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The Young European Council (YEC) is an annual event, conceptualised and implemented by Young European Leadership. The YEC convenes three delegates from each of the 28 European Union Member States. The outcomes of the conference aim to be practical in order to inform European policymaking. The YEC 2015 focuses on three pressing topics for Europe's future and the future of young people: *Migration and Home Affairs*, *Energy Union and Climate Action*, and *Education to Employment*. The YEC also features *Eat & Meet*, a successful program of YEL implemented in several European cities, connecting aspiring and experienced leaders in an informal environment over dinner. The outcomes of the negotiations are directly communicated to relevant European and international decision makers. In addition participants visit central European Union institutions, e.g. the European Committee of the Regions, the European Commission and the European Parliament.

### Speakers and Guests to the YEC 2015

- Mr. Markku Markkula, *President of the European Committee*
- Mr. Ambassador Torbjørn Frøysnes, *Council of Europe Head of the Brussels Liaison Office*
- Mr. Henri Malosse, *Former President of the European Economic and Social Committee*
- Ms. Ambassador Laura Thompson, *Deputy Director of the International Organization for Migration*
- Mr. Michel Servoz, *Director General of the DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL) at the European Commission*
- Mr. Alexandre Paquot, *Head of Unit Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of the DG CLIMA at the European Commission*
- Ms. Jean Lambert, *Member of the European Parliament*
- Mr. Ryan Heath, *Senior EU Correspondent and Associate Editor at POLITICO*
- Mr. László Andor, *Former Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion*
- Ms. Iverna McGowan, *Acting Director of Amnesty International EU Institutions Office*
- Ms. Ulrike Storost, *Team leader of the youth employment team in the Commission's DG Employment European Commission*
- Ms. Kavita Ahluwalia, *Manager at EU Representative Office at E.On*
- Ms. Valeria Ronzitti, *Secretary General European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services (CEEP)*
- Ms. Marie Donnelly, *Director in DG Energy at the European Commission*
- Mr. Rodrigo Ballester, *Member of Cabinet of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport at the European Commission*
- Mr. Gabriele Sospiro, *Director of European Centre for Economics, Policy Analysis and Affair*

*Young European Leadership (YEL) is an international non-profit and nonpartisan organisation dedicated to empowering young leaders and future decision makers from Europe and beyond. YEL aims to inspire these leaders from all backgrounds to shape the future of Europe, fostering innovative solutions to local and global challenges. YEL provides aspiring leaders with innovative forms of engagement to directly connect with experienced decision makers from all sectors. One of the responsibilities of YEL is to recruit and train the delegations of the European Union to the annual Y20 Summits, the official youth outreach of the G20 Summits. Other activities include the C20 Summits and delegations to international conferences, e.g. the UNFCCC / COP, OECD Forum, European Development Days, or Nuclear Knowledge Summit.*