

This form of recommendation was completed by the President of the European Youth Parliament Italy Mr. Federico Fasol in the occasion of Ms. Cocchi's application for the Master of Art Management at the Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) in March 2010. The recommender has given his consent to Ms. Cocchi to present this document for further applications and he signed it.

1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Ms. Cocchi has been organizer of the XX National Selection of the European Youth Parliament (EYP) Italy which took place in Bologna in spring 2008. The preparation of the event started in autumn 2007 and Ms. Cocchi has been involved throughout the whole process. Our National Selections last five days and occur twice a year. Each event brings together around 150 youngsters from all over Italy to discuss current European issues. Ms. Cocchi was in charge of organizing the main activity of our event, the General Assembly, lasting two days during which the participants simulate a Parliamentary discussion. She was also responsible for the general management and implementation of the event together with the organizing team. After the Bologna 2008 selection I had the chance to work at other EYP events with Ms. Cocchi where she has been participating as chairperson or Vice-President.

2) Has the applicant used his/her abilities and opportunities to the maximum potential?

Ms. Cocchi attended all the preparatory meetings for the organization of Bologna 2008 and during the entire process she brought many ideas and suggestions forward that ensured the success of the event. In the course of the initiative itself, Ms. Cocchi was always present to support the other organizers with the logistics and to support all the participants. Ms. Cocchi was able to fulfill the most diverse tasks at best: our events are composed of many activities very different from one another, which require the capacity to look after the details while not forgetting the whole picture, something in which Ms. Cocchi is very capable and talented.

3) Discuss the applicant's interpersonal skills. Does the applicant work well in a group and assume leadership roles?

Ms. Cocchi is very responsible and caring to the needs of the group. She also possesses good leading capacities which do not result in an overwhelming attitude. Anna's commitment is of inspiration for the other participants and her open and friendly attitude helps her to get close to everyone. Since 2005 Ms. Cocchi has taken part in several events of the European Youth Parliament all over Europe with different responsibilities. She has been always attentive and responsive to the needs of the participants and cooperated with all the other organizers for the success of the initiatives. Ms. Cocchi has had the chance to preside one of these events and through this experience she greatly improved her leading abilities as she was responsible for the academic quality of the event.

4) Describe the applicant's ability to communicate in oral and written form.

Ms. Cocchi has excellent written and oral abilities in Italian, English, French and Spanish. Through the EYP experiences she gained the ability to speak in public in a clear and effective way in all the mentioned languages.

5) Describe the applicant's understanding of, background in and commitment to this field.

Ms. Cocchi has been involved in the European Youth Parliament at national and international level since 2005. She has participated in many events similar to the Italian National Selection all over Europe, during which she debated topics of European relevance with young students from other European countries. Throughout the different sessions, her commitment to the development of European common policies and programs has grown and she has formed a deep understanding of the functioning of the EU bodies. At the same time, thanks to the diverse roles she covered - spanning from delegate to journalist, from chairperson to president of a session - she developed the competences to carry out many tasks relevant to the work of the European Commission.

6) Please Select Superior-Outstanding-Above Average-Average-Below Average-Unable to Judge:

Intelligence: Superior

Maturity: Outstanding

Oral Communication: Outstanding

Written Communication: Outstanding

Originality and Creativity: Superior

Ability to analyze: Outstanding

Perseverance towards goals: Superior

Ability to work independently without close supervision: Superior

Ability to get along with people: Superior

Overall potential for graduate study: Superior

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