

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT - UKRAINE

INTERNATIONAL FORUM “AGORA ON SECURITY KYIV”

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November 2-9, 2014, Kyiv will host the International Forum “Agora on Security Kyiv” (ASK) of the European Youth Parliament – Ukraine (EYP-Ukraine). The Forum will unite 150 participants from all over Ukraine and Europe aged 18 to 30 in order to build a common vision of Europe's security policy.

The overarching theme of the forum is “Re:think Security – Hack Old Paradigms”. Throughout the week participants will work in nine working groups, each focusing on a particular dimension of European security, including: finance, healthcare, military, governance, trade, energy, environment, cyber security and agronomy.

OUR AIM

The Forum in Kyiv will draw additional attention of key decision-makers, as well as the media, not only to the security questions, but also to the development of civic movement in Ukraine, non-formal education and the role of young people in our society. With the entire system of international economic, politic, cultural and military security changing rapidly, we find it crucial to make the youth's voice heard. We believe that young leaders, who will shape Europe in the nearest future, should have the opportunity to speak on what should be done to ensure the sustainable and secure development of all countries on the continent today.

It is also important for us to introduce young Ukrainians to participants from other countries, in order to foster dialogue, exchange of values, ideas and experience by holding in Kyiv one of the most important events for youth in Europe. By doing this, we aim to open Ukraine to talented young people coming from different countries and to make our country the source of innovative ideas for tackling the current European security challenges

As a result of the Agora a joint report of all nine working groups will be drafted in order to create a comprehensive vision of European security across key dimensions.

FORMAT OF THE ASK

Using the successful EYP methodology the work of the Forum is divided into three parts:

- Under the guidance of experienced moderators the participants will begin by doing **teambuilding** exercises aimed at developing communication, negotiation and group dynamics.
- The next stage is the **work in groups**, where the participant will review the current situation and develop ideas, strategies and visions according to their dimensions.
- Finally, the **Agora Symposium** will reunite all the participants and allow each working group to present their draft reports, receive input from other groups and incorporate them into the final Agora Report.

During the Agora there will also be such events as workshops from participants (**BarCamp**) and the meeting with experts (**World Café**). To enable intercultural dialogue and tolerance there will also be several cultural events and a concert.



"I have noted with interest the work of the European Youth Parliament to promote dialogue and sharpen democratic awareness among young Europeans."

José Manuel Barroso

President of the European Commission



European Youth Parliament is a unique platform for non-formal education, which operates in 41 European countries and annually attracts more than 21 000 young people with comprehensive educational and social projects.

EYP is one of the largest European youth organizations, aiming at raising awareness of young people about the current issues in Europe and the world, promoting intercultural dialogue, volunteering and active citizenship. EYP activities are held under the patronage of Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, and Thornbjorn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

International Youth NGO "EYP-Ukraine" represents one of 41 National Committees of the European Youth Parliament. Registered with the Government of Ukraine on February 18, 2002, it is a full-fledged participant of civil society development process in Ukraine. De facto, EYP Ukraine has been successfully operating in Ukraine since 2000, involving young Ukrainians in activities of one of the largest European platforms for debate, intercultural encounters, educational work and exchange of ideas among young Europeans.

EYP-Ukraine is a non-partisan and non-profit NGO representing the EYP National Committee in Ukraine. Its members are young enthusiasts who work on a volunteer basis. During its 14 years of operation the NGO has gained a good reputation among young people, having organized over 100 events and involving over 1100 young Ukrainians annually.

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