



**Assembly of European Regions
2nd Meeting of the Youth Regional Network**

'Shaping the Future of Europe – on the Eve of the European Elections'

**Krzyzowa - Wroclaw, Dolnoslaskie (PL)
20-22 May 2009**

Invitation

The Assembly of the European Regions (AER) invites you to the 2nd meeting of the Youth Regional Network. "Shaping the future of Europe – on the Eve of the European Elections" will take place between 20 and 22 May 2009 in Krzyzowa, near Wroclaw (Dolnoslaskie region, Poland).

AER's Youth Regional Network was established on the 25th of November 2008 in Wiesbaden (Hessen region, Germany), where a founding meeting of ninety young people representing 55 European regions launched Europe's first and only platform of regional youth councils, parliaments and organisations. During that meeting young representatives of the European regions adopted a resolution that defines the main strategic priorities of the network.

We decided to cooperate together in order to shape our future in important fields such as education, the labour market, civil society, public life, global challenges and the future of regional democracy.

Now, the time has come for implementing our ideas: during the second meeting in Krzyzowa we will discuss and adopt the Strategic Programme of the Network for 2009-2010 and we will elect for the first time the Youth Regional Network President. It is also new that we will work in the Youth Committees and we will be involved directly into concrete projects. Taking place on the eve of the European Parliamentary Elections, which are critical for Europe and for us, we will have plenty of opportunity to exchange ideas on this topic.

At the kind invitation of Dolnoslaskie region we can host 100 young persons (18-30 years old) who come from European regions. We would like to invite for this meeting young representatives of youth parliaments, councils and organisation (maximum two young participants per region): those who attended the founding meeting in Wiesbaden as well as the new ones who would like to be involved in this new European movement.

At the same time I would like to ask all Presidents and regional authorities for financial support for young participants during this meeting and for covering the travel costs (or part of travel costs) of young persons from you region willing to come for this meeting to represent your region.

I look forward to welcoming you in Krzyzowa.

Yours faithfully,

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