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To:

International Commissioners and other
principal contacts of NSOs and NSAs in the
European Region

Circular 22 2015 - Call for participation
Deadline 16 December 2015

European Youth Event 2016 – European Parliament, Strasbourg – 20-21 May 2016

After the success of the first European Youth Event in 2014, the European Parliament will once again open its doors to 5000 young people from all over Europe on 20-21 May 2016. The event aims to engage young people in political debate and society, giving highlight to important key issues such as peace, democracy, unemployment, work and environment.

Next to the premises of the European Parliament there will be the YO!Fest, a youth-led festival organised by the European Youth Forum that takes place every year in front of symbolic places of the EU institutions. The YO!Fest combines high-level policy debates, thematic workshops, educational activities, cultural animations and live music into a unique experience.

The EYE 2016 will include a large variety of activities run under the motto "Together we can make a change" in a political, social and cultural sense. It is a huge opportunity to meet young Europeans and make youth and our ideas visible to decision-makers. **WOSM is calling for 20 young participants** to become part of the group attending this event. So join us if you want to discuss with decision-makers, come up with ideas for a better Europe and have fun!

- **Join WOSM at EYE 2016**

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) jointly registered as one group for taking part in this event. Both are partner organisations of the event, which allows us to co-create the programme and space of the YO!Fest together with other European organisations. WOSM and WAGGGS will develop four workshops together and WOSM will deliver one additional workshop:

- **Diversity and Inclusion - You as a peacemaker!** *Be active actors of your society becoming peacemaker. By building their personal skills and the knowledge of the social context young people can be agents that prevent conflict and can be part of the resolution of conflicts. This workshop will allow young people to understand the advantages of intercultural mixing and give participants the tools to promote tolerance and diversity in their communities. (This activity will be delivered by WOSM and WAGGGS through a round-table and a big game).*
- **Exclusion or access: crackdown on youth unemployment – Empower yourself!** *After identifying volunteer skills that add value to their personal CV and professionalising interview skills participants have to come up with further ideas on how to increase employability of young people. The group discussion is not limited to only identify skills but to think outside the box on how employability of young people can be increased by using easy understandable and available*

tools to recognise skills developed through non-formal education. (This activity will be delivered by WOSM and WAGGGS).

- **Agenda for a Vibrant Democracy - Growth through diversity and inclusion:** *how can youth organisations become more representative? Democracy calls for engagement of all parts of society but some young people seem to feel excluded from the democratic process. Youth organisations offer youth a platform for democratic engagement and represent the voice of young people. If youth organisations fail to represent the youth population, certain voices will not be heard in the democratic debate. (This activity will be delivered by WOSM and WAGGGS).*
- **Stand up, act and speak out for refugees and migrants:** *The continuous arrival of migrants in Europe, including asylum seekers, call youth organisations to develop intercultural competences and strengthening skills in diversity management and a better understanding of how to better support them. (This activity will be delivered by WOSM and WAGGGS)*
- **Perspective for a peaceful planet - Faith and believe: a puzzle of humanity!** *The round-table will contribute to the discussion of peacebuilding by showing that interreligious dialogue has a key role to defeat extremism. By sharing their own ideas, participants will come with concrete ideas on how they would create a space for interreligious dialogue in their own community. (This activity will be delivered by WOSM).*

- **What can you do?**

We encourage you to take up an active role in helping us prepare and run these activities, enjoy the event, participate in the workshops and debates organised by the European Parliament and have fun! While registering, please indicate whether there is any role you would like to take, this may include:

- Helping with facilitation of the activities described above (please indicate your preferences, skills and knowledge on the 5 themes);
- Helping with logistics;
- Reporting from activities: take pictures, creating content for WOSM social medias

- **Who can participate**

Everyone aged 16-30 resident in the following countries can join us!

- EU 28 Member states
- Candidate countries (Albania, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey)
- Neighbouring countries

- **How much is it?**

Should you want to participate, each participant of the WOSM delegation will receive the lump sum allocated by the European Parliament to the partners to the event:

- EUR 100 flat rate towards food and accommodation – flat rate
- EUR 0,045 per kilometre (based on the most direct return road route)

Please note that extra costs that may occur will not be covered.

- **Accommodation and logistics**

Here is the list of accommodation options provided by the EP.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/european-youth-event/en/take-part!/practical-details.html>

Friday, 20 May, and Saturday, 21 May 2016, will be the full activity days. When researching your transport options, you should aim to arrive in Strasbourg by Thursday night. The departure will be on Sunday morning. You have to stay and attend at least 1.5 days (on Friday and Saturday) to qualify for reimbursement of any costs - this will be checked by EP via registering and entering official programme parts and being counted as group once during the event.

- **How to take part?**

1. Register through the [Google Form](#) until **15 December 2015**

Please apply as soon as possible!

2. We will inform you about the results by **16 December 2015**
3. You will need to confirm your participation by the **23 December 2015** as we need to register all participants on the European Parliament website until **31 December 2015**


For more information:

For more information regarding the event, please have a look at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/european-youth-event/en/home/home.html>

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Yours sincerely,



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