

Vilnius Model UN 2020: Building Crisis Resilience for the Next 75 Years of the UN

It is our absolute honour and privilege to invite you to the 2020 session of Vilnius Model United Nations (VMUN). This year's simulation once again is brought to you by the Eastern Europe Studies Centre (EESC), in co-operation with the Swedish Institute (SI), Sweden's embassy in Vilnius, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania. As usual, the 2020 edition of VMUN will take place at **Vilnius city municipality (Konstitucijos pr. 3, Vilnius)** on **October 20-21**. The event will be preceded by an optional preparatory event **at the EESC on October 19**, where new MUN'ers will be able to learn more about the rules of procedure and those with more experience – get a recap and get acquainted with their fellow participants, it will be hosted at the **Eastern Europe Studies Centre, D. Poškos g. 59, Vilnius**. The Model UN has deep-rooted traditions, being organized for the first time in 1949. From the very beginning, MUN has raised multiple future leaders of countries and international organizations.

This year, VMUN continues its aim to run a simulation, which is engaging, inspiring, provoking, and entertaining, once again looking to tackle a key international issue we face today. Over the course of several days, participants will take the role of a country's representatives at the UN and will have the opportunity to make use their social skills and knowledge towards formulating solutions to handle current and future international crises. VMUN ensures that every participant will leave the event with unforgettable memories filled with stimulating discussions and valuable experiences.

VMUN is proud to introduce this year's topic **"Building Crisis Resilience for the Next 75 Years of the UN"**. The COVID-19 coronavirus that has shackled the world this year has introduced a myriad of various challenges to countries, organisations and peoples around the world, with a pandemic of this level not having been seen in the world for perhaps a century now. It has both placed further emphasis on the interconnectedness of our world today and how this has ushered in demand for unprecedented levels of international cooperation. However, it has also uncovered old fault lines in international structures and cooperation and highlighted others as well.

For the UN's 75th anniversary, VMUN asks the question – "How does the world move forward during and after the coronavirus pandemic to better cope with global crises that are bound to strike us in the next 75 years?" Our participants will look to ponder on this and perhaps offer some solutions for the future we all must face.

Important information:

The organizers will provide lunch, coffee, and snacks during the main event. Also, the organizers commit to reimbursing travel expenses to the main event for those living further away from Vilnius. The official language of the event and VMUN simulation is English. Those wanting to represent a delegation at VMUN 2019 must apply by **October 5th**.

Once a candidate has registered (applied) successfully they will receive a confirmation by email. We also ask to indicate a preferred nation to represent during the simulation, however, the organizers reserve the right to change the represented country for each participant. All participants will be informed about the final selection by **October 9th**.

This year, we also invite students not only to apply for the simulation as county representatives but also to become **Chairman** and moderate the entire simulation.

Application form: <https://forms.gle/f4KdzRbngQLbHVtK6>

You can also find information about the event on Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/eesc.lt/>

Selection of applications will be executed according to the quality of the admitted application. Chosen delegates are expected to submit *one* position paper *per delegation* to the following email address: jurgis.vedrickas@eesc.lt by **October 17**.

This year VMUN will pick 40 participants totalling 20 delegations (2 delegates representing each state). We encourage students from all over Lithuania to participate and get a taste of what goes on at the United Nations. Do not hesitate, register now for Vilnius Model UN 2020!