



For two years, students and teachers from six schools in different European countries have been involved in the Project Comenius YES (Young Europe's Strategy). We have participated in the project with the purpose of getting to know better the European Institutions, their work and politics.

But we have also worked with the intention of showing our opinions and defining what young people think the UE should be like.

They have been years of working hand in hand and sharing wishes, one of them being that our proposals are heard and that our politics in the European Parliament give the young a chance for our voices and opinions to be heard.

We, the young people participating in this European educative project consider that :

Our europarliamentarians are our political representatives, not the representatives of the big economic interests. Economy is important but not the centre or the driving force in our UE; our real strength is the people.

The values of solidarity and generosity exalt people and the purely economic interest degrades and alienates them. People have the right to live with a dignity, not to live from charity and becoming somebody's debtors.

Our nature and natural resources are to be enjoyed and preserved, not expropriated or wasted.

Young people cannot resign themselves to having the flat or non-existent thought that some people attribute us, we must be propositive.

In view of all this, we ask our europarliamentarians to:

Be close to people and to take their decisions with their needs and difficulties in mind. This way they will show they are sensitive and willing to serve the citizens. Solidarity and generosity must be in the centre of their taking of decisions. Union cannot be reached if each of them defends their personal or country interests alone.

Defend with their proposals people with different religious ideas, sexual preferences, sex, origin or social background. Discrimination is not acceptable if we are fighting for equal rights for everyone.

Take urgent measures in order to solve the serious problem of unemployment (especially young people's) in many countries in the UE. Otherwise, young people will still feel undervalued and wasted.

Opt actively for the use of alternative and renewable energy sources and for the protection of nature and the environment. Our planet cannot take in our increasing and limitless consumption.

In the hope that you will take into considerations the proposals above, a group of parents, teachers and young people who do not want to be a generation without a future sign this document and greet you sincerely.

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