



RESEARCHING YOUR DEBATE

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Why, what and how to research?

- **Research is vital if you want to make a winning speech**
- **Look for facts and examples more so than statistics**
- **Your information should backup your argument and be memorable**
- **Divide the research work among members of your team**
- **Organise sessions with your team to discuss the motions and research results; and invite lecturers/ fellow students to trash out the issues and give ideas**



Debate Motions

There are 17 motions for the EU-IDC:

DAY 1

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This House believes that a low carbon economy is the economy of the future.

This House believes environmental protection should be a condition for development aid.

This House believes that trade is better than aid.

This House believes that death penalty should be abolished.

This House believes that human rights are a western imposition.

This House believes that the future of the world lies in the East.

This House believes that religion and state should be kept apart.

This House believes that democracy is indispensable.

This House believes that violence is never justified.

DAY 2

This House believes that saving the planet begins at home.

This House believes that economic success is more important than political freedom.

This House believes that free trade is the only road to prosperity.

This House believes that the United Nations is outmoded.

This House believes that the EU is a good model for ASEAN.

This House believes the EU must play a greater role in fostering world peace.

This House believes that the EU and Indonesia are natural partners in a globalising world.



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Basically, these motions can be grouped into 4:

- **Environment**
- **Trade & Economic Affairs**
- **Democracy & Human Rights**
- **International Affairs**



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Motions on ENVIRONMENT

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Sources of EU-related info:

http://europa.eu/pol/env/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/climateaction/index_en.htm



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http://europa.eu/pol/comm/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/trade/index_en.htm

http://europa.eu/pol/emu/index_en.htm



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Sources of EU-related info:

http://europa.eu/pol/rights/index_en.htm

http://europa.eu/pol/justice/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/human_rights/index_en.htm

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/showPage.aspx?id=1681&lang=EN>



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Motions on INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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http://europa.eu/pol/ext/index_en.htm

<http://www.europa-eu-un.org/>

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/asean/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/indonesia/index_en.htm

<http://www.delidn.ec.europa.eu>