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## The EU Council of Ministers recognises the key role of youth organisations in increasing the participation of disadvantaged young people

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The Education, Youth and Culture Council of the European Union adopted a [resolution](#) on 22nd May on the participation of young people with fewer opportunities. The resolution recognises the role of youth organisations in promoting the inclusion and well-being of disadvantaged young people and the need to secure support from public authorities for these organisations, so that they may continue and expand this work.

Scouting in Europe is committed to reaching out to all young people ? to create a better world for all, including those with fewer opportunities. Numerous National Scout Organisations (NSOs) are adapting and delivering a flexible Scout programme, an example of this being the Overtures Network ? [www.overture-network.org](http://www.overture-network.org). While we welcome the adoption of the resolution, we must continue to press Member States and the European

Commission to deliver on their commitments to develop and implement concrete policies and initiatives that empower the full participation in public life of all young people in partnership with youth organisations.

So in response to a proposal made by the European Commission in September 2007, WOSM and the European Youth Forum (YFJ) expect the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Parliament and the Prime Minister of Slovenia (President of the European Council) to sign a declaration on strengthening the co-operation between young people and European decision-makers. We are anxious to see a continuation of the development of structured dialogue between the European institutions and the YFJ to contribute to a coherent and tailored strategy for young people over the next decade: a European Youth Strategy 2009-2020.