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## Call for Applications

### Rhodes Model Regional Co-operation 2022

#### *International Simulation Conference*

**University Edition - October 10-16, 2022, Rhodes, Greece**

**High School Edition – November 10-13, 2022, Rhodes, Greece**

**Rhodes Model Regional Co-operation** or **RhodesMRC** is returning for its 12<sup>th</sup> edition! Having brought simulations of the Union of the Mediterranean, the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the League of Arab States, the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation or the Organization of American States, along with simulations of the EuroAtlantic Partnership Council or the North Atlantic Council of NATO and the Council of Europe, RhodesMRC is one of the largest youth leadership events in the world, targeting high school students, university undergraduates and graduates, young scientists and professionals, for the most satisfying conference experience, assuming the role of diplomats and simulating the proceedings of some of the most important regional International Governmental Organizations, in multiple fields like democracy and human rights, peace building, security, sustainable development, financial and economic cooperation, a.o.

The 12<sup>th</sup> RhodesMRC 2019 will take place in **Rhodes, Greece, October 12-16, 2022**, for the university edition – open to both students and graduates -, and **November 10-13, 2022**, for the high school level.

Students, young scientists of law, political science or international relations and diplomats, or just international relations “fans”, gather together in Rhodes every year to simulate the works of the organs and committees of a

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series regional international organizations, gaining valuable experience on negotiations and resolution making, while specializing to demanding topics focused on specific regions of the planet.

For its academic innovation and unique nature, RhodesMRC has received various recognitions:

- the **auspices of HAH, the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I**, in 2019;
- the **auspices and support of NATO's Public Diplomacy Division**, for 2018 and 2019;
- the **patronage of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Co-operation** and the Secretary General of its PERMIS, Ambassador Michael B. Christides, for 2018 and 2019;
- the **patronage of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe**, Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland, for 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- the **official support of 18 Embassies and Foreign Missions in Athens** for 2017, under the initiative RhodesMRC Embassy Program; **8 Embassies have renewed their support** in 2018;
- the **official support of the United Nations Regional Information Center** for Western Europe, for 2017;
- its inclusion to the official calendar of **2017 International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development**, as celebrated by the World Tourism Organization, being a fine example of academic tourism and an incubator of young travelers that learn to cherish diversity and respect cultural heritage;
- distinction as one of the **top projects for European Youth** in 2013 by the Nantes Creative Generations program in France;
- being the cornerstone of the House of Europe in Rhodes **award by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean**, in 2012.

Our core values are working “*towards effective peacebuilding and sustainable development on a regional level*” and to “*promote regional solutions with global perspectives*”. The organizations picked to be simulated and the topics selected to be discussed are always inspired by this central directive, and, from 2017 onwards, RhodesMRC honors and has committed itself to the accomplishment of the **Sustainable Development Goals**, as set by the United Nations, making the conference indeed relatable with modern challenges while focusing in the various regions, where regional co-operation is indeed a tangible reality. Especially for 2022, RhodesMRC is also dedicated to the **European Year of Youth**, as celebrated by the EU.

**RhodesMRC 2022** is being organized by the House of Europe in Rhodes. The Region of South Aegean, the City of Rhodes, the Chamber of Industry & Commerce of Dodecanese, the Dept. of Mediterranean Studies of the University of the Aegean, and the European Network for Education and Training, e.V. - EUNET serve as organizing partners. The International Center for Black Sea Studies, the Center of International and European Studies of Kadir-Has University and the Institute of European Integration and Policy serve as academic partners, while RhodesMRC is strongly affiliated with similar conferences in Greece and abroad, like ThessISMUN.

A highly-experienced Organizing Committee oversees all aspects of running such a demanding task, securing that the overall experience of the RhodesMRC participants will be the best possible, combining a fine academic

exercise with the various cultural and historical offerings of Rhodes, including its Medieval City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The conference takes place inside historical buildings and venues in Rhodes historical center, ensuring the participants take the most of the local experience while the city itself is being revitalized with the hundreds of aspiring young diplomats conquering every corner. An experience already enjoyed by more than 5000 people from 26 countries.

A Scientific Committee of 23 professors, academicians and experts from 11 universities from 4 countries are supervising the simulation preparation that will be run by a skilled Board of young scientists, students and professionals.

### University Edition

RhodesMRC 2022 will be the 12th University Edition of the Rhodes Model Regional Co-operation and will include the simulations of:

- **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (crisis)**
- **NATO's North Atlantic Council (NATO) (crisis)**
- **Conference for Peace in Europe (ConfPE) (crisis)**
- **Council of Europe (CoE)**
- **African Union**
- **Council of the European Union**
- **Union for the Mediterranean**
- **Our Planet Summit**

With three of its committees running in crisis mode, the real challenge during RhodesMRC 2022 is to remain realistic; the crisis scenarios are inspired by real-life incidents, with realistic timetables and details that are within the limits of possibility. The overall goal of each committee is to achieve a peaceful solution to every challenge thrown at them, while fostering interconnection among committees, with new digital tools.

### *Fees*

The fees are set to 85,00€ per person and include: the Participant's Kit, the Certificate, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, incl. their receptions, all lunches and coffee breaks offered during sessions, as described in the official program. All fees are offered, on a fully prepaid, non-refundable basis. Special discounted period applies for fees as low as 75€.

### *Official Program*

#### **Wednesday, October 12th, 2022**

12:00-16:00 – Registration

20:00 – Opening Ceremony (gates open: 19:30) followed by the Welcome Reception

**Thursday, October 13th, 2022**

09:00-18:00 – Sessions

**Friday, October 14th, 2022**

09:00-18:00 – Sessions

**Saturday, October 15th, 2022**

09:00-14:00 – Sessions

20:00 – Closing Ceremony followed by the Farewell Reception

**Sunday, October 16th, 2022**

Excursion to Kallithea Springs and Lindos (not included in the fees)

*The program is subject to changes. Venues and the social program will be announced in due time.*

*Types of participation*

- All adults, age 18-35, with advanced language skills in English are welcome to apply as delegates, staff members or observers.
- A delegate is assigned to a country and represents the country during the sessions.
- A staff member serves as an usher during sessions and is involved in the overall preparation of the conference.
- An observer is an individual that can attend the proceedings, without any right to intervene in the procedure or interact with the board and delegates.
- Applicants younger than 18 or older than 35 may apply as observers or staff members.

*Accommodation*

The Organizing Committee of RhodesMRC partners with hotels within walking distance off the conference venues in order to secure low-cost quality accommodation for as low as 38 euros per double room per night, incl. breakfast, free Wi-Fi and all taxes.

*Since 01/01/2018, an extra overnight tax is applied to all stays, which varies depending on the classification of the hotel. The extra overnight tax is not included at the hotel bill and room price and is charged and collected separately.*

*Important dates for the University Edition*

15/05 – 15/06/2022: Early Bird Registration Period – Fees at 75€

16/06 – 31/08/2022: Normal Registration – Fees at 85€

30/06/2022: Topics Announcement

05/09/2022: Countries/committees allocation

30/09/2022: Position Papers submission

More information on the University Edition, at our dedicated website: [www.rhodesmrc.org/2022/](http://www.rhodesmrc.org/2022/)

### High School Edition

The High School edition of RhodesMRC welcomes students and schools from all over the world. After an amazing post-covid restart in 2021, our high school edition will include four simulated committees, ready to host more than 220 students, from grades 9 to 12.

The simulated committees for the High School Edition will be:

- **Council of Europe - Democracy & Human Rights**
- **Council of Europe – Education**
- **The European Council of the European Union**
- **Union for the Mediterranean**
- **Our Planet Summit** – An ad hoc summit on the environment

### *Fees*

The fees are set to 80,00€ per person and include: the Participant's Kit, the Certificate, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, incl. their receptions, all lunches and coffee breaks offered during sessions, as described in the official program. All fees are offered, on a fully prepaid, non-refundable basis. Special discounted period applies for fees as low as 70€.

### *Official Program*

#### **Thursday, November 10th, 2022**

11:00-12:00 – Registration

12:00-13:00 – Team Building and Rules of Procedure Study

19:00 – Opening Ceremony (gates open: 18:30) followed by the Welcome Reception

#### **Friday, November 11th, 2022**

09:00-17:30 – Sessions (including a Coffee Break and a Lunch Break)

#### **Saturday, November 12th, 2022**

09:00-17:30 – Sessions (including a Coffee Break and a Lunch Break)

#### **Sunday, November 13th, 2022**

11:00-13:00 – Closing Ceremony followed by the Farewell reception

13:00-15:00 – Walking Tour at the Medieval City of Rhodes

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*Important dates for the High School Edition*

01/07 – 31/08/2022: Early Bird Registration Period

01/09 – 15/10/2022: Normal Registration Period

20/10/2022: Committees/Countries assignment

31/10: Position Paper submission

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