

Model EU Council

Dublin Castle

28th March 2025



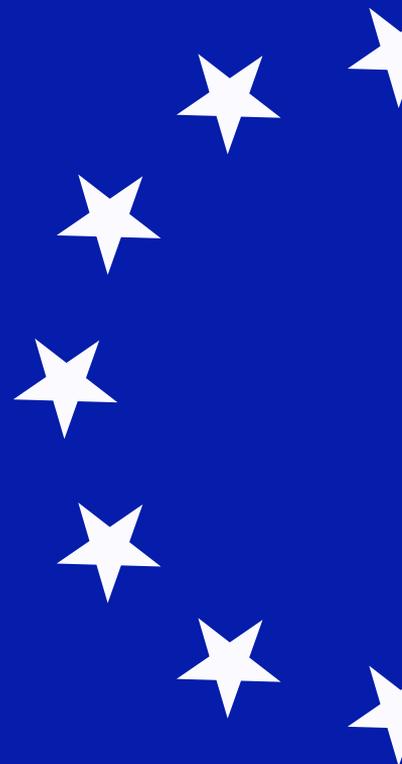


MEUC 2025

Three of our Transition Year Students joined students from 26 other schools all across Ireland in Dublin Castle to take part in this year's Model European Union Council Debate!

The theme of the debate this year was ***Protecting young people online in the EU***. The Directive itself was for a ban on social media use for under 16s and fines for countries & companies who fail to enforce this.

Our students represented Portugal and had to debate against the directive, as this is what Portugal would be doing in real life. But how did they know that?





Our Students had the opportunity to have a meeting with Henrique Sousa de Azevedo, Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Portugal, and Ana Margarida Alves, Cultural Attaché Embassy of Portugal





**Opening Address
by the Minister of
State for European
Affairs and
Defence,
Thomas Byrne T.D.**



**Closing
remarks and
Euroscola
prize – Lynn
Boylan MEP**

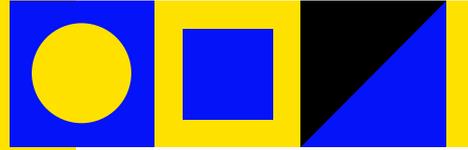


**Welcome remarks by
the Head of the
European
Commission
Representation
in Ireland, Peter
Power**



Debate





Our Debate Team

Ellie Rose Gough (back left)
Pandeena Buckley (back right)
Pixie Ring (front)

All Transition Year Students



Pandeena gave the opening speech for Portugal. Pixie then outlined their amendment.

While all this happening, Ellie was taking notes and preparing rebuttals.

At lunch, the group was involved in networking and formed a collision with a number of other countries to try to change the directive.

Pixie gave the first argument of the second session for the whole council, before Pandeena used Ellie's notes to close out Portugal's speaking time in this debate.





Back: Lynn Boylan MEP, Aodhán Ó Riordáin MEP, Henrique Sousa de Azevedo Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Portugal, Ms C. Doherty, Helen Kearns Head of Media Communication and Outreach Team European Commission Representation in Ireland
Front: Ellie Rose Gough, Pandeena Buckley and Pixie Ring

The full video of the debate is available
at <https://www.youtube.com/euireland>

