Resolution

HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND INTERNET IN EUROPE

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Recognizing:

- That 'Europe 2020' will have a strong focus on promoting the Commission's Digital Agenda.

- On 11 February 2010, EU leaders endorsed a paper by European Council President Herman Van Rompuy calling for more monitoring procedures regarding Europe 2020.

- That broadband internet will further increase connectivity in Europe and will bring Europeans closer together.

- That mobile internet is still susceptible to roaming which continues placing barriers between Europeans.

- That according to Eurostat, 56% of the Europeans living in the EU have access broadband internet. The number varies strongly between the Member States from 80% in Sweden to 24% in Romania.

- That according to Eurostat, a large majority of internet users, who use internet on a daily basis, are young people (age 16-24).

- That a strong European ICT policy will cut carbon emissions and will increase the economic growth.

Acknowledging:

- That young people in Europe are the main users of the internet.

- That young people have strong economic, educational, environmental and communicational interests in comprehensive and decisive action from the EU and European states to make broadband accessible to them.
  That some regions in Europe still have disproportionately access to broadband internet.

- Net neutrality is an essential element for growth and competition in Europe. This also applies for mobile phones allowing VoIP.

YEPP calls on:

- The European Commission and European States to produce and implement concrete plans that will enable a faster and more pervasive internet access throughout the Europe.
The EU and other European States to consider internet access as a fundamental European right for all European citizens.
The Council, the European Parliament and other European governing bodies outside the EU to actively consult the young people on policy regarding internet access.

- The European Commission and European States to discourage expensive and inefficient monopolies regarding broadband internet and mobile internet.

- European policy to aim for more transparency on the market for internet providers and mobile phone companies.

- The EU and other European States to put forward proposals to further reduce the roaming costs on mobile internet.

- The EU and other European States to maintain net neutrality for all equipment having access to the internet.

- The European states to provide for broadband access for schools, colleges & universities.