



Facts about Romania

- Capital: Bucharest
- Population: 19,942,642 (2014)
- Area: 238,391 sq. km
- Currency: Leu (RON)
- MS since: 2007
- Famous people: Vlad III. Drăculea, Constantin Brâncuși, Nicolae Ceaușescu



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The 1st CSEE MEP Session in Bucharest

The Model European Parliament was founded in 1994. Ever since, there have been biannual international MEP sessions.

In addition to the already existing Baltic Sea Region, Western European Region, and the Mediterranean Region, the Central and South Eastern European sector has been recently established. In fact, this is the very first CSEE MEP session. Romania has been selected to host it in its beautiful capital Bucharest. Delegations from participating countries, including Austria, Bulgaria, FYROM, Germany, Hungary, Serbia, and Slovenia, have been gathered for this session to discuss EU-issues on a multilateral Central and South-East European level.

In retrospect, this session was a huge success in every aspect. This little newsletter will give you an overview over the events of the past week and will hopefully help you get over your Post-MEP-Depression.

Interviews with the Presidency



The Sun: Mme President, how did you get into MEP?

Maria Hajdu: I started three years ago. My first session was in Vilnius – it was an international one. I found this programme very interesting and I think it's a good opportunity for everyone. In Romania, unfortunately we don't have that much politics at school, so this is a good programme, for Romanians especially.

The Sun: What's your favourite MEP experience?

M.H.: I think it's this session here – because I'm the President...

The Sun: Oh, are you megalomaniac?

M.H.: *laughing* No. I think I just like to organise everything here and always being busy. I think that this is it...

The Sun: Are you familiar with the term "post MEP depression"?

M.H.: Well, no...

The Sun: No?! Come on, then you're not a proper MEP member! Basically, it is when you're really depressed after the end of an MEP session because it was so great, and then you are back in sad reality.

M.H.: Ah! No, no, no – I think I had that after Vilnius, that's right!

The Sun: So what is your cure for post MEP depression?

M.H.: I look at the pictures and remember everything that happened and I just say to myself "Ok, there will be another one, so don't worry".

The Sun: Last question: What is your favourite joke?

Maria: My favourite joke – in MEP or in general?

The Sun: In general.

M.H.: I think that "When the sun goes down" is now my favourite one.

The Sun: Thank you very much!



The Sun: How did you get into MEP, Mr. President?

Zan Hozjan: By luck.

The Sun: That's an original answer... What was your favourite MEP experience then?

Z.H.: Luxembourg.

The Sun: Luxembourg? Why?

Z.H.: Because it was so well organised.

The Sun: Wow – Come on we're gonna put this in, everyone will see it.

Z.H.: *laughter* I don't know – maybe I should just say because they had public transport.

The Sun: Okay, we're going to use this. So, what is your cure for post MEP depression?

Z.H.: Just join another MEP session.

The Sun: What if you're too old, as Mr. President Kay Kaufmann is?

Z.H.: *laughter* Then you should just retire.

The Sun: Retire from life?

Z.H.: Yes, retire from life.

The Sun: One more thing we are really keen to know: What happened to the Slovenian delegation – why are so few people here from Slovenia?

Z.H.: Wait – I don't know what I shall say...

The Sun: The truth.

Z.H.: *laughter* The truth? We actually applied with five delegates but one of them got sick, so there are only four of us here.

The Sun: Can't you invent something funny?

Z.H.: Yeah, we need to say something funny.

The Sun: Maybe one of them was kidnapped or working as a spy...?

Z.H.: No maybe we should say that there are 20 delegates from Austria so there was no space for Slovenia?

The Sun: *laughter* Okay, sounds good – Thank you!

The Cultural Evening

On Tuesday night the long-awaited cultural evening finally took place in the AISB Theatre. Everything was very well organised and prepared - except maybe some of the delegations' performances...

The delegation of Serbia was on first, and although they didn't dare to tread the board themselves, they showed an intriguing video about their capital Belgrade.



The Hungarian delegation not only presented a video revealing Hungary's wonderful spas and lakes, but also committed themselves to a very *loud* and eventful presentation using a traditional Hungarian whip called "Ostor".



The very best, perfectly planned, and not at all spontaneous or improvised performance was of course Austria in cooperation with Germany. A very famous song in Styrian dialect, that most of the Austrians, let alone the Germans, had barely any troubles to pronounce, was obviously the perfect choice. (Attention - sarcastic stylistic elements)

The Macedonians staged a traditional folk dance, consisting of a lot of jumping around in circles, doing different steps. Trust us, It is more complicated than it sounds.

Believe it or not, but the Germans were even more spontaneous than the Austrians. Since they didn't feel confident enough to perform alone, they begged and begged until the Austrian delegation gave in and promised to support them. (For the Austrians it was not that big a deal, since they are used to making a fool of themselves on stage. Slovenian delegation sang a very romantic song, which was extremely stirring – especially to a particular row in the auditorium which could not stop rocking from side to side. The Bulgarians' song was also very catchy, although the delegates from Bulgaria had to motivate the audience to start clapping several times.



Even though the Romanian performance had little to do with the delegation itself, the singers and dancers were very impressive.

However great the delegations' performances were, the best was still to come... The Teacher Performance!

Combining different cultures and backgrounds by singing the Song "Brother John" in all represented languages (and French) was probably the most innovative idea of the evening. It was a perfect ending for a perfect night.

The Tale of MEP

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How to Fight the Evil Spirit of Disunity

Once upon a time, in a far, far away, myth-enshrouded place, there were eight overly opinionated kingdoms, divided by the evil spirit of disunity. This phantom was a plight to the kingdoms' peoples. Nobody could come to an agreement and diplomacy was a word that didn't yet exist. Everything was soaked with despair and no one could resolve this problem.

One day, the eight kings and queens decided to seek advice at the Oracle of Awesome – they are still working on their name. Despite the questionable designation, the three-headed oracle was very multifarious, but also embodying perfect harmony: The mysterious witch Riajdu Maha was especially known for her blissful serenity and the ability to bring about peace. The mighty far-eastern sorcerer Chan Ho-Chan had a particular gift for wit and cunning, always finding a way to avoid conflict and to guide people onto the right way. The last of the three, Caius Kaufmanus was wise and old – but mostly old.

Surrounded by a bright circle of light, and accompanied by a singing gospel-band of angels, the oracle advised the kings and queens to assemble the most intelligent, creative and beautiful young people of the eight kingdoms to defeat the treacherous spirit of disunity. Considering the (all too often missing) sense of responsibility of today's youth, the sovereigns were a bit skeptical at first. Nevertheless, they had no other option but to accept the oracle's prophecy.

And so they sent out the princesses and princes of the eight Kingdoms to lead those young people to providence. The Charming Princesses and Princes – the so called CPs – each guiding a group of 6-8 chosen Deligati, were assisted by their loyal SMOs – Servants Made to Oppress.

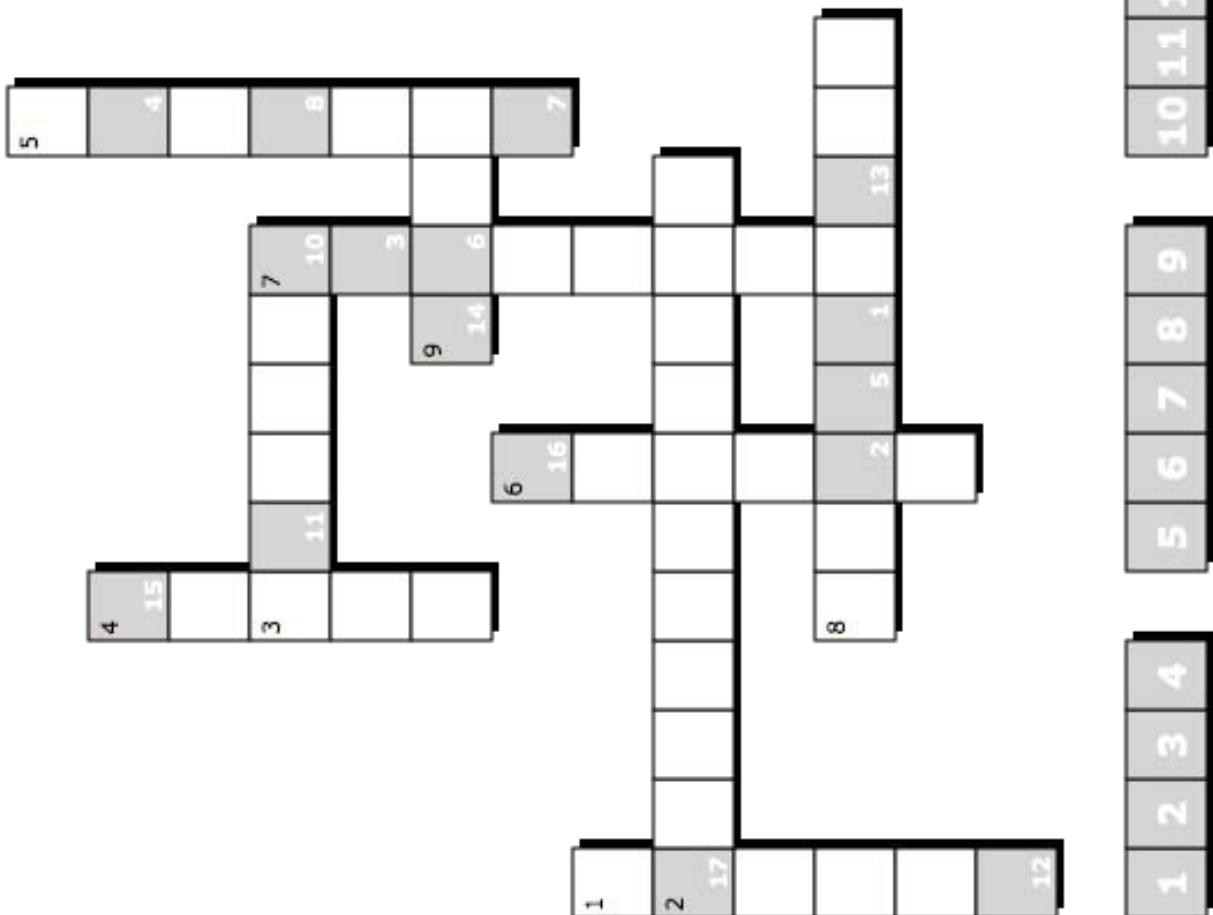
And so, the army of Magnificently Excellent People – MEP – set out to combat the evil spirit. Those teams, also known as Comitati, weaponed with words like swords and phrases sharp as razors, were fighting against the spirit hours upon hours, days upon days. Finally, after a series of exhausting battles, compromise finally prevailed over discord. The eight kingdoms were finally unified and celebrated with... A BIG PARTY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE END

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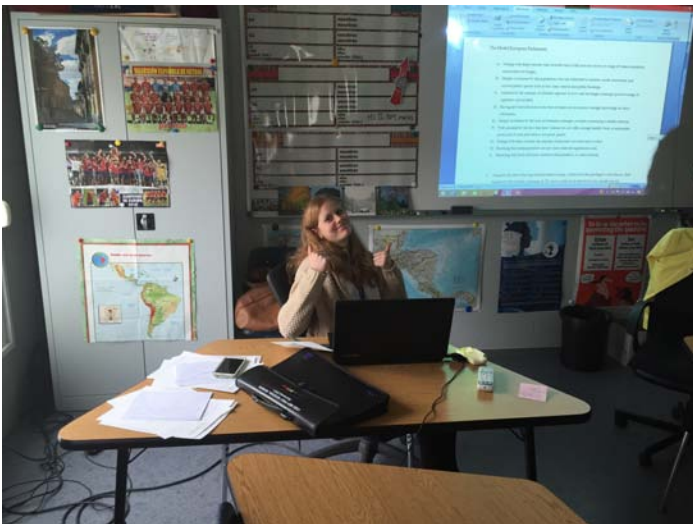
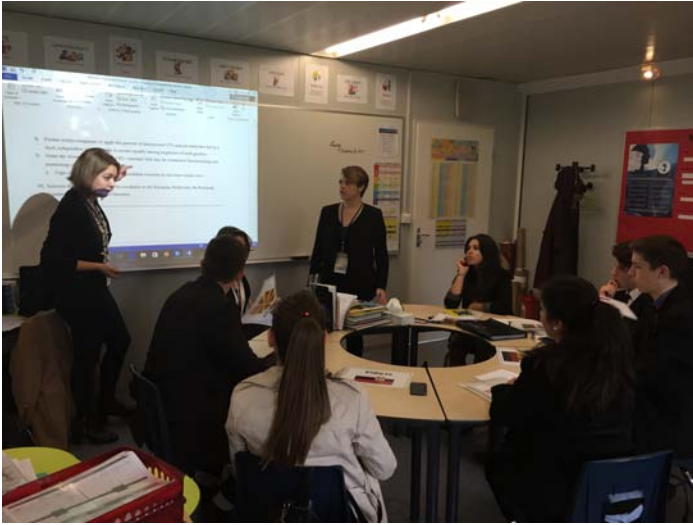
MEP CROSSWORD



1. What is the capital of Macedonia?
2. Who is the grandpa among the presidency?
3. Who is THE SUN?
4. What is hungarian, long, noisy and can potentially kill you?
5. What do germans like to do? (cultural evening!)
6. What's black, hot and keeps delegates alive?
7. One of the participating countries
8. Who is not very fond of smoking students?
9. All you need is...

Photo Gallery







**And the Award for the sexiest Committee
Presidents goes to:**



Saam Mahmoodian



Livian Enachescu



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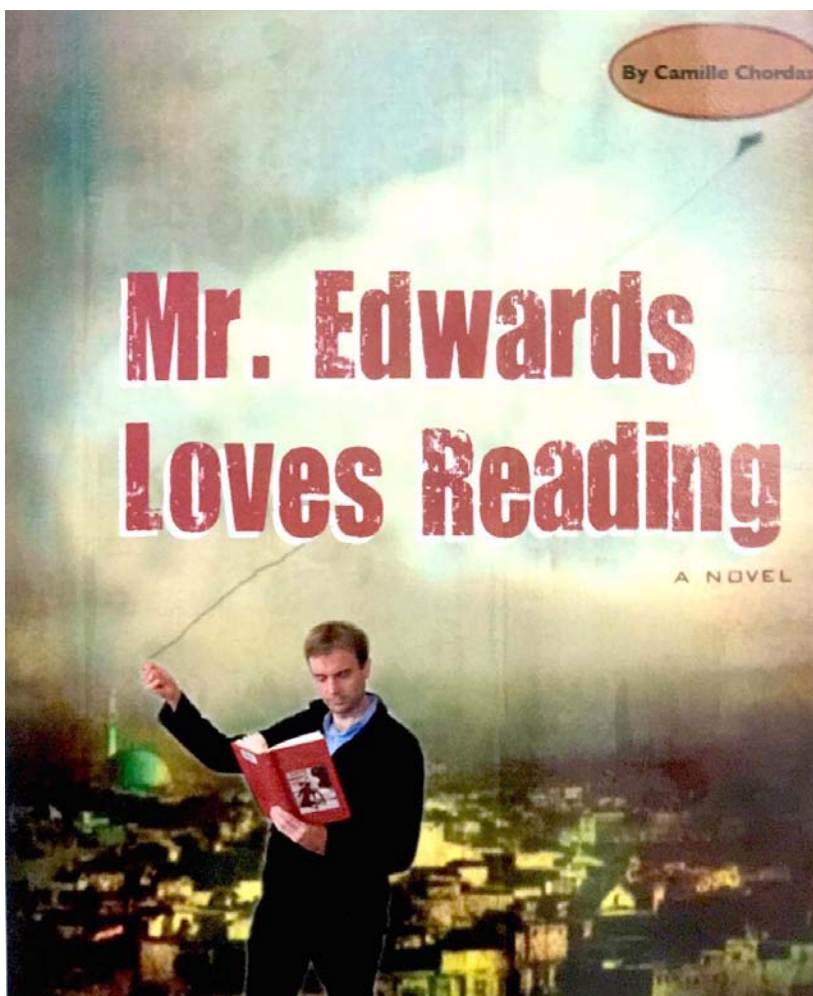
On behalf of all MEP participants of this session, we would like to thank everyone who made this unforgettable experience possible. Organising such an event always requires a lot of time, effort and devotion.

We would like to express our gratitude to MEP Romania for being such a fantastic host.

Furthermore, we would like to pay tribute to the American International School of Bucharest, their teachers and staff members, and all the AISB host families. Without their contribution and hospitality, this session would not have happened. A special thanks goes of course to Mr Ian Edwards.

Naturally, the accompanying teachers, preparing the delegations for the session, organising their travel and doing much more, were essential to enable this session.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all the and delegates, CPs, Co-CPs, SMOs and volunteers. Their interest, motivation and dedication shaped this specific session and made it so unique and memorable.



I dont know what the future holds. But I know that we can only get there one way - together.

- Ian Edwards aka Merlin