

PPGMUN 2026

HANDBOOK



Varaždin, Croatia

01/10/2026 – 04/10/2026

**First private gymnasium
with public rights Varaždin**



Welcome!

Dobro došli!

Benvenuti!

Witamy!

Aapka swagat hai!
(आआपका स्वागत है)

Laskavo prosymo!
Ласкаво просимо

Xush kelibsiz!

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LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Miss Zoja Legin

Honorable presidency, distinguished
delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

It is our absolute privilege to offer you all a
heartfelt welcome to Varaždin and the 2nd
edition of PPGMUN on behalf of us all.



Decades ago, when Eleanor Roosevelt chaired the UN Commission on Human Rights, she left us with a warning that resonates across this floor today: “It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”

Real peace, justice, and progress don't just happen on their own. We don't just inherit them, we have to work for them through hard debates, compromises, and the courage to listen to different viewpoints. Today, our world faces massive, fast-paced challenges. Because of that, true diplomacy shouldn't be judged by how beautifully we talk about our problems, but by how decisively we team up to fix them.

For the next few days, you are being called to take on this exact role. You aren't here just to write resolutions, argue over parliamentary rules, or read off scripted policy sheets. You are here to do the actual work of making global changes. The world doesn't move forward just because of fancy speeches. Real progress happens when leaders choose teamwork over gridlock, compromise over staying stuck, and the common good over looking out only for themselves.

Every major crisis we face today needs leaders who look beyond national borders to protect basic human dignity. In these committee rooms, your arguments actually matter, your votes change outcomes, and your ideas show the exact kind of leadership the world desperately needs right now.

In my role as Secretary-General, I challenge each of you to step past your comfort zones, defend your beliefs with integrity, and negotiate with clear purpose. May your debates be thorough, your partnerships principled, and your ultimate commitment to action completely relentless.

And at last, I would like to say a few kind words of acknowledgement to the people that made the second edition of PPGMUN 2026 possible and real.

Firstly, I would like to thank the entirety of the organizing team, each and every one of you, from the hosts, staff, media and press, IT and of course, the wonderful presidency with which I had the honor to work beside with.

Secondly, I thank all of our professors and our wonderful headmaster, esteemed guests, our sponsors, that saw the value of our conference and the difference it makes and lastly, all of you delegates because you are the reason this conference lives.

Thank you.

Zoja Legin

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF FIRST PRIVATE GYMNASIUM

Mrs. Martina Pažur

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

as the principal of the First Private Gymnasium, it is both an honour and a joy to welcome you to our school and to our beautiful city and county of Varaždin. It is with great pride and gratitude that we host the second Model United Nations conference in Croatia, the PPGMUN 2026.



I wish to sincerely thank you for the dedication you have invested in this conference. Your presence here today reflects not only your hard work, but also your dedication to ideas, values, and meaningful dialogue. It is inspiring to see young people who are ready to share their vision with those who lead us — and more importantly, to prepare themselves to become the leaders of tomorrow.

This conference is not only about debating global issues; it is about shaping the future you will one day guide. The choices, the questions, and the discussions you engage in here are the very building blocks of the world you will inherit and transform. May this gathering strengthen your voices, broaden your perspectives, and inspire you to take your place as the decision-makers who will determine the course of our shared future.

It is an interesting and fortunate coincidence that our conference lines up with International Sustainability Week, perfectly mirroring our school's focus and deep commitment to the principles of sustainability and to the urgent challenge of climate change. These are not only global concerns, but also responsibilities that begin with each of us — in our classrooms, our communities and our daily choices. We believe that education is the most powerful tool in shaping a more sustainable world, and that young people such as yourselves hold the key to the leading this transformation. By fostering awareness, encouraging dialogue, and promoting responsible action, we aim to empower you to become leaders who will protect our planet and ensure a future in which progress and harmony go hand in hand.

Before I conclude, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire PPG MUN conference team, whose dedication and hard work have made this event possible. My sincere gratitude also goes to Varaždin County for their invaluable support and for generously providing the venues that host us today. Finally, I wish to acknowledge our sponsors, whose contributions have helped turn this vision into reality. Together, you all play an essential role in making history by forming the tradition of MUN conferences in Croatia.

I wish each of you a truly rewarding and memorable experience here at PPG MUN. May the debates, discussions, and friendships you build over the coming days inspire you, challenge you, and stay with you long after this conference has ended.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Pažur

LETTER FROM PREFECT OF THE VARAŽDIN COUNTY

Mr. Anđelko Stričak

Dear participants of the 2nd PPGMUN Conference, distinguished guests, young delegates, and friends from around the world,



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Varaždin County, a region rich in history, knowledge, culture, and education, which once again, for these few days, becomes a meeting place for young people from different countries and cultures to come together, exchange ideas, and engage in meaningful dialogue.

Following last year's inaugural edition of PPGMUN conference, I am delighted to see this initiative continue to grow and bring together young people from so many different backgrounds. Gatherings such as this remind us of the importance of dialogue, mutual understanding, and cooperation, particularly at a time when many of the challenges we face extend far beyond national borders.

This year's theme, "Sustainability and Climate Adaptation", addresses one of the defining issues of our shared future. The effects of climate change are already being felt in our cities and rural communities, in agriculture and forests, in water systems, and throughout our economies. It is therefore our shared responsibility to find ways to use our natural resources wisely, strengthen the resilience of our communities, and ensure that the development we pursue today does not come at the expense of future generations.

This approach is strongly reflected in Varaždin County as well. A particularly important role in this regard is played by Zagorske Gore Nature Park, which encompasses a valuable part of our county. Its designation represents an important step in preserving the natural heritage of northern Croatia and demonstrates that the protection of nature and the sustainable development of local communities can go hand in hand. Ivanščica, Ravna Gora, and the Bednja region form part of a landscape of exceptional natural value – a heritage that we have a responsibility to protect and preserve for generations to come.

Our county has always been closely connected with its natural and cultural heritage. Within its territory, one can trace almost the entire story of human development: from prehistoric sites and natural phenomena such as the

Gaveznica fossil volcano in Lepoglava and Vindija Cave, one of the most important Neanderthal archaeological sites, to the Roman Aquae Iasae in Varaždinske Toplice, and onwards to our medieval fortresses, castles, and historic towns.

This rich heritage reminds us that what we have inherited from previous generations is something to be valued and protected. It also reminds us that the decisions we make today will shape the environment, communities, and opportunities that future generations will inherit from us.

Young people have a particularly important role in this process. PPGMUN offers you an opportunity to step into the roles of delegates, represent different perspectives, listen to one another, and work towards finding common solutions. It is an experience in diplomacy, cooperation, and mutual respect – but also an opportunity to learn that meaningful dialogue begins with a willingness to understand perspectives different from our own.

Varaždin County places great importance on education, excellence, and creating opportunities for young people. We believe that education is about much more than acquiring knowledge. It is also about developing responsibility, creativity, curiosity, and an understanding of the world around us. Conferences such as PPGMUN are a wonderful example of this kind of learning – through discussion, exchange, cooperation, and the sharing of ideas.

Dear participants, I wish you a successful and inspiring conference, stimulating discussions, and many new friendships and connections. I hope that, during your stay, you will also take the opportunity to discover the natural, historical, and cultural richness of Varaždin County, and that you will leave with new knowledge, meaningful experiences, and memories that will remain with you long after the conference has come to an end.

Welcome to Varaždin County, a county of knowledge, rich heritage, and a place we are committed to preserving responsibly for generations to come.

With kind regards,

Andelko Stričak

County Prefect of Varaždin County

LETTER FROM MAIR OF THE CITY OF VARAŽDIN

Mr. Neven Bosilj

Drage sudionice i sudionici II. PPGMUN-a,
poštovani organizatori, mentori i gosti,
dobro došli u Varaždin!

Naš grad i ove godine ima čast okupiti
mlade ljude iz različitih zemalja, kultura i
obrazovnih sredina, povezane
zajedničkom predanošću dijalogu, znanju
i promišljanju o izazovima koji oblikuju
našu zajedničku budućnost.



Grad Varaždin ima bogatu obrazovnu i kulturnu tradiciju, ali je istodobno okrenut
budućnosti, otvoren novim idejama, mladima i međunarodnoj suradnji. Upravo je
zato PPGMUN ovdje pronašao svoje prirodno mjesto. Mladima pruža iznimno
vrijednu priliku da jasno izražavaju svoja stajališta, slušaju različite perspektive,
sudjeluju u argumentiranim raspravama i dijalogom traže zajednička rješenja.

Ovogodišnji naglasak na održivosti i prilagodbi klimatskim promjenama posebno
je važan jer govori o odgovornosti koju svi dijelimo prema okolišu, društvu,
budućim generacijama i svijetu koji za njih stvaramo.

Posebno mi je drago što Varaždin ugošćuje učenike i studente iz Hrvatske i
inozemstva. Nadam se da će vaš boravak ovdje biti obilježen ne samo poticajnim
raspravama i novim znanjima, nego i novim prijateljstvima i vrijednim susretima.

Nadam se i da ćete imati priliku upoznati Varaždin, njegovu povijest, kulturu,
atmosferu i, prije svega, njegove ljude.

Organizatorima čestitam na još jednom međunarodnom izdanju PPGMUN-a, a
svim sudionicima želim uspješnu i inspirativnu konferenciju te ugodan i
nezaboravan boravak u Varaždinu.

Dobro došli u Varaždin i na II. PPGMUN 2026.!

dr. sc. Neven Bosilj

gradonačelnik Grada Varaždina

Dear participants of the II PPGMUN, distinguished organizers, mentors, and guests,

Welcome to Varaždin!

Once again, our city has the privilege of bringing together young people from diverse countries, cultures and educational backgrounds, united by a shared commitment to dialogue, knowledge and thoughtful reflection on the challenges shaping our common future.

The City of Varaždin has a rich educational and cultural heritage, yet it also looks ahead, remaining open to new ideas, young people, and international cooperation. In that spirit, PPGMUN has found a natural home here. It offers young people a valuable opportunity to articulate their views, listen to diverse perspectives, engage in reasoned debate, and seek common solutions through dialogue.

This year's focus on sustainability and climate adaptation is particularly relevant because it addresses the responsibility we all share toward the environment, society, future generations, and the world we are creating for them.

I am especially pleased that Varaždin is hosting students from Croatia and abroad. I hope your time here will be marked not only by stimulating debates and new knowledge but also by new friendships and meaningful encounters.

I also hope you will have the opportunity to discover Varaždin – its history, culture, atmosphere, and, above all, its people.

I congratulate the organizers on another international edition of PPGMUN and wish all participants a successful, inspiring conference and a pleasant, memorable stay in Varaždin.

Welcome to Varaždin and to II PPGMUN 2026.

Neven Bosilj, PhD

Mayor of the City of Varaždin

LETTER FROM THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING

Mrs. Ivana Grčić

Dear participants, distinguished guests,

It is a great honor and privilege to welcome you on behalf of University of Zagreb Faculty of Geotechnical Engineering to the Second International Model United Nations Conference in Croatia – PPGMUN 2026, organized by the Prva privatna gimnazija s pravom javnosti Varaždin.



Our Faculty proudly joined as a partner in first Croatian edition of the conference - PPGMUN 2025, which confirmed its value for all participating students and a broader educational community in Croatia. Last year, we strongly believed that experiential learning of this kind could foster creativity, empathy, and critical thinking – qualities that are indispensable for building a sustainable, inclusive, and peaceful future. Today, as we welcome you to the second edition of PPGMUN, that belief is even stronger. The skills developed through experiences like this – teamwork, communication, resilience, leadership, and digital competence – extend far beyond these few days and become valuable companions throughout your academic journeys and future professional careers.

PPGMUN has grown into much more than a gathering of young people simulating the work of the United Nations. It is a meeting place for ideas, perspectives, cultures, and ambitions. Here, students are encouraged to engage with complex global challenges, test their leadership potential, and experience diplomacy, negotiation, and intercultural dialogue first-hand. By bringing together participants from different countries and backgrounds, PPGMUN creates a space in which young people do not simply discuss the world as it is – they are encouraged to imagine the world as it could be. And perhaps that is one of the greatest values of this conference: reminding us that meaningful change often begins with dialogue – with the willingness to listen, to challenge our own assumptions, and to search together for solutions that transcend borders.

Hosting PPGMUN in Varaždin for the second time also strengthens the city's place on the international Model United Nations map, alongside established MUN

destinations such as New York, Berlin, Paris, and Lisbon. More importantly, it demonstrates that meaningful international dialogue does not depend on the size of a city, but on the ideas, energy, and people it brings together. By returning to Varaždin for another edition, PPGMUN is no longer simply an event. It is becoming a tradition – one that connects young people, encourages them to think beyond borders, and gives them the confidence to see themselves as active and responsible citizens of the world.

On behalf of University of Zagreb Faculty of Geotechnical Engineering, I extend my warmest congratulations to the organizers and participants of PPGMUN 2026. May this second edition of our conference build on the connections and ideas we began last year, while opening the door to new ones. I wish you inspiring discussions, meaningful exchanges, new collaborations and friendships, and memories from Varaždin that will stay with you long after the conference is over.

Sincerely,

Ivana Grčić, Associate Professor, PhD

Dean

OFFICIAL PPGMUN SCHEDULE

DELEGATES

Daily schedule PPGMUN 2026

TIME	DAY 1 THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER	DAY 2 FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER	DAY 3 SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER	DAY 4 SUNDAY, 4TH OCTOBER	DAY 5 MONDAY, 5TH OCTOBER
08:00	Arrival & Registration (Prva Privatna gimnazija s pravom javnosti Varaždin, Frana Supila 22, 42000 Varaždin)	Sessions 9:00 - 12:00 (Geotehnički fakultet, Hallerova aleja 7, 42000 Varaždin)	Sessions 9:00 - 12:00 (Geotehnički fakultet, Hallerova aleja 7, 42000 Varaždin)	Sessions 9:00 - 11:30 (Geotehnički fakultet, Hallerova aleja 7, 42000 Varaždin)	Departure
09:00					
10:00					
11:00	General Assembly 18:30 - 19:45 (Croatian National Theatre in Varaždin, Augusta Cesarca 1, Varaždin)	Lunch break 12:00 - 13:00 (Učenički dom, Hallerova aleja 2, 42000 Varaždin)	Lunch break 12:00 - 13:00 (Učenički dom, Hallerova aleja 2, 42000 Varaždin)	Lunch break 11:30 - 12:30 (Učenički dom, Hallerova aleja 2, 42000 Varaždin)	Departure
12:00					
13:00					
14:00	Official dinner 20:00 - 22:00 (Park Boutique Hotel, Ulica Juraja Habdelića 6, 42000 Varaždin)	Sessions 13:00 - 16:00 (Geotehnički fakultet, Hallerova aleja 7, 42000 Varaždin)	Sessions 13:00 - 16:00 (Geotehnički fakultet, Hallerova aleja 7, 42000 Varaždin)	Sessions 13:00 - 14:30 (Geotehnički fakultet, Hallerova aleja 7, 42000 Varaždin)	Departure
15:00					
16:00					
17:00	Opening ceremony 17:00 - 18:00 (Croatian National Theatre in Varaždin, Augusta Cesarca 1, Varaždin)	Discover Varaždin 16:00 - 18:30 (Meeting point: Geotehnički fakultet, Atrium)	Discover Varaždin 16:00 - 18:30 (Meeting point: Geotehnički fakultet, Atrium)	Closing ceremony 17:00 - 18:00 (Geotehnički fakultet, Hallerova aleja 7, 42000 Varaždin)	Departure
18:00					
19:00					
20:00	Official party (Gossip bar, Hallerova aleja, 42000 Varaždin)	Official party (Gossip bar, Hallerova aleja, 42000 Varaždin)	Official party (Gossip bar, Hallerova aleja, 42000 Varaždin)	Departure	Departure
21:00					
22:00					
23:00					

THE COMMITTEES

SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)

Topic: *Measures to prevent democratic backsliding in the age of developing AI technology with special regards to election interference*



United Nations
Security Council

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

Topic: *Water sustainability in times of global crisis: protecting water resources amid climate change and conflict*



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (UNHRC)

Topic: *Measures to protect personal privacy rights and democracy with special regards to deepfake AI*



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Advisor to the Secretary General,
Chairs and Delegates**

Barbara Frntić



- **Advisor to the Conference Management**

Martina Pažur



- **Advisor to the Sim Staff and Deputy SG**

Sanja Perić



- **Advisor to the Press Staff**

Neda Njegač



PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS/UNIVERSITIES

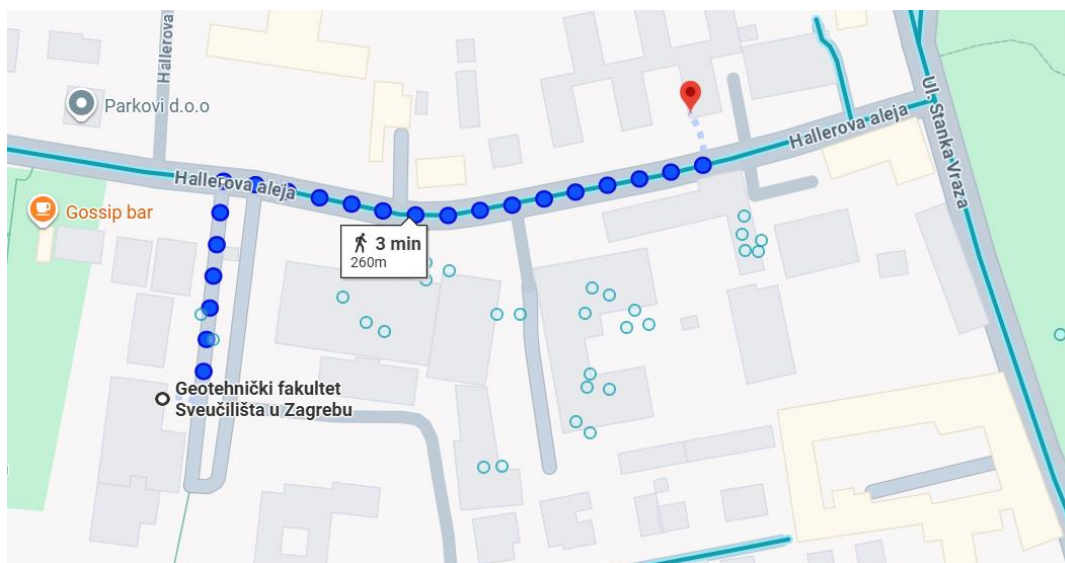
- Liceo Statale “E. AINIS”, Messina, Italy
- L'Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano, Italy
- Thames British School, Warsaw, Poland
- Agnel School of Law, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Srednja škola Čakovec, Croatia
- Prva privatna gimnazija s pravom javnosti Varaždin, Croatia

COMMITTEE ROOMS

- SC – 8
- UNHRC – 3
- UNESCO – 9
- BREAK ROOM – 7

LUNCH

Učenički dom Varaždin, Hallerova aleja 2



02/10/2026 (12:00 – 13:00)

- soup, fish, potatoes, bean salad

03/10/2026 (12:00 – 13:00)

- soup, meat skewers, roasted potatoes, salad

04/10/2026 (12:00 – 13:00)

- soup, cordon bleu, French fries, salad, cake

PPGMUN AND SUSTAINABILITY

Our school proudly holds the title of an eco-school, where we are dedicated to reducing waste and promoting sustainable practices among students and staff.

The school places great emphasis on environmental education of students and the importance of developing a circular economy. The school's goal is to become a self-sustaining and the first zero waste school in the Republic of Croatia.

**These are some of our steps towards achieving
our ecological and zero waste goals.**

1. Garbage sorting

Garbage sorting is the foundation of our green initiative. We have installed clearly marked containers for paper, plastic and mixed waste in our school, and we regularly organize educational workshops for students and teachers.

2. Ecological soaps

In our school, we make ecological soaps from natural ingredients. This reduces the use of harmful chemicals and plastic packaging, while at the same time encouraging creativity and environmental awareness among students.

3. Reusable cups

We replaced disposable plastic cups with ceramic and glass cups that can be reused multiple times. In this way, we drastically reduce plastic waste.

4. Composting

We installed composters in the school garden where we dispose of biowaste. We use the compost to fertilize plants.

5. Reducing paper usage

We have introduced double-sided printing and digital sharing of materials.

Our school is an example of how small changes can make a big difference. With a little effort and education, everyone can contribute to preserving the environment.

Join us in our mission and together we can create a greener and more sustainable world!



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR

PARTNER

Faculty of Geotechnical Engineering

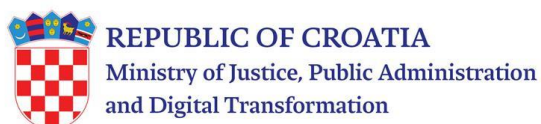


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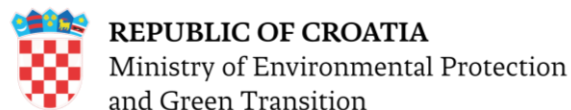
**Ministarstvo znanosti, obrazovanja
i mladih**



**Ministarstvo pravosuđa, uprave i
digitalne transformacije**



**Ministarstvo zaštite okoliša i zelene
tranzicije**



City of Varaždin



Varaždin County



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županija**

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Thank you!

See you next year!