

OMARIA

Regional Integration, Democratic Standards, Freedom of Movement, Climate Change



The representatives of different countries discuss the future of the Regional Organization ORIO.

future of the organization and it seems clear that the member states are willing to tackle several controversial topics to mark a clear pathway for future development.

SCENARIO & PROCEDURE

The participants step into roles as member state delegates to the regional organization. Their task is to discuss three topics: freedom of movement (A), democratic standards and supranational institutions (B) and climate change (C). Regarding freedom of movement, the delegates discuss the effectiveness of current agreements and the possibility of revision. Whether mandatory democratic standards should be devised and supranational institutions built, and concurrently, whether violations of democratic standards should be sanctioned is the second topic. Lastly, the delegates discuss the formation of an agency for climate change within the organization.

The simulation game starts with the status quo and simulates the annual summit 2018. During the simulation game the participants try to identify the different interests and arrange them in order to eventually create a roadmap that describes a possible future scenario for OMARIA.

OBJECTIVES

The simulation allows participants to explore the decision-making process within a regional organization. The simulation game not only clarifies the interests and objectives of the different member states of ORIO, but also makes the conflict dynamics come alive. By playing their roles the participants can discover new aspects of regional issues and thus gather new ideas on conflict resolution. During evaluation the course of the simulation can be analyzed and the decisive factors for compromise are determined.

DESCRIPTION

This simulation game focuses on regional socio-economic and political integration and deals with the complex challenges that a regional organization is confronted with. The setting is the yearly summit of a fictitious regional organization in a fictitious region. In the course of the organization's existence, the wish for an advanced integration in certain thematic fields occurred and initial agreements were reached concerning the adherence to democratic principles, the freedom of movement and the wish for an increased cooperation concerning common challenges such as adaptation to climate change. This year's summit is therefore considered by many observers and political analysts as a decisive point for the



Participants try to create sufficient leverage for their own views and to convince others at the negotiation table.

Learning targets:

- insights into the workings of a regional organization
- developing innovative initiatives and problem solving approaches
- gaining experience in combining conflicting interests and viewpoints while reaching for a common goal
- To learn about the different political interests of developing countries

Target-Group: diplomats, government representatives, NGO workers interested in regional integration, starting from 18 years of age

Participants: 16 to 25

Duration: 1 day up to 2 day(s)

Type: semi-realistic

Languages: English and German