



**We the Young People of Europe  
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Next Committee

**RECOMMENDATION  
Of 01 July 2016**

About the future of education, science, technology and innovation.

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 / Taking into account/ Considering:

- Having regards to the goals set up in *Europe 2020*, which is looking forward to creating a more competitive market, with higher employment through a more effective investments in education,
- Taking into account the effectiveness of programmes such as *Erasmus* and *Erasmus+*, which help develop a higher education based on multicultural integration and inclusion,
- Having regard to the necessity to encourage youth employment and entrepreneurship which is being done through initiatives such as "*The Youth Employment Initiative*" (2013),
- Taking into account the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (2007-2013) and its purpose to improve sustainable economic development, the creation of sustainable jobs, and the importance of education in order to achieve this,
- Considering the 2016 Paris Summit and the current importance of environmental issues.

Whereas:

- To approach and tackle the aforementioned issues while emphasising:  
(a) European integration and values; (b) Employability and competition;  
(c) Technology and innovation
- To encourage businesses to contribute to the development of practical skills and experience at higher educational establishments, in order to improve the levels of youth employment, whilst promoting sustainable technology and innovation,

#### HEREBY WE RECOMMEND:

1. The creation of a Common European Education Programme aimed at the development of European values and identity. Extending from primary to secondary education, the programme would encompass all EU countries.

The curriculum will be adjusted to the specific realities of each member state, and would be composed of several, weekly, classes and workshops. The programme would progressively introduce children to European values through soft skill based education (i.e. teamwork, inclusion, empathy, and sustainability) at the primary school level.

Subsequently, in further education the programme would tackle more challenging theoretical notions, such as the history and philosophy of EU institutions, as well as the development of employability skills and the promotion of language and cultural exchanges. Through the aforementioned initiative we aim towards a more deeply and integrated European youth, while simultaneously increasing employability and competitiveness and ensuring an improved utilisation of higher education resources, such as the Erasmus programme.

Allow national governments to decide their curriculum (to allow them to teach the specific skills their country needs).

Finally, Introduce ways to analyse and evaluate whether the education programmes are working (such as through surveying the targeted group and seeing if they have understood and assimilated the key learning points).

2. Engaging corporations and business representatives to decrease unemployment by providing scholarships and facilitating placement for young Europeans. Active contributors to this programme will be entitled to tax incentives in order to encourage goodwill cooperation and exchanges. This is intended to increase the amount of opportunities for youth across all income levels and employment sectors. Moreover, it is necessary to provide motivation for European citizens in the development of sustainable technology and innovation. The programme will facilitate the creation of innovative start-ups under business activities that promote pioneering technology and sustainability as an integral part of higher education and business circles.

3. Taking into account the importance of the development of a sustainable economic framework and of maintaining a clean environment, we advise the pursuit of the implementation of measures that encourage companies to support renewable energy, and the use of alternative and sustainable resources. Such measures could incorporate tax initiatives, as well as access to European funding.

4. We also recommend introducing the education programmes not only for the young, but also for the old (and other demographics in society).

We recommend that the educational process should be performed in an innovative and unconventional way as to reach citizens of all ages. This could be pursued by co-financing, television, social media and entertainment channels, programmes and project which would prominently feature important aspect of European culture, values and EU institutions.

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on Behalf of the Parliament

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