



Tackling COVID-19 in a global perspective

Objective: This is a simulation based on strategy planning, requiring students to assess the problem, identify main tools and resources and provide recommendations accordingly.

Scenario: The G20 has been urgently convened in Geneva to plan a global strategy to tackle COVID-19 outbreak and manage its health, political, social and economic implications. The representatives of EU intend to participate by bringing a comprehensive strategy proposal, to be discussed with other representatives.

In order to produce an exhaustive and proficient proposal, Ms. Ursula von der Leyen has asked several panels of experts to deepen different sub-issues.

Sub-issues:

Health emergency;
Economic consequences;
Infrastructure and human mobility;
Impact on refugees, migrants and non-nationals;
Impact on the conflict in Syria.

Tasks: In respect to the sub-issues and to the potential action of G20 members, each panel will have to work on the following points:

1. Assess the main problems in the sub-issue;
2. Identify priorities in the short-term;
3. Identify tools and measures;
4. Make a list of practical recommendations.

Preparation of the strategy proposal:

On Wednesday 8 April, during the class, I will play Ms. von der Leyen and will ask each panel members to briefly report on the 4 points.

Each panel can work on a separate FB page I create. Documents and links will be posted in each page and can be used for your work. Within each panel, members can work and coordinate the division of labor as they wish. There are four members for four points. Each member should actively participate and briefly discuss at least one point during the class.