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What is a Legal Advisor?

As an EuroMUN's legal advisor, you will be the expert who knows the legislation in accordance with your committee. Within your allocated committee, if a legal question arises, you shall be able to answer and advise the delegates as well as be a guide when time comes to write a legal document.

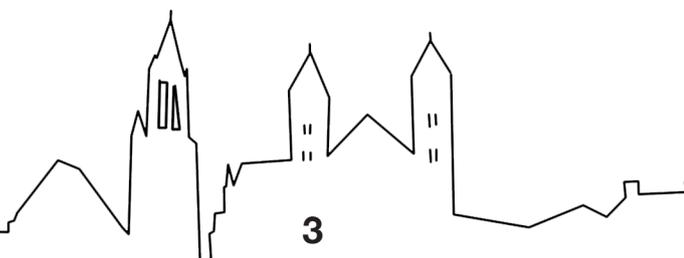
What can be expected from Legal Advisors?

You will need to demonstrate solid legal knowledge, particularly in relation to the legal framework of your committee. It is important to give legal counsel to the delegates; the latter sometimes lack the necessary expertise to write an appropriate and effective resolution (or directive).

Your role is to ensure that the delegates use the appropriate legal standards, and that their proposals are within the bounds set by international law and by the mandate of their committee. During sessions, you might need to intervene and explain to the committee why some proposals are not in line with such legal standards, or clarify some legal matters. This can happen through joint decision of the Secretariat and the Chairs, or via a delegate's motion to invite a representative.

Legal advisors will also review resolutions and give feedback to working papers, making sure that everything is within the mandate and scope of the committee and that all possible aspects of the topic are tackled. In doing so, next to the legal framework, legal advisors should know the recent resolutions that have been adopted by the actual institutions, to avoid the risk of adopting a similar document. The chairs will also help you in this respect, since they wrote the Study Guide.

Finally, the Rules of Procedure of EuroMUN allow for a motion to question the competence of the committee, which, if passed, withdraws a draft from the floor. This motion can be entertained only on the advice of the Secretariat and the legal office, which means that you will have to stay on top of the proposals to decide whether to allow such motion.



Checklist: before EuroMUN

- Know what your committee can and cannot do within the corresponding legal framework.
- Research the previous texts adopted by the committee on the topics on the agenda.
- Research the topic in general, reading the Study Guide. Understanding the Rules of Procedure is also useful.

Checklist: during EuroMUN

- Stand ready to advise the Delegates if they seem confused or go in a wrong – illegal – direction.
- Collaborate with Chairs and Delegates before and during sessions to ensure the well-functioning and the efficiency of the session.
- Check the draft resolutions and provide feedback.
- Generally, make sure that nothing illegal is happening.

