

European Union Delegation Y20 Summit 2015

The European Union delegation to the Y20 Summit 2015 gathered in Brussels for a preparatory weekend, including a series of meetings with key stakeholders of the European Union: Mr. Richard Szostak (G20 Sherpa, European Commission), Mr. Guntram Wolff (Director, Bruegel), Ms. Maria Åsenius (Head of Cabinet for Cecilia Malmström, European Commission), Mr. Pekka Hakala (Head of Unit, European Parliament), and Mr. Jānis Bērziņš (Representative, Latvian Permanent Representation, Presidency of the European Council).

The delegation of aspiring European leaders which will represent the increasingly important voice of the European Union at this international forum consists of Ms. Katharina Lawall (Head Delegate, Germany), Ms. Anna Wojcik (Poland), Ms. Elodie Liobard (France), Mr. Edoardo Cilla, and Mr. Marco Ranaldi (both Italy). Young European Leadership (YEL), who is in charge of recruiting and training the delegation, hosted the diverse group for the preparatory weekend in Brussels from April 10-13. Public speaking as well as negotiation training was executed by YEL Staff and past European Union delegates to the Y20. Going forward the delegation will engage in international pre-negotiations with their G20 counterparts before heading to Turkey this summer.

The delegation will be headed by Ms. Katharina Lawall, who said: *“The Y20 Summit will provide an excellent opportunity to show that young people have innovative ideas on today’s most pressing issues! I am really looking forward to share and debate these with young people from all over the world.”*

Elodie Liobard (France) added: *“This week-end was deeply stimulating. Our different atypical paths lead us into finding out-of-the-box ideas. We are strongly committed in channeling European youth’s views.”* Edoardo Cilla (Italy) declared: *“I strongly believe the Y20 is a great chance to raise our voice and to propose innovative solutions to current global issues.”*

The Y20 Summit 2015

The Y20 Summit 2015 takes place in Istanbul, Turkey August 15-21 and is an integral part of the Turkish G20 presidency alongside the B20, T20, L20, and C20. The premier international conference brings together aspiring leaders and enables them to put their concerns and solutions on the global agenda. The topics of the Y20 will be those of the Turkish presidency of the G20. The outcomes of the negotiations are directly presented to the Heads of State and Government of the G20. They inform global leaders with concrete proposals from young international leaders on above topics. Already the 2014 G20 Australia final communiqué quoted parts of the Y20 recommendations.

Young European Leadership

Young European Leadership (YEL) is an international nonprofit and nonpartisan organization (AISBL / IVZW) headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. YEL is dedicated to empowering young leaders and future decision makers from Europe and beyond. YEL provides them with innovative forms of engagement to directly connect with experienced decision makers from all sectors. Among its activities Young European Leadership is responsible to recruit and train the European Union delegations to the young G20 counterpart. Other activities include delegations to international conferences, e.g. the OECD meetings, European Development Days, International Energy Forum, Nuclear Knowledge Summit, as well as the organization of the Young European Council (YEC), which aims at providing actionable recommendations for European Policy making.

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The European Union Y20 Delegation 2015 meeting with Richard Szostak, G20 Sherpa of the European Union



The European Union Y20 Delegation 2015 meeting with Guntram Wolff, Director of Bruegel



The European Union Y20 Delegation 2015 meeting with Maria Åsenius, Head of Cabinet for Cecilia Malmström



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