



Resolution on a Youthproofing campaign

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Considering that the European Youth Forum has long promoted the concept and principle of the need to take the concerns and views of young people into account in all policies that affect the living conditions of young people-mainstreaming youth in all relevant policy areas ;

Considering that the resolution of the Council of the European Union 27 June 2002 establishing ‘A framework of European cooperation in the youth filed’¹ foresaw a cross-sectoral approach to youth policy ;

Considering that the European Youth Pact was adopted by the Heads of State and Government in the European Council of March 2005, introducing a strong youth element in the relaunched Lisbon process² ;

Regretting that regardless of the afore-mentioned commitments of the European Union, a clear direction and mechanism on how the cross-sectoral nature of youth policy would be tackled are still missing ;

Considering that in order to advocate the advancement of the mainstreaming of youth issues in the European Union policies, it would be beneficial to have a *written declaration* passed by the Parliament instructing the European Commission to establish a mechanism to ‘youthproof’ different legislative initiatives ;

While considering that the written declaration of the European Parliament would not be binding on the Commission and the Council, believing it would give the principle of youthproofing all European policies a considerable weight ;

Considering that as half of the members of the European Parliament would be needed to sign the declaration within the six week period of presenting, considerable lobby work in advance and during the signature drive is needed from both the European Youth Forum and its member organisations.

The Council of Members of the European Youth Forum

- *Calls upon* the European Parliament to adopt a written declaration instructing the European Commission to establish a mechanism to ‘youthproof’ different legislative initiatives of the EU.
- *Decides* to launch a campaign towards the European Parliament to have such a written declaration to be passed.

¹ Add signum

² Presidency conclusions of the European Council, 22-23 March 2005

- *Encourages* member organisations to take an active part in the campaign through mobilising their networks on different levels to encourage different political groups and members of the European Parliament to support the written declaration.
- *Instructs* the Bureau, Secretary General and the European Union Affairs Commission to actively advocate this course of action.