



RESOLUTION:

**Strengthening Young Entrepreneurial Spirit Across Europe  
and World-wide**

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**Recognizing that:**

- Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Program (EYE) was initiated by the European Union in 2009 with the objective of helping entrepreneurs to enrich their experiences through learning and networking and by spending periods of time with experienced entrepreneurs in other participating countries.
- The European People's Party has a long-standing record of supporting entrepreneurial spirit by concrete measures (like access to funds and help to create business angel networks<sup>1</sup>) at European level.
- As it is stated in the EPP's resolution adopted in March 2014<sup>2</sup> at the EPP Congress in Dublin, we firmly believe that start-ups and entrepreneurs could significantly transform the European economy to a knowledge economy.
- The YEPP proposals on cross border labor mobility, presented in Budapest, on the 5th of March 2016.

**Acknowledging that:**

- In a globalized world, we should not limit the scope of such incentive programs solely to the European continent, thus we should foster youngsters world-wide to participate in Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs program.
- Only 37% of Europeans would like to be self-employed, compared to that of 51% in the US and in China.<sup>3</sup>
- Up to 20% of students in the EU who participate in a mini-company program during their secondary school, will later start their own company. <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Angel network is group of angel investors, who invest collectively in order to operate more effectively and provide mutual support. Angel networks are also known as angel groups.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.epp.eu/files/uploads/2015/11/Start-ups-and-10-committments.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/promoting-entrepreneurship\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/promoting-entrepreneurship_en)

<sup>4</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/promoting-entrepreneurship/support/education\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/promoting-entrepreneurship/support/education_en)

- Young people should look to their future with confidence, therefore YEPP is determined to help Europe to be led out of crisis. That is why we need solutions on job-creation, we must invest in knowledge and innovation and find new business opportunities.
- Entrepreneurs can gain additional competencies, which would be invaluable during their business' start-up phase at their home country. Furthermore, the host entrepreneur benefits from a fresh entrepreneurial view and knowledge of the home market of the applicant.
- With 8000 participants in the EYE so far, just a small fraction applied for this chance out of the 2 million start-ups all around Europe.

**YEPP calls on:**

- To urge decision makers to help the European Commission to reach its goal of involving 10 000 participants by 2020 and prepare for further growth of 30 000 participants until 2025.
- The European Parliament to modernize Europe's copyright system and facilitate licensing, while ensuring the protection of intellectual properties at a high level.
- The European Commission to endorse and level up the EYE-Program to a transcontinental scale.
- The European Commission to create a business environment ensuring the development of innovative ideas.
- Encourage the Member States to promote e-government and cut costs and the bureaucracy around establishing enterprises, reducing the administrative burden for start-ups in order to ease the way of investors.