



# Assembly of European Regions (AER)

**Youth Activities** – Breakfast Briefing on Youth 10<sup>th</sup> July

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## Who are we?

- An independent network of European regions, founded in **1985**
- The **largest** interregional co-operation organisation in Europe
- More than **260 member** regions from 33 countries of Europe
- **13 interregional** organisations as members



## AER Structure

**Committee 1**

**Committee 2**

**Committee 3**

**Standing  
Committee  
Institutional  
Affairs**

**Standing  
Committee  
Monitoring/  
Evaluation**



## AER Youth Mission

Youth is the future of Europe

Principle of subsidiarity in the youth field:  
The participation of young people is important in all political life precisely because young people are affected by the decisions made by governments, whether at a regional or national level.



## AER Youth areas

The idea is to bring together young people from European Regions and give them an opportunity to exchange, to share ideas, experiences, differences, hopes, fears, and problems and to find together solutions to their problems or fears.



# AER Youth Programmes

AER Youth Summer School

AER Youth Ambassadors Project

AER Youth Team

Most Youth Friendly European Region Award

Do you speak European? Competition

AER Youth European Citizens' Forums

AER Youth Regional Network

AER Scholarship

Eurodyssey Programme



## (Youth) Summer School

- 1-week programme of workshops, seminars and study visits for regional politicians and officers
- Different theme each year related to interregional co-operation
- Hosted by a different AER member region each year

**24. - 30.8. 2008 in Jämtland (SE)**

**'Youth Entrepreneurship'**



# AER Youth Ambassadors

- Young person who is responsible for getting other young people in their region involved in the topic of the AER Youth Summer School
- Youth Ambassadors Project Award



## AER Youth Team

AER Youth Team is a unique structure to involve young people in the work of an international organisation.

AER Youth Team members act on three levels:  
European, regional and inter-AER



## **Most Youth-Friendly European Region Award**

It offers the European Regions every two years the chance and possibility to make their projects and initiatives in youth issues known to a wider public and to spread the good experience gained in this work.



## Do you speak European?

- Public speaking and personal expression contest on three levels: regional, national and European
- Teams of young people between 14 and 18 years old
- Presentations of the views on the question: 'What does Europe mean to you?'



## AER Youth European Citizens' Forums

The aim of the Youth European Citizens Forums is to engage young citizens and regional politicians in a debate with representatives of the European Union on the future of Europe.

2008 Forums: Gavleborg, Lower-Silesia, Republika Srpska, Heves, Ile de France, Vastra Gotaland



## Youth Regional Network

The AER proposes to set up an AER Youth Regional Network (YRN) conceived as a common platform of youth regional organisations/councils/parliaments on regional level in Europe. This platform is to become a forum for discussion and exchange of experience between youngsters across all the European Regions.

Youth in Action Programme (Action 4.3)



## AER Scholarship 2008

AER is offering one annual scholarship for a student from an AER member region to undertake a course of study at Masters degree level in a topic related to regional democracy.



## EURODYSSEY

- Interregional programme promoting vocational training and the mobility of young people across Europe
- For young people aged 18-30, recently qualified or graduated
- 3 to 7-month work training experience in another European region, plus language course
- Details available on: [www.eurodyssee.net](http://www.eurodyssee.net)



## Further Details

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