



**Adopted YEPP Resolution**  
**on “STRONGER EUROPEAN DEFENSE POLICY”**

The process of the European Constitution is crawling at the moment. We, the Youth of The European People's Party, hope that the European Constitution will be ratified in the near future. Nonetheless, one of the targets of the Constitution that has to be developed further - with or without the Constitution - is the European defense cooperation and the security guarantee between the member countries of the European Union.

Many examples of disasters during the last decade in Europe and in North Africa, such as the catastrophes in 1990's in the Balkan area and the tragedy in Darfur region, show that the European Union has to develop stronger military power and defense cooperation. The Union needs transatlantic relations, NATO and European-American active cooperation, but Europe has to be able to act also independently as a significant player in global politics also in military and security affairs.

European military cooperation is needed to protect the area of the Union countries and especially to create the capability to protect human rights, democracy and freedom, if necessary, in Europe and in neighborhood areas

The members of European Union should immediately agree to enforce the collective security guarantee between the EU member states. If one of the EU member countries is threatened or attacked, it must be regarded as a threat against all EU members.

We, the members of YEPP, state that:

- The EU countries have to strongly develop the defense cooperation and security policy structures of the EU
- EU has to be able to act also solely, if needed. This includes also EU member states which are not members of NATO
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