



**We the Young People of Europe
Mirroring the Work of the European Parliament
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DEMO Committee

**RECOMMENDATION
Of 01 July 2016**

**On Education, National Sovereignty, Democracy
within the EU and accountability of MEPs**

We, the Young People of Europe,

wish to give our contribution to the future of the European Union,
gathered in Parliament here in Lecce,

Having regards to

- Education: including Erasmus+ and open Education Europa programmes
- National sovereignty and to the Treaty on Functioning of the European Union
- Accountability of MEPs

Whereas

- (a) We are reaching a limited demographic with information regarding what the EU is and does, as well as how its decisions affect member states;
- (b) The citizens of our member states feel that they are removed from the process of decision making;
- (c) The members of Parliament are not entirely accountable to their electorate for their actions or lack of actions taken

HEREBY RECOMMEND:

1. Education

- a. We will continue with current programs of internships in EU institutions for young people, as well as for elder generations; educative travels to Brussels; study of the functioning of the EU institutions at schools, etc.
- b. Set up a committee which researches the level of awareness of the European Union in each member state and make recommendations for how to tailor the educational programs to the various demographics
- c. We suggest that the educational process is performed in innovative and disruptive ways, such as through entertainment channels, social networks, etc. (The use of one channel (e.g social media) will depend upon the demographic being targeted and which channels they use the most frequently).

2. National Sovereignty/Democracy

- a. Without touching the four freedoms, we suggest that more political power be gradually provided to local governments over matters which affect their region specifically (these policy areas would be decided by popular vote by EU countries).
- b. A special committee should be set up to look into the feasibility of a yellow card system, its application and the level of sanctions to be applied, including the levels of gravity for offences as well as what constitutes extraordinary situations.

3. Accountability

- a. The right of citizens of a specific country to initiate a vote to recall an MEP from their own country, through an online petition which is not binding and would be discussed by the EU Parliament.
- b. Members of other EU institutions (i.e. European Commission, Council of EU) should also be subjected to similar procedures of public audition and checks throughout their tenure.

Lecce, 01 July 2016

on Behalf of the Parliament

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