SIMULATION GAME

SIMVISION

Conflict Transformation, International Law, Future Scenarios

DESCRIPTION
This simulation game concentrates on the opportunities of solving regional conflicts and territorial issues, taking the South Caucasus as an example. The plot is based on a possible future of the region in 2025, where national states (Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan) plan to increase their collaboration in a joint “South Caucasus Union”. This Union holds its second summit in June 2025. During this summit the actors will have to agree on certain topics as “Human Dimensions, Economic cooperation, Security, Reconciliation, IDPs, and the implementation of the “Madrid Principles” for the Nagorno Karabakh (NK) conflict and a continuation of the South Caucasian Union.

SCENARIO & PROCEDURE
The actors in the simulation game are representatives of national governments, of NGOs and of non-recognized territories. The aim of the summit is an attempt to improve relations between the three South Caucasian States and ensure peaceful living conditions. During the first “Forum on a South Caucasus Union”, the actors should prepare common guidelines and policy recommendations in a final agreement which won’t be binding but will serve as a starting point for further discussions on the South Caucasian Union. At the same time, there will be a forum on the Nagorno Karabakh conflict since this conflict is seen as crucial for a peaceful development of the whole region.

OBJECTIVES
The territorial conflicts in this simulation game have a long history in the South Caucasus region. The fictional scenario is a helpful for the participants to distance themselves from their pre-defined mindsets and thus paves the way for discussing possible scenarios in an experimental environment.

Learning targets:
• Increasing the mutual understanding and confidence among the participants from the different countries
• Develop and test alternative problem-solving approaches
• Create a common vision for the future of the South Caucasus

Target-Group: Administration, students, civil society, starting from approx. 20 years
Participants: 20 to 30
Duration: 1 up to 2,5 day(s)
Type: fictious
Languages: English, German, Georgian + Russian

The second summit of the South Caucasian Union brings together different stakeholders
The participants have the chance to carry out different actions during the negotiations