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## **EUROPE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – WE ARE NOT THE LOST GENERATION**

*Submitted by TSD Romania, CTP Youth Cyprus, DY Serbia*

*No young European with a job should be confronted with poverty*

*In order to achieve a more united, fair and developed Europe,*

*In order to ensure that young people in employment all over the European Union have access to a decent pay and enjoy a decent life,*

*Being fully aware of the devastating effects that the austerity policies promoted by mainstream right-wing parties had and still have on young people,*

*Knowing that young people demand and deserve more results and a better life,*

*We propose the present Resolution,*

*Which, after being approved, we would like to forward to the Party of European Socialists and to the S&D Group in the European Parliament for consideration and implementation:*

Young people are the heart of Europe, their goals should be the main focus of the European policies because the prosperity of the young generations is actually the prosperity of our entire continent. We must fight together in order for all young Europeans to have a decent job which means decent pay and decent working hours, a decent place to live and the adequate means to rise a family. A decent life for a young person or a couple in employment means, at minimum, having the opportunity to access decent housing, and affordable access to transportation, at least two weeks of paid annual leave and, if they have children, they must be able to afford to offer them a proper public education, without that constituting a burden to the family.

Young Europeans expect concrete and immediate results from their representatives and the European Institutions. For this reason, all our energies must converge in order to find effective solutions and financing to achieve the goal described above.

We believe that young people in Europe should not be forced to leave their countries because of poverty, lack of opportunities and low wages – which are often kept low by international corporations who could clearly afford higher salaries!

All people should be able to live a decent life, at least at the level described above, in their own countries. We must fight for our generation, and we must achieve that regardless of the political or social context of the next years so that our generation will not be the LOST GENERATION. We need to create our Europe based on shared values, equal and gender balanced opportunities and not to get lost on the way in populism and right wing policies.



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Despair and lack of opportunities are feeding the populist and extremist tendencies which are threatening the European values and the peace in Europe. Making sure that the young generation will not be seduced by this drift is our task, but the duty should be equally shared by European leaders and decision-makers.

We believe that consumption should be encouraged or made available as close as possible to the place of production meaning that there should be incentives to buy local, instead of insisting on products that carry with them the weight of transnational transportation. Through this, we could be reducing costs on transportation but also contributing to a reduction on the environmental impact. We consider that more environmentally-driven European policies are part of the solution to the current predicament of the young generation.

Simultaneously, under these conditions, we believe that national governments, with the purpose of achieving a better and decent life for young Europeans in employment, should be able to increase taxation of net profits. Our societies should function to the benefit of the many, not the few.

There is no reason, moral, economic or legal, for international corporations, not to pay their fair share of taxes at the place of production and where they are generated.

Young people in Europe find it highly immoral that international corporations, especially those who have made investments in certain Member States precisely for gaining the competitive advantage given to them by the (much) lower cost of workforce, transfer most of their profits from the least developed Member States to the most developed ones.

In these conditions, the upwards convergence that Europe is so keen to achieve, will never be possible! Fair taxation and harmonised fiscal regimes should be a top priority for the European institutions.

Therefore, we urge the European leaders to immediately take appropriate actions in order to make sure that, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the European Union, no young person in employment is exposed to poverty, and that all young people who work hard and are creative and ambitious, are also able to fulfil their dreams and make them become reality. If we are to succeed and to move forward as a project of peace and prosperity for all, we should act quickly and decisively.

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