

THE EUROPEAN POLICIES OF THE EU MEMBER-STATES

In-Class Presentations

Every student will present their chosen EU member-state in class on the day scheduled for that country. You will need to make a powerpoint presentation which will be shown in class and which will then be posted on the e-class.

Meeting before the Presentation (This is NOT OPTIONAL)

- One week before the presentation, please visit me during my office hours (Wednesday 16.00-17.30) for a **‘rehearsal’**. This is **essential**.
- The rehearsal will give you the opportunity to try out your ideas, to discover mistakes and gaps in your information, etc.
- ***The rehearsal cannot be replaced by e-mailing.*** In particular, it is not possible for me to read a long text instead of our meeting in person.
- If you cannot attend my office hours, you need to let me know in plenty of time so we can make an alternative arrangement.
- To prepare for our meeting, please have ready ***1 page with your basic points*** which you can share with me and be ready to present them during our meeting. I do not need to see a complete powerpoint presentation at this point.

Apart from the ‘rehearsal’, students are welcome to attend my office hours to discuss their essays and presentations at any time during the semester.

The Presentation

- You have a ***maximum of 12 minutes*** to make the presentation. Please practice at home and time yourself. Presentations often take longer than you think.
- ***Don’t try to say everything.*** You will end up talking too fast and no-one will be able to follow you.
- ***Focus on the basic points*** which the class needs to know to form a picture of the European policy of ‘your’ country.
- Please don’t read a prepared text. It is always better to ***speak from notes***. It doesn’t matter if you forget something. It can always go in the essay.
- ***Powerpoint presentation:*** Following our meeting, please send this to me by e-mail on the Saturday before your presentation so it can be corrected (if necessary) and be posted in the e-class immediately after the class.
- ***Handout (optional):*** You may like to prepare 1-2 pages (maximum) with your key points for the class. This should be sent to me by e-mail by the Sunday before your presentation so it can be corrected (if necessary) and it can then be posted in the e-class before the class.

And do remember....

Don’t leave everything to the last moment. It doesn’t work!

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