

Judging Criteria

General Background

Teaching students about the EU and inspiring leadership and further interest in the EU are the primary goals of this European Council summit 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. Judges should observe negotiations in both the Heads of Government/State and Agriculture Ministers negotiation rooms. 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. Special attention should be paid to the performance of students during informal negotiations.

Type of Awards

- Outstanding Heads of Government (2)
- Outstanding Energy Ministers (2)
- Outstanding Position Papers (2)
- Honorable Mentions (4)

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

Voting procedure

At the end of the second negotiation day the judges decide which student should receive an award based on their observation during day one and two of Model EU. The judging session is chaired by a Model EU staff member who will also inform the judges which students might have been excluded from the judging process due to late submission of documents. Every judge has one vote.

Individuals who did not submit their position papers by the stated due date will not be eligible for consideration to receive an award. Notations will be made on judging sheets for those delegates who are ineligible for awards.