



6TH AER YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL
Youth & Sustainable Development in Europe's Regions
Exeter, Devon, United Kingdom
26th – 31st August 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a pleasure for us to inform you that the Assembly of European Regions (AER) is organising the 6th Youth Summer School in Exeter, Devon (United Kingdom) from Sunday 26th August – Friday 31st August 2007. This year's Youth Summer School will examine the theme of "Youth and Sustainable Development in Europe's Regions."

The Youth Summer School will bring together approximately 60 participants between the ages of 18 and 24. **As far as possible, the participants of the Youth Summer School are nominated and sponsored by their regions; we therefore invite you to select and cover the participation fee for 1-2 young people to represent your region at this event.** Please note that, due to the limited number of places, we can accept a maximum of two youth participants per region.

The Youth Summer School will introduce its participants to project management skills and actively promote their project ideas and plans for their home regions. As a result of the Youth Summer School, all participants will become **AER Youth Ambassadors** and are expected to conduct projects after their return home. Please bear that in mind when choosing your youth participants.

During the Youth Summer School, youth participants will also be elected to join the **AER Youth Team**. We would also therefore invite you to consider whether you would be prepared for the participants from your region to stand for election for this Youth Team. Further information on the Youth Team and the nominations process will be sent to you in the near future.

As in previous years, the Youth Summer School will be organised alongside the AER Summer School, during which regional politicians and officers from all over Europe have the opportunity to engage with one another on topics of common interest, to benefit from best practice examples and to learn about new approaches to regional issues. A number of joint sessions and social events will be organised throughout the week.

Please find with this letter a copy of the programme for the Youth Summer School, as well a registration form and the relevant practical information. Should you be interested in nominating a young person to participate in the event, I kindly ask you to return the registration form to the AER Secretariat as soon as possible, as space is limited. Please do not hesitate to contact Martin Mühleck, Policy Coordinator (tel: 0033 3 88227447; fax: 0033 3 88756719; email: m.muhleck@a-e-r.org), should you require any further information about the Summer School.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the AER member regions responsible for organising the 2007 Summer Schools: Brussels Capital, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Istria, Maramures, Olomouc, Vestfold, Vienna, Wallonie, Zurich, Nordland, Jämtland, Maramures, Västra Götaland, St. Gallen, Alba and, in particular, the host region of Devon. We are also grateful to the all the Norwegian AER members, who have provided additional financial support for this year's event.

Best wishes,

Klaus Klipp
Secretary General