifically the delegate of Cyprus who delivered a forceful and articulate defence of the committee's position on asylum seekers in the context of mounting migratory pressure.

Particularly noteworthy was the response from the TRAN committee representative, who not only provided a thorough and satisfying answer but also drew an eloquent connection between the committee's theme and the culture of this session's host country, invoking concepts such as kairos — a touch that was well received by the room.

The ITRE committee was subsequently called upon to explain how it had addressed the sharp rise in imported fossil fuel prices while ensuring equitable distribution across member states. The delegate of the Netherlands rose to the occasion, delivering a measured and convincing response, a rare moment of consensus on matters of energy policy.

SEDE made its presence felt as the delegate of Austria took the floor to address the pressing issue of cybersecurity. The topic proved contentious, as the audience made clear its unease with questions of digital privacy — though, as ever, few seem willing to pause before accepting cookies.
Closing the session was the ENVI committee, whose issue this year carries particular resonance with the island of Zakynthos itself a fact that, by all accounts, served as no small source of inspiration for the delegates during their preparatory walks across the island. Their contribution was met with enthusiastic applause, a testament to the delegate of Malta's confident and capable handling of the questions posed.

The press conference drew to a close on a triumphant note, concluding what had been a compelling and well-executed session. Spirits among delegates were high, aided in no small part, by the knowledge that pizza and the much-anticipated cultural night awaited just around the corner.

CULTURAL NIGHT

After a long day of debates, discussions, and the press conference, the delegates of MEP Zante gathered for an evening that reminded everyone what the MEP experience is truly about: bringing people together. Despite the exhaustion of the day, spirits were high, and the excitement was undeniable.

The evening began with the sounds of traditional Greek classical music, accompanied by talented musicians and traditional dancers. Forming a circle, the dancers showcased their skills, bringing Hellenic culture to life through movement, rhythm, and tradition. Before long, the circle opened up, inviting delegates from every country to join in and try the dances themselves. Naturally, the Greeks took the lead, guiding the rest of the participants and setting the tone for the night.

As the evening progressed, the traditional music gave way to a DJ, and the dance floor became a celebration of cultures from across Europe and beyond. Music from different countries filled the room, bringing together delegates who, only hours earlier, had been discussing European issues in their committees. Now, they were sharing laughs, learning new dances, and creating memories far removed from the formalities of parliamentary procedure.

Cultural Night was more than just a party. It was a reminder that, beyond national borders, different languages, and political perspectives, there is a common ground that connects us all. Through music, dance, and laughter, the delegates celebrated not only their individual identities but also the diversity that makes Europe so unique.

And although the day had been long, nobody seemed ready for the night to end. Because sometimes, the most meaningful conversations happen without words, and the strongest connections are made on the dance floor.

One conference, countless cultures, and one unforgettable night.

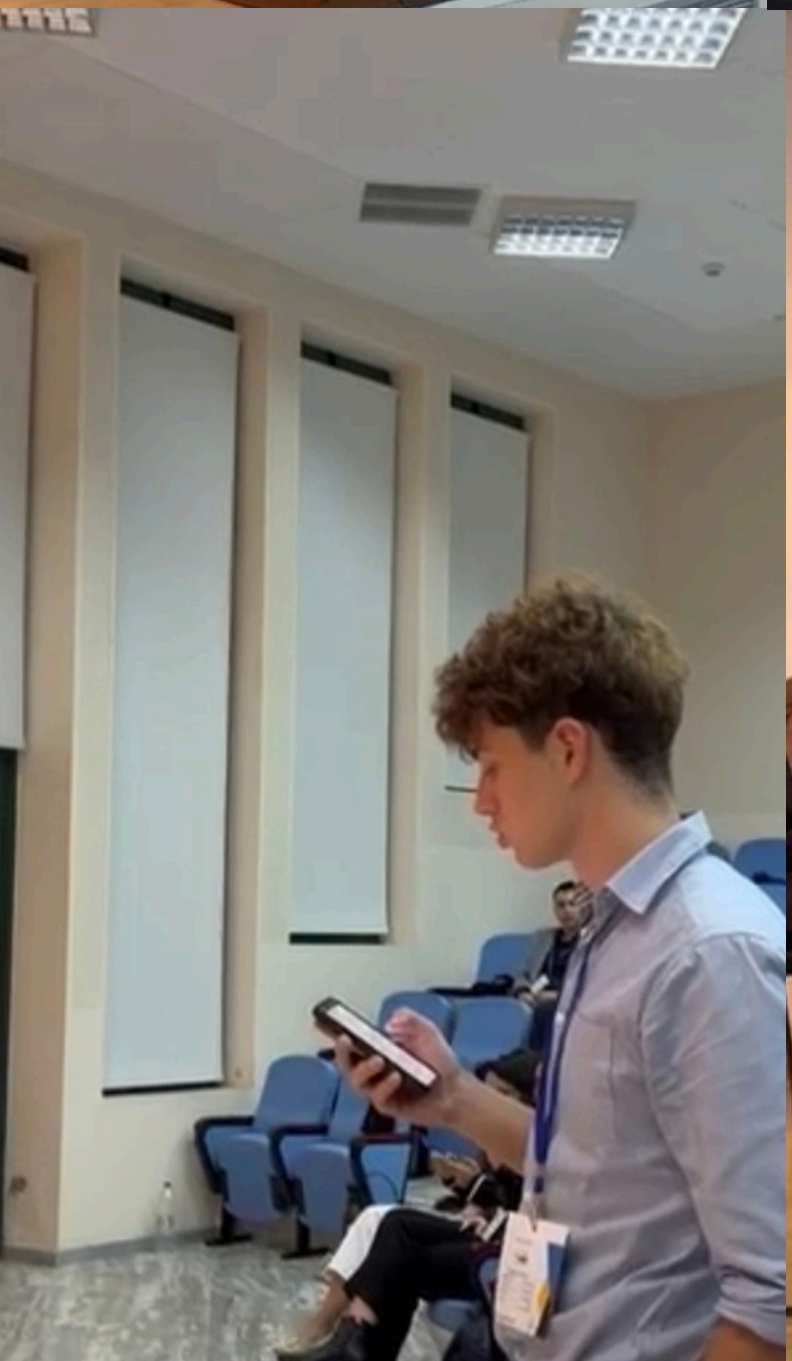






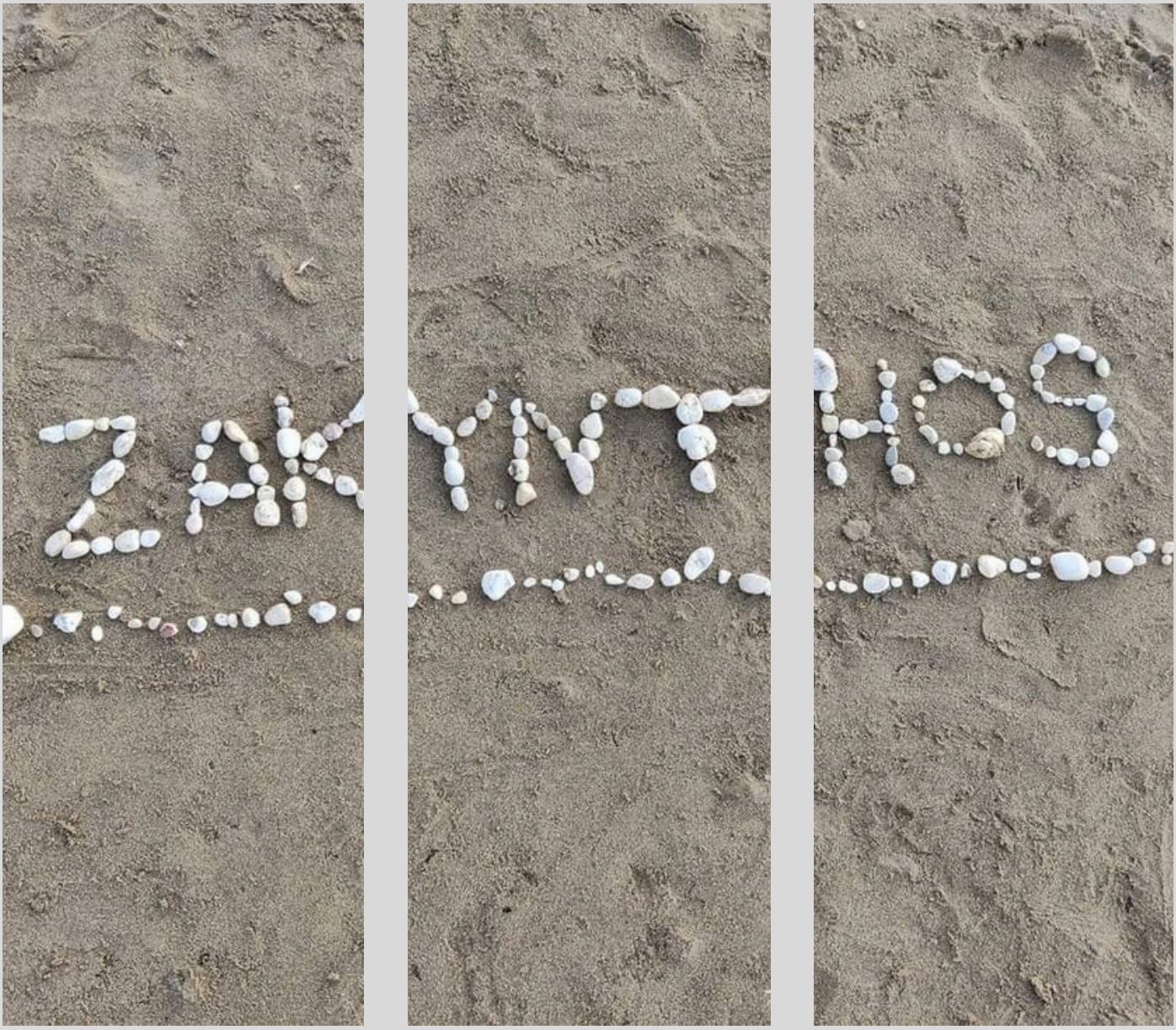

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