

HagaMUNDUS

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Foreword

Noor Stockmann, February 27th 2026

Dear reader,

To start off, I would like to welcome you all to the 16th edition of HagaMUN, held annually here in The Hague, the political centre of the Netherlands. The entire staff is thrilled to finally set off this long awaited conference and we hope you guys are just as excited as we are! We're looking forward to lots of interesting, exciting debates, meeting new people from all over the world and of course have lots of fun at the HagaMUN party!

Our HagaMUN Press team will deliver a daily paper called the HagaMUNDUS. Be prepared to read the juiciest gossip of the weekend, dive into original articles on current affairs or explore new worlds through our media recommendations! Alongside, we will entertain you with fun puzzles, give you outfit inspo and even some typical Dutch phrases you *must* know ;). One thing you won't be this weekend, is bored.

In this preview edition of the HagaMUNDUS, you'll meet our staff, learn more about The Hague and receive the most important announcements for the first day of HagaMUN. You will also catch a glimpse into the immense preparations that went into this conference. Our crew worked very hard to make this conference happen and we would love to show you a bit of the chaos. So go on, dive in!

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The HagaMUN Press Team

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Sponsor

This year's noble sponsor for HagaMUN is O'Casey's Irish pub. This pub, established in 1993, has quite a few titles to its name: after claiming the titles of best community pub globally in 2017 and best sports experience Europe in 2018, they could proudly call themselves the best Irish pub in the world in 2019!

No one's ever bored at O'Casey's, they make sure of it. The pub holds weekly pub quizzes, frequent live music and even occasional comedy events.

The pub is located at Noordeinde 140, a very short walking distance from Hagamun.

In 2025, the pub opened a Mexican place right next to the pub itself, called La Patrona, a place where authentic Mexican flavors meet the spirit of Irish hospitality. Definitely worth the visit after a long, hard day of debating!



Announcements

For this preview of our Hagamundus, I will just give you some announcements for the MUN conference.

Party: First of all we will have a party on Saturday, 28 February. You can attend the party if you are an admin, delegate or a member of the staff. The theme will be *going back to 2016*. Stay tuned for some outfit inspo in the upcoming HagaMUNDUS edition!

Dresscode: The Hagamundus is a model united nation conference, so we're trying to resemble the united nations. This means dressing the part, so during the conference you are expected to wear formal clothing. If you are struggling to find outfits, you can look up 'Model UN Dress Code'. Here you will find some suggestions for outfits. Be warned: punishments may be in order for violating the dress code ;)

Housing: The housing should be arranged. It is of highest importance to us that everybody has a good place to stay that feels safe and welcoming. If not please contact the help desk.

Transportation: For transportation around the city, I recommend using the tram-system. You can use the 9292-app or you can just use Google Maps. Another option is biking. At the central train station you can rent a bike easily. Hagamun is within biking distance.

Gossip boxes: In every committee, there will be a gossip box. You can send notes with gossip to this box. So write your hottest gossip! The notes stay anonymous :).
The most important reminder is to not stress too much and focus on having fun.

Opening Ceremony: the opening ceremony will be on Friday, 27 February from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. The location is the Elandkerk. This is within walking distance from the school.

Lookbook



From preparing gossip boxes, taking pictures on media day for our instagram to a very fun staff night with lots of exciting gossip, the crew of HagaMUN has been very busy! Take a look at some of the pictures we took while preparing this Model UN.



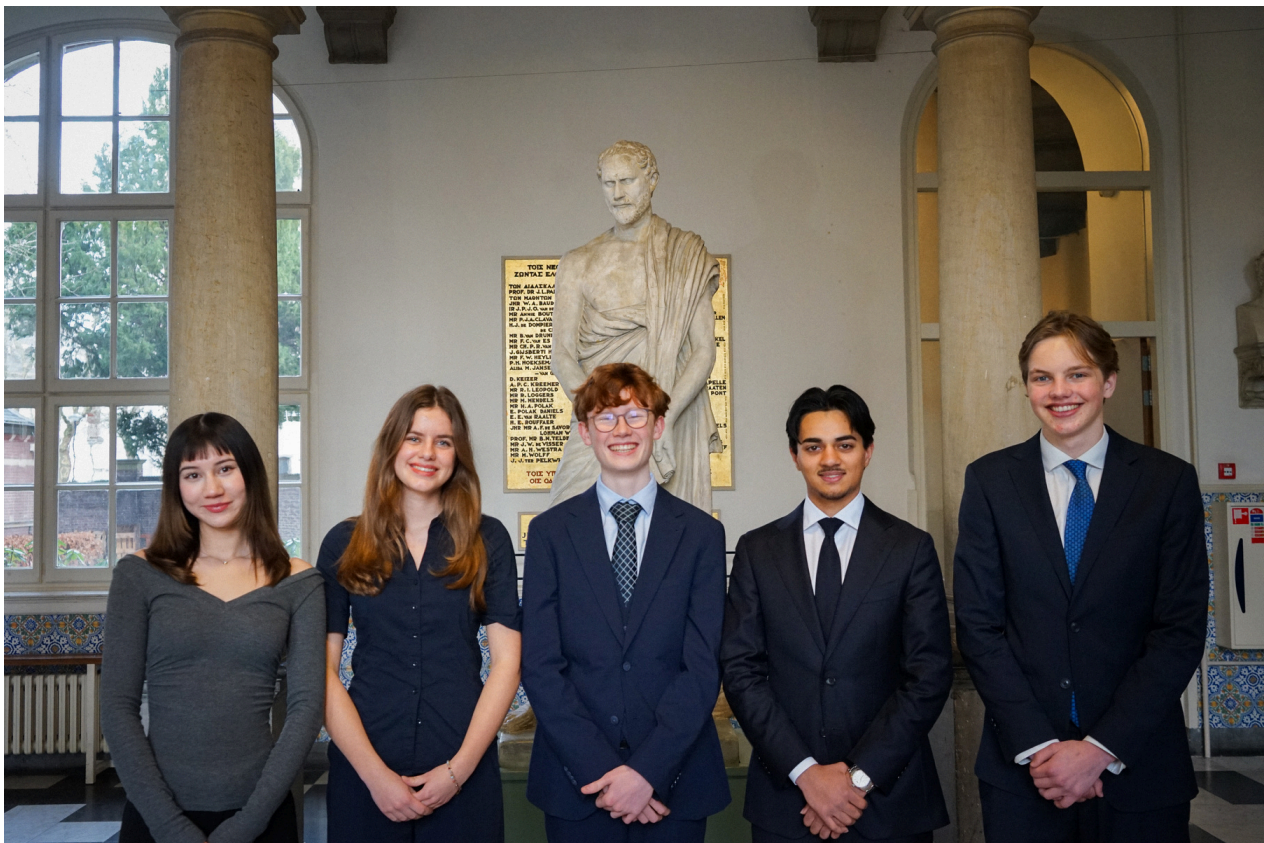
Meet the staff

It is important to give recognition to each and every one of the hardworking staff members that made this conference possible. It takes much effort to put together such an event and our staff has worked very hard to deliver you the best Model UN experience. Our Secretary-General Tadhg Stockmann led this team like a real boss, making sure everything went smoothly.

Take this chance to get to know the staff so you can recognise us at the conference. Please don't be afraid to approach us if you have any questions!

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Special committees

This year, we have two special committees: SPC1 and SPC2

SPC1 will explore the theme *'Ensuring ethical governance of emerging biotechnologies'*, which will focus on topics such as gene editing and synthetic biology. Additionally, the committee will discuss *'Enhancing social policies to improve women's access to education, healthcare and development opportunities'*. This committee is chaired by Remi Salami and Pooja Chawala.



SPC2 will debate *'Addressing the global housing crisis and urban inequality'*. Moreover, they will explore the theme *'Ensuring the accomplishments of the sustainable development goals'*. This committee is chaired by Nico Dias Oosterkamp and Adelina Ignat.



The Hague City guide

When visiting The Hague for HagaMun, you will often spend the entire day in a committee, writing resolutions, debating and speaking. This article will help you spend your free time wisely.

When HagaMun is taking place, it is still a bit cold. So I won't recommend swimming in the sea. But walking along the beach is enjoyable and you can visit the Pier in Scheveningen. If you enjoy shopping, The Hague is perfect for you. The city centre is packed with clothing stores as well as restaurants and cafes. One popular spot for food and drinks is 'het Plein' ('the square') in the centre. The name is not very exciting, but the cafes are!



In the city centre you can visit the Binnenhof, where the parliament is located. Here, you can see 'het torentje' (the little tower), our prime minister's office. Nearby, is het Mauritshuis.

This is a museum that is the home of the famous artwork ‘Meisje met de parel’ (Girl with a Pearl Earring). If you are still in the mood for MUN-related things after a long day, you can go to Het Vredespaleis (the Peace Palace, which houses the International Court of Justice of the United Nations).



Hopefully, this guide has helped you get to know the Hague just a little bit better. Have a great stay in The Hague!

Language guide

Some people might say Dutch sounds like Simlish, others say it sounds like German with an English accent. Whatever you think of our language, an opportunity to learn should not be passed over. To guide you during the HagaMUN conference, here are some (useful) words and phrases that you should definitely learn to rizz up that one hot Dutch delegate. Bribe them with *bitterballen* or *stroopwafels*, as long as you pronounce it right!

Basic words

<u>English</u>	<u>Dutch</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
Hello	Hallo	Hah-low
Bye	Doei	Dooy
Please	Alsjeblieft	Alst-yuh-bleeft
Thank you	Dankjewel	Dahnk-yuh-well
Yes	Ja	Yaah
No	Nee	Neigh

Basic phrases

<u>English</u>	<u>Dutch</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
How are you?	Hoe gaat het?	Hoo gaaht hat?*
I'm good/bad/okay.	Het gaat goed/slecht/oké.	Hat gaaht good/slagt/okay.*
Are we taking the bike?	Gaan we op de fiets?	Gaahn wuh ohp duh feets?*
What's your name?	Hoe heet je?	Hoo hate juh?
Where are you from?	Waar kom je vandaan?	Waahr com juh vahn-daahn?
Are you single?	Ben je single?	Ban juh sin-gle?

Typical Dutch words

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
Rain	Regen	Ray-guhn*
Chocolate sprinkles	Hagelslag	Haa-gel-slahg*
Bike	Fiets	Feets
Syrup waffle (Dutch caramel filled cookie)	Stroopwafel	Strohp-wah-fuhl
Cozy/fun/convivial (lots of meanings)	Gezellig	Guh-za-llihg*
Bitterballs (Fried balls with meat)	Bitterbal	Biht-tur-ball
Six seven	Zes zeven	Says - zay-fun

Typical Dutch phrases

English	Dutch	Pronunciation	Meaning
I'm not crazy Henkie!	Ik ben gekke Henkie niet!	Ihk ban gak-kuh Han-kee nete!*	When someone else proposes a crazy plan you won't execute.
There the monkey comes out of the sleeve.	Daar komt de aap uit de mouw.	Daahr kohmt duh aahp aut duh mauw.	The secret is revealed.
Little PMV (Potato, meat, vegetable)	AVG'tje (Aardappel, vlees, groente)	Aah-vay-gay-tjuh*	Common Dutch dinner.
Who laughs last, laughs best.	Wie het laatst lacht, lacht het best.	Wee hat laahtst lahgt*, lahgt* hat best.	You can win many battles, but the one who takes the final victory, wins the war.

TIP:

The g's with a * are a velar consonant, also known as the 'harde G'. We recommend asking a Dutchie for the exact pronunciation, as it is quite hard to get right.



Sign off

We hope you enjoyed reading our Preview Hagamundus and we look forward to seeing you at the conference!

XOXO, Press team

