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Guide into Econnected International debates rules, deadlines and Application.

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CALL FOR YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

1. PREMISS

This co-branding partnership between ENTER International and Somos Natureza aims to create a space for aspiring young environmental leaders from all over the world who would like to dive through dynamic approaches into debates, solutions and ideas for the development of environmental concepts.

What is Econnected?

Econnected is an International Environmental debate that consists of 3 Video Call conferences/debate sessions divided into two time periods. During the first part (30 min) a guest speaker officially opens the debates by sharing key concepts for both chairs and debaters on a controversial environmental topic. The conference continues with a 50 min session of active debates, managed by the Chairs (all bilingual) who provide for a positive atmosphere among the students and encourage them to continue the debates.

For college applicants:

Due to the low admittance rate this activity can be considered an extracurricular/honor on your college applications. Certificates of participation will be provided for those who attend at least 2 of the 3 meetings planned at Econnected.

2. WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

In the 2023 edition we are looking for youth with a variable knowledge of environmental topics and different english proficiency levels that are ready to improve their communication and critical thinking skills as well as to enrich their sustainability knowledge.

3. ROLES/SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Participants can take up different roles at Econnected 2023.
Specific requirements are mentioned below.

1) Chairman/Debate Moderator

Chairmans are debate moderators who are meant to be extroverted and communicative with the aim of fostering dynamic and safe spaces during the international discussions. Their role consists in managing the right to speak, changing topics of discussion if necessary, avoiding conflicts and any incorrect behavior, writing the argumentative suggestions of the debaters, and sharing their own thoughts.



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Requirements:

Training: Required and provided by both ENTER International & Projeto Somos Natureza. Information available after the deadline.

English proficiency level: Intermediate (B2 - No need for an official certificate)

Age: 14+ years old

Age Limit: None.

Additional Information:

Application Deadline: 7th of January

Admissions: Rolling

[Apply Here!](#) Once your application is filled you should hear back from us in about two weeks.

2) Debaters:

Debaters are young environmental leaders or individuals who would like to learn more about sustainability and green tech. They are meant to be committed and interested in the topics or to improve their communications skills. No previous experience with Model UN or Model European Parliament is required since the Econnected debates follow a different format.

Requirements:

English Proficiency: Intermediate (B1)

Training: Not required/Non Applicable.

Age: 14+ years old.

Age Limit: 30 years old.

Additional Information:

Deadline: 12th of January.

Admissions: Rolling.

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Particular attention will be given to the following categories:

- Individual who haven't had International experiences
- Students who show commitment to Sustainability or Social Innovation



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- Low-Income students
- Students who need to improve their english proficiency level

Qualifying for these categories does not imply admittance.

Not being represented by the categories above also does not mean being denied admittance.

We advise anyone interested to apply for participation regardless.

HOW TO APPLY?

- 1) Join our Google forms link. Pay attention to the role selected. ([Debaters Application here](#) / [Chairman Application here](#))
- 2) Fill all the questions required. Add additional documents/CV if you have one and feel like it would help your application.
- 3) Send Application. You should hear back from us in about two weeks maximum.
- 4) Receive your acceptance card and call your friends to attend!

AWARDS:

All participants of the Econnected debates will be considered for special branded awards coming from ENTER International, Somos Natureza and partner organizations. Awards will be revealed one week before the debates, after all candidates are accepted.

To be considered for the special participation awards, debaters and chairs must show dedication, social skills, and attend most of the conferences.

CALENDAR:

First Conference & Debating Session - 17th of January - Tuesday

Planned topic: Diplomacy VS Business products/attitudes towards Sustainability

Timing: From 3:00 to 4:30 PM (Italian Time)

Second Conference & Debating Session - 22nd of January - Sunday

Planned topic: Consumerism psychology and behavioral differences among cultures

Timing: From 2:00 to 3:30 PM (Italian Time) (One hour before the usual debates)

Third Conference & Debating Session - 25th of January - Wednesday

Timing: From 3:00 to 4:30 PM (Italian Time)

Planned topic: Developing Countries and Ethics of Sustainability



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Notice that last time alterations regarding the topics of the conferences might be made in case our logistics team experiences any troubles with guest speakers. The conferences will not be canceled but simply adapted to the occurring situation.

**ALL TIMINGS ARE SET IN CENTRAL EUROPE TIME OR ITALIAN TIME.
DON'T FORGET TO CONVERT IT TO YOUR TIMEZONE.**

REFERENCE CONTACTS:

For Additional assistance in your application process:

enterinternationaladmissions@gmail.com

Tel. +39 347 218 5574 (Whatsapp is available as well)

FAQ QUESTIONS

Are the requirements flexible?

Requirements are a guideline for our admissions committee. Exceptions can be made based on the holistic view of the candidates profile.

Rarely students are not admitted for their english proficiency level. If you have the courage to speak up, we will be more than glad to hear more about your experiences.

I have trouble understanding the application process. Who can I talk to?

Our admissions committee will be available to answer all of your questions on enterinternationaladmissions@gmail.com

How much does the Econnected Debates cost?

We are committed to providing quality free education. As of 2023, Econnected is **completely free** to anyone who is accepted.

Do I have any facilitations for being part of X or Z institutions?

Please check our website to see if any of the institutions you are part of are partners with ENTER International or Projeto Somos Natureza. You might be able to skip some parts of our admissions process or have direct access to our programs. If you have any doubts whether your organization is one of our partners you might want to reach our directly to them or to ENTER's team at enterinternationaladmissions@gmail.com

Candidates that have direct access to our admissions process:

- Students who are part of Econnectados or Somos Natureza
- Students who are part of Athenas



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- Students who have attended Econnected 2022 or Venetian ESummer 2022 (In-person and Online)
- Students who are part of ENTER International (Volunteers, Managers and Executives)

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

ENTER International

ENTER International is a non-profit Youth-led Organization that promotes events and unconventional activities with the aim of educating Youth about sustainability, international cooperation and mobility. In June 2022, ENTER reached over 180 high academic and social excellence volunteers, impacting 15K Students with our In-Person and Media contents and gathering over 90k euro for social innovation initiatives.

Projeto Somos Natureza

Projeto Somos Natureza is a group of young environmental activists, spread all over Brazil, who seek to generate environmental awareness and preservation in other people through educational contents through Instagram and their blog platform. They believe deeply that when people see themselves as part of nature, their care for the environment and efforts to preserve it increases.

Interested in further opportunities at either organizations? Write an email to enterinternationaladmissions@gmail.com and we will provide you with detailed international opportunities options!