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AER General Assembly
Challenges for Europe 2020: Demands for an effective R&D policy
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Youth Session (for young participants of GA)
11th November 2010, 11.30 – 13.15
Room - TBC

As at 5.11.2010

Why are we here? Nothing about us without us!
11.30-12.15

The AER Youth Regional Network was established by the Assembly of European Regions in 2008 as Europe's first and only platform of regional youth councils, parliaments and organisations. As a result, the Network have gathered those young people from AER member regions who in their everyday life translate regional policies into the reality of their peers. Who are members and prospective members of the AER Youth Regional Network? What is their vision of active youth involvement in the regional and European decision-making?

An effective R&D policy – what is at stake for youth?
Discussion with experts
12.15-13.15

Education and youth figure prominently on European agenda, which shows that reviving the European economy is not possible without the full-fledged involvement of young people. Modernising universities and opening up higher-level education to more people is closely linked with an effective R&D policy. How to ensure that all regions, including young people themselves, understand the role of youth towards driving innovation in our regions? How can youth mobility, education, creativity and entrepreneurial thinking support a transition towards a knowledge-based economy? This session will serve as the introduction for the youth participating in the AER General Assembly to the thematic GA sessions.

Panel of experts:

Carlos Härtel, GE Global Reserach

Gulay Barbaosoglu, Faculty of Engineering, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul

Gökhan Bulut, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul

Susanne Justesen, Innoversity, Jury Member for the AER Innovation Award

Olov Oskarsson, YRN President

Moderation:

Anton Kuzmin, Head of Youth Committee on Media and Communication, Jury Member for the AER Communicating Europe Award

Kübra Girit, Istanbul Youth Council

