

Programme

'Youth takes the floor' event



Saturday 3 December 2005

Arrival of participants

Venue : Youth Hostel "Sleep well", rue du Damier 23, 1000 Brussels, entrance hall

Sunday 4 December 2005

9.30 h Welcome and Icebreakers

Welcome by Mr. Pierre Mairesse, Director, DG Education and Culture

Introduction to the European Youth Week – What is it all about? by Ms. Merete Mikkelsen and Mr. Dietrich Rometsch

Setting the scene – short presentation of results of youth debates in Rotterdam, Luxembourg and Cardiff by Mr. Renaldas Vaisbrodas, President of the European Youth Forum

Venue : Hotel Belmont, plenary room

12.30 h lunch (*at the Youth Hostel*)

14.00 h Guided tour of Brussels

16.00 h Preparation of the following days in Working Groups

Venue : Youth Hostel "Sleep Well", Rooms Monnet, Spaak, Neruda and entrance hall

19.30 h **Welcome dinner**

Venue: restaurant 'le Crabe Fantôme', Avenue du Bois de la Cambre 17C, 1170 Brussels

Monday 5 December 2005

9.15 h **Welcome and start of Working Group Session 1**

Mr. Nikolaus van der Pas, Director General, DG Education and Culture

Start of discussions in 3 Working Groups :

1. Future of Europe
2. Active citizenship
3. European Youth Pact

Preparation of Hearing at the European Parliament

Venue : Centre Borschette, Venue : plenary room OA and working group rooms OB, OC and 2C

11.00 h **Coffee break**

11.30 h **Continuation of discussions in 3 Working Groups**

13.00 h **Lunch**

14.45 h Departure to Berlaymont

- 15.30 h Arrival and entrance to Berlaymont
- 16:00 h **Opening of the “Youth takes the floor” by President José Manuel Barroso and Commissioner Ján Figel’**
in presence of young people, invited guests and media representatives
live via EbS
- 16.20 h **‘European Youth Award 2005’ - Award Ceremony**
live via internet streaming
- Venue : *Press-Room, Berlaymont*
- 17.30 – **Cocktail & culture**
21.00 h

Tuesday 6 December 2005

- 9.30 h **Hearing of young people by EU Institutions**
Opening speeches
- Mr. Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice-President of the European Parliament (PPE-DE, ES)
Ms. Lissy Gröner, Member of the European Parliament (PSE, DE), Committee on Culture and Education
Mr. Jan Figel’, Commissioner responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism
- Discussion of 3 themes:
1) Which Europe for tomorrow?
2) Active citizenship through participation
3) The European Youth Pact
- Panel:
Mr. Michael Cramer, MEP (Greens/EFA, DE), Committee on Culture and Education
Ms. Lissy Gröner, Member of the European Parliament (PSE, DE), Committee on Culture and Education
Mr. Luis Herrero-Tejedor, Member of the European Parliament (PPE-DE, ES), Committee on Culture and Education (tbc)
Mr. Henri Malosse, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, President of the Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship
Mr. Roberto Pella, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Commission for Culture and Education
Mr. Giovanni Pittella, Member of the European Parliament (PSE, IT), Committee on Budgets
Ms. Christa Prets, Member of the European Parliament (PSE, AT), Committee on Culture and Education
Ms. Helga Trüpel, Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA, D), Vice-President of the Committee on Culture and Education
- Moderation: Mr. Pierre Mairesse, Director, DG Education and Culture
live via EbS and internet streaming
- Venue : *Plenary Room, European Parliament, Paul Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor*
- 12.00-
12.30 h **Reception** (*European Parliament, Paul Henri Spaak Building, 2nd floor*)
- 13.00 h Lunch at the Centre Borschette (1st floor)
- 14:30 h **Continuation of discussions in 3 Working Groups, Session 2**
- Venue : *Centre Borschette, Working Group rooms 1B, 1C and 1D*

- 16.00 h Coffee break
- 16.30 h **Continuation of discussions in 3 Working Groups, Session 3**
- 18.30 h Departure to the Youth Hostel
- 19.00 h Dinner (*at the Youth Hostel "Sleep Well"*)
- 21.00 h Party for the participants at the "Fuse"

Wednesday 7 December 2005

- 9.15 h **Presentations from Working Groups in plenary**

Venue : Centre Borschette, plenary room OA

- 11.00 h Coffee break

- 11.30 h **Continuation of presentations from Working Groups and adoption of conclusions**

- 13.00 h Lunch

- 15.00 h Presentation of conclusions to Ms. Maria Eagle, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children, Young People and Families, EU Presidency of the United Kingdom, Commissioner Ján Figel', Commissioner Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner László Kovács, Ms. Lissy Gröner, Member of the European Parliament

Feedback and discussion

Venue : Centre Borschette, plenary room OA

- 16.00 h End of the event and departure of participants