



RESOLUTION:

EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD

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Recognising

- The freedom of movement provided by functioning of the Schengen Area is one of the biggest achievements of European integration,
- The temporary reintroductions of border control between EU and Schengen Area member countries consists of a threat to the future of the Schengen Area,
- The greatest challenge for Europe at this moment is the migration crisis and the wave of immigration to the territory of the European Union,
- The need to strengthen the protection of the external borders of the Schengen Area and deepen the cooperation between national border forces units by sharing the responsibility for implementing an integrated border management approach,
- Existing agency – FRONTEX had only been granted a limited role in supporting Member States to manage their external borders.

Acknowledging:

- The European Commission proposal from December 2015 of the introduction of European Border and Coast Guard Agency,
- The report from the YEPP mission to Lampedusa in October 2013, and the proposal for introducing the European Coast Guard.

- The letter of the Presidents of pan-European youth organisations which calls upon the European Council to preserve the Schengen principles;

YEPP calls on:

- The European Council and the European Parliament to adopt the Commission proposal for the introduction of the European Border and Coast Guard,
- The European Commission to intensify its work on the implementation of the proposal.
- Member States to support the proposal and strengthen cooperation between national border forces.