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**YES CALLING FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH GUARANTEE**

For years, one of the demands of YES is to fight the unemployment, especially youth unemployment, and to provide a European political strategy able to harmonize the common challenges. Therefore YES supported together with the Party of European Socialists-PES the proposition of a youth guarantee.

On February 28th 2013, the council of Ministers of employment and social affairs agreed on a European Youth Guarantee. A financial aid of 6 billion euros will be distributed to the regions where the rate of youth unemployment exceeding 25%. This campaign in favour of the European Youth Guarantee was truly important for all of us and we made it a victory.

If the adoption of this guarantee is a step forward to European solidarity and social justice, we however have concerns on the concrete implementation and impact on European youth who are unemployed or with low-education. Indeed, the European Youth Guarantee only tackles regions with a high rate of youth unemployment and affects people younger than 25 years.

This youth guarantee is not enough regarding the 5.6 million of young jobless in the EU. Creating jobs or better sharing of working time should be our first goal. Unfortunately, this measure does not create jobs. The European Youth Guarantee is one concrete action to help tackling youth unemployment but as Young European Socialists, we should be precocious on the way it is implemented. The European Youth Guarantee should not be a pretext to promote precarious jobs such as short-term contract, mini-jobs, unpaid or low paid traineeships or internships, etc. On the contrary, it is vital to focus on the creation of stable and decent-paid jobs for the young generations. It is time to elaborate concrete European policies investing in education and real jobs on a long term. Also, it is necessary to inform young citizens about long-life training skills and shortfall jobs.

Therefore, the Young European Socialists demand:

- An effective implementation of the European Youth Guarantee. The implementation of policies should be adopted by a democratic process and should be integrated within public authorities already mandated to prevent youth unemployment.
- An efficient implementation of the European Youth Guarantee. It is essential for the concerned regions to see how the guarantee has been implemented in other European regions, as a policy of best practises.
- A clear monitoring and evaluation of the European Youth Guarantee. Information and transparency is essential in this policy which directly has an impact on the European youth.
- To stop the creation of precarious jobs such as short-term contract and unpaid or low-paid traineeships or internships. The European Youth Guarantee should

- promote decent and well-paid jobs and unlimited employment contracts.
- To adopt a real European economic, social and innovative strategy to create jobs for young people in the European Union.

*Done at Vilnius, Lithuania, on 19th October 2013.
Thomas Maes, Secretary General.*