

Dear Sir/Madam,

European Commission has prepared two documents devoted to the situation of youth in Europe – INVESTING IN EUROPE'S YOUTH and EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS. In these documents an attempt was taken to formulate an adequate response to the acute problems of exclusion of large groups of young people in Europe.

The above mentioned documents are currently being reviewed by various institutions of the European Union. One of them being European Committee of the Regions. On behalf of the Committee, Mayor of Rypin Mr Paweł Grzybowski was chosen to prepare an opinion on both documents.

Committee of the Regions would like to cordially invite young citizens and guests of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region, including foreign students, studying at our Universities to take part and help in the creation of a stand on the documents. The consultation creates a real opportunity to participate in the democratic processes of the European Union, an opportunity to exert direct influence on the future of EU countries, and especially their young citizens. Exchange of perceptions and opinions with the students will become a very important element in the elaboration on the stand of the Committee of the Regions.

Representatives of Polish Government – Mrs Marzenna Drab, Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Stanisław Szwed, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Care, as well as representatives of local authorities and government administration will take part in the consultations on March 27, 2017.

The meeting will start on March 27 (Monday), 11 o'clock a.m. in Toruń at the Hall of Kolegium Jagiellońskie, Jęczmienna 23 Street. The meeting will be opened by Mr Paweł Grzybowski, who will present the assumptions of both documents, and will be followed by:

- Marzenna Drab, presenting the position of the Ministry of Education,
- Mr. Stanisław Szwed, presenting the position of the Ministry of the Family and Social Care,
- Mr. Piotr Całbecki, presenting the views of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region.

The second part of the program starting at 12:15 will consist of deliberations conducted in two thematic groups:

- INVESTING IN EUROPE'S YOUTH (led by Mr Paweł Grzybowski),
- EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (led by professor Grzegorz Górski – expert of the Committee of the Regions).

The consultations will be conducted in English and Polish and are scheduled to last till 2:00 o'clock p.m. The organisers provide a transfer to Toruń and back.

The documents that are to be the subject of consultations, are attached to this letter.

I cordially encourage to participate in the Consultations.

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