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The European Youth Parliament gathers 220 young delegates from 30 countries to Athens

Under the slogan '**European Democracy 2.0, rediscovering democracy in its birthplace**' the 66th International Session of European Youth Parliament (EYP) will gather 220 delegates from 1st to 10th April in Athens to discuss solutions to the challenges Europe is currently facing.

The young delegates – aged 16 to 19 – will focus on delicate topics that are on the European agenda at the very moment: ranging from the future of economic governance in Europe and revolutions in the Arab world to the balance between digital access and the need for privacy. What better place for young people from 30 European countries to debate these vital issues than the Greek capital, Athens? The event starts in Loutraki with a weekend of teambuilding followed by fifteen committees discussing the topics and drafting resolutions, which will then be debated and adopted according to the rules of the European Parliament. The two-day General Assembly organized **on the 8th and 9th April will convene at the Old Parliament House of Athens**. On the 7th April the participants will also take part in the EuroConcert event to showcase the different musical traditions around Europe.

Among others, **Member of the European Commission, Mr Janez Potočnik** will address the opening of the General Assembly on the 8th April starting 9:30 at the Old Parliament House of Athens. **The President of European Parliament Jerzy Buzek and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjørn Jagland** have assumed patronage of the Session and will receive the resolutions.

Journalists are warmly welcomed to report on the Session of the European Youth Parliament and are kindly invited to all events of the session.

Full programme and further press materials can be obtained at www.athens2011.eypgreece.org

About the European Youth Parliament:

Today the EYP is one of the largest European platforms for political debate, intercultural encounters, political educational work and the exchange of ideas among young people in Europe. The EYP consists of a network of 35 European associations and organisations in which thousands of young people are active in a voluntary capacity.

More information is available at the international website of EYP at www.eypej.org

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