



2009 Czech Presidency Logo: Map of the European Union using country abbreviations

Judging Criteria

West Coast Model EU *2009 Czech Presidency*

General Background

Teaching students about the EU and inspiring leadership and further interest in the EU are the primary goals of this simulation. Therefore, the varied background and institutional preparation of the students should be taken into account when judging the performance and preparation of the students. These criteria are meant to be a guide for judges, suggestions for things to watch for, and points to begin discussion during the final judges meeting. They are not intended as a formula for determining awards. Please refer to judging sheets provided to facilitate this process.

Judging Process

The judges and members of the presidency will both be involved in the judging deliberations. The members of each session will make nominations for awards. Participants are evaluated on their preparedness, accurate representation of country position, and use of diplomacy including correct use of parliamentary procedure, negotiating skill, and ability to make compromises.

Type of Awards

- Outstanding Head of Government
- Outstanding Energy Minister
- Honorable Mentions

Judging Criteria for Awards

1. Preparation
 - a. Accuracy of knowledge (background and specific issues)
2. Representation
 - a. Effectiveness in advocating country's position
 - b. Accurate and consistent portrayal of country's overall EU negotiating strategy
 - c. Overall public speaking ability (clarity, style, organization, etc.)
 - d. Total contribution to the proceedings (balance of quantity and quality)
3. Diplomacy
 - a. Use of appropriate "diplomatic" language and parliamentary procedure
 - b. Delegate's initiative to find consensus through compromise and creativity
 - c. Delegate's persuasive and productive caucusing away from the table

Individuals who do not submit their position papers and draft resolution by February 20, 2009 will not be eligible for consideration to receive an award.