

Immigration SIMULATION TOPICS

These are the topics we'll be discussing for Simulation on Monday. The class will break into two groups, 'Prime Ministers', and 'Foreign Ministers', meeting as the European Council and the Council of the European Union, respectively. One member of each team will be in each group, and each group will work on coming to agreement on its own issues. Decisions must be unanimous - no abstentions are allowed.

Please spend some time working out your country's position on these issues, and what you'd like to see the EU do - the proposals below are just a starting point - you may adopt them wholly, in part, modify them, or come up with something entirely new.

We will begin the simulation with a 'Tour de Table', going around the circle, giving each country about 1 minute to state their position, and the direction they'd like to see things go.

Prime Ministers – Immigration: EU Citizenship, Turkey

Proposal One: In support of a consistent and predictable environment for immigrants to the EU, we propose a Common Citizenship Opportunity program, in which any immigrant who has legally resided in an EU member state for five consecutive years shall be entitled to apply for citizenship in the country they reside in, with no additional requirements.

Proposal Two: Proposed: Having officially released the second EUR 3b payment, the EU shall continue and expand the current agreement with Turkey regarding migrants, while demanding Turkey meet EU human rights standards in handling migrants and applicants for asylum.

Proposal Three: Please formulate a response to Turkey's suggestion that perhaps not all the allocated funds have in fact been conveyed to Turkey.

Foreign/Home Ministers – Immigration: Operation Sophia, Immigrant Quotas, Integration

Proposal One: Determine an appropriate continuing number of ships/helicopters/aircraft and shore support, with budget, for 2019-2021 for EUNAVFOR Med/Operation Sophia, and if member states that benefit most from this project should bear a higher proportion of the costs.

Proposal Two: Determine whether a system of immigration quotas for all member states is an appropriate solution for the EU, and if so, the method for allocating arriving immigrants to the 28 members. Please advise regarding the UK's participation post January 31, 2020.

Proposal Three: The EU recognizes the challenges member states face in integrating immigrants, preparing them to fully participate socially and economically in their new societies, etc. Proposed is a new program with a EUR 25m annual budget to offer grants to applying members to support these activities.