



European Economic and Social Committee
The Vice-President

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Dear Sir/Madam,

After the success of the first two editions of the youth plenary session "Your Europe, Your Say", the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is repeating this event aimed at young people aged 16-17. The third edition of "Your Europe, Your Say" will take place in Brussels from 26-28 April 2012. We are inviting pupils from the penultimate year of secondary school in the 27 Member States of the European Union to play the role of EESC members by taking part in a mock plenary session.

This experience will enable them to find out about Europe and the EESC's role within the European Union, to understand the decision-making processes and to learn how participatory democracy works by getting involved. This will be a rare opportunity for the young participants to debate a specific subject in a multicultural environment: to think, put forward arguments, negotiate and find a compromise. Above and beyond the work on the pre-determined topic, they will be able to discuss Europe and many other subjects, talk with young people from a whole range of backgrounds, discover new cultures and go home with a lot of memories that they will not forget.

We would therefore warmly invite you to encourage secondary education establishments connected with your administration/organisation/network to register or, if you are a teacher or head teacher in such an establishment, to register it – via our website – for this exciting project by 30 November 2011.



On our site you will find the description of the event, the electronic registration form, the rules and all the practical arrangements:

<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/YourEuropeYourSay2012>

On the same site and on Youtube you can also watch the video of last year's youth plenary session:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/EurEcoSocCommittee>.

You can find additional information also on the Facebook page "Your Europe, Your Say".

We are looking forward to welcoming the young extraordinary "members" in Brussels soon and to passing on to them our passion for Europe. We would therefore ask you to be so kind as to distribute this information as widely as possible so that all the pupils in the penultimate year of secondary education in your country will have an opportunity to participate in "Your Europe, Your Say".

Yours faithfully,

Anna Maria Darmanin