

European Cooperation Day 2017

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Bridging Youth: Building Future together

We – young people from Estonia, Russia, and Greece, Italy, Hungary, Portugal, Spain – have taken this opportunity to gather in Narva and discuss on this European Cooperation Day issues of common concern to all the participants, regardless of their country of origin and of which side of the border they belong. We want to be the active builders of our common tomorrow!

1. Economic development, business, and trade;

We believe that everyone gains from enhanced economic cooperation, trade, and growth.

We propose to design the national and regional budgets and expenses in a way that better reflects the real needs and aspirations of the people, especially in terms of social equality, fair economic development, culture, and education.

We believe that a better management of the foreign debt, and its fair payment, is a prerequisite for balanced economic development and interstate trade.

We suggest to increase support to cross-border small and medium size enterprises.

2. Youth mobility and borders

We believe that the youth across our countries share the same problems. These include: economic difficulties, personal safety, access to culture, knowledge, and education as well as lack of tolerance.

We propose to develop and fund more projects that help us to familiarize with other cultures. We believe that many of today's exchange programmes imply high financial costs and are often not affordable.

Technology can provide an answer to connect people through multimedia and video tools and to share cultures of foreign countries and grant access education.

We propose to develop an internet portal to share cultural differences and know more about each other, regardless of the physical borders.

3. Environmental protection and climate change

We share one common environment and we should increase awareness of the risks if we do not take proper care of it.

We propose to implement across borders an official “Get together & clean day” and to promote reforestation in all our countries.

We suggest to increase awareness about the use of eco-friendly transportation and to make use of bikes and other green vehicles easier and more affordable.

4. Regional and local decision-making

We believe that cross-border cooperation is a big advantage for all of us and, at the moment, the number of effective projects across our countries is still limited.

We propose to increase the number of exchange programmes between the European Union and its neighbors, like Russia.

We propose not only to increase cross-border grants and financial support between our regions, but also to grant access to them using youth-friendly and accessible agencies.

We suggest to increase efforts to grant a proper and fast recognition of diplomas and study titles, which are fundamental for educational exchanges.