



## **RESOLUTION**

### **AER Youth Regional Network**

**Noting** that young people are directly affected by the decisions made by governments at European, national and regional level;

**Recalling** that young people have the right to affect what happens around them;

**Understanding** that young people are the future of Europe;

**We, as members of regional youth councils, parliaments and organisations, and on behalf of all young people living in Europe, hereby establish the AER Youth Regional Network, a initiative of the Assembly of European Regions, which will:**

- provide a common European platform of youth organisations acting at regional level;
- exchange practices and experiences of youth organisations in the European regions;
- put into practice the principle of subsidiarity in the field of youth policy;
- bring young citizens closer to Europe while acknowledging their regional identities, and thus give real meaning to the idea of “unity in diversity”.

**Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the AER Youth Regional Network is to:**

- influence regional policy on jobs, health and education to stop brain drain in Europe and keep young people healthy in an ever-changing society;
- support education to encourage young people to be entrepreneurial, take initiative, and participate in regional policy making;
- manage globalisation by promoting the values and traditions of our individual regions and by exchanging regional knowledge and experience;
- instigate change by educating young people from a regional perspective, and change consumer mindsets by promoting sustainability, the use of renewable energy and technology;
- take action against and overcome prejudices, inequalities, xenophobia and segregation by improving education, and migrant participation, and by facilitating exchange among the cultures and identities of all young Europeans.

**Adopted, in recognition of the needs and concerns of young people, during the Youth Regional Network Founding Meeting in Wiesbaden held on 25 November 2008.**