**Notes**

**8th European Steering Group Meeting – 9th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue**

**Trio Presidencies: France, Czech Republic and Sweden**

**14 November 2022, 14:30-16:00**

**Online via Teams**

**I. Welcome and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**II. Approval of the Notes**

The adoption of the notes from the last meeting was postponed to the next meeting, since there was not enough time to provide input.

**III. Exchange of views on the upcoming Council resolution on the 9th cycle under SE Presidency**

The Swedish government stressed that they are currently working on reducing the size of the text as its main objective is to avoid repetition and excessive description in the document. They, therefore, asked for the ESG to propose cuts in the texts when commenting on it.

The Swedish government said that they inserted placeholders in the text to include messages from the upcoming EU Youth Conference in March. They highlighted that the next Youth Conference will be used as a moment to agree on the most important messages as the outcomes of the cycle. The Swedish government stressed that they wanted to increase the transparency of the part that includes the messages, as well as to highlight what has already been adopted and to include some of the messages from the EU Youth Dialogue that they want the EU to address more.

The Swedish government emphasised that the document attempts to give recommendations for the next cycle, taking into account that 18 months to work on these issues is a short time.

The French National Youth Council expressed its inability to deliver its comments by the 16 November deadline and requested permission to send its feedback early the following week. The Swedish government approved.

The Czech government confirmed that it will send its feedback by the 16th of November and is very satisfied with the content of the document. It also supported the Swedish Government's work to reduce the text's size, especially. The Czech government recalled that the draft is an informal document that doesn’t deserve a lot of description. However, they asked for some references to be added to the footnotes.

The French government was very satisfied with the draft conclusion. Nevertheless, they asked for some precisions to be added to the text, such as adding the regional level when the European and National levels are mentioned. The French government will send its feedback by the 16th of November.

The YFJ thanked the Swedish presidency for its work on the Resolution and including the ESG during the whole drafting process. It was also welcomed that the draft includes reference to the role of NYCs in the NWGs, and sustainable funding for INGYOs and Presidency NYCs.

**IV. EU Youth Conference in Sweden**

The Swedish government informed the group that they are still working on the planning of the conference and that a preliminary program has been drafted. The first day and a half will focus on the overall topic of the cycle. The second day will focus on the process of the youth dialogue. The Swedish government is planning to send out the invites to the Member States at the end of November/ beginning of December.

Concerning the logistics, the Swedish government confirmed that all the INGYOs will be invited and that shuttles from Copenhagen will be provided for the youth delegates.

The Swedish government announced that consequently to the recent election in Sweden, the new Minister in charge of youth policy is now the Minister of Health and Social Affairs. Accordingly, there is some reshuffling expected among the staff of ministries. The Swedish government will update the ESG in case of changes.

The Swedish National Youth Council is satisfied with the planning and the program.

The Czech Government asked for clarification of the composition of the national delegations to the EU Youth Conference, whether it is 3 youth delegates and 2 ministry representatives as per usual. The Swedish Government will provide this information by email to the ESG.

The Youth Forum asked the Swedish Government to share the agenda with the ESG when possible, in order to provide some input. Furthermore they asked the Swedish Presidency to let the Youth Forum know when the invitations are sent out, so they can also follow up with the National Youth Councils and INGYOs. They also asked if the ESG will be provided with some information concerning the guests of the EUYC, such as the youth delegates from candidate countries, and encouraged the presidency to reach out to the YFJ if any input is needed.

**V. AOB**

The European Youth Forum updated the ESG on its activities in relation to the promotion of the consultation outcomes. They have presented the outcomes to MEPs from the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament, the EU youth coordinator and also Commissioner Valean during the Family of Policy Dialogues. Furthermore, they informed the ESG that the evaluation meeting with INGYOs to evaluate their role within the EUYD will take place on the 5th of December.

The Chair mentioned that Monday 28th of November from 8:30 to 9:30 will be the youth breakfast which will be attended by Commissioner Gabriel as well. The Chair asked participants to be there at 8:20. The Czech Government will share some background documents and more information about the logistics (badges, venue, etc.).

The last steering group meeting of the year will be on the 7th of December. The meeting will be in person from 9:30 to 12:00. If some participants cannot attend the meeting in person, it will be possible to have a hybrid format provided that the organizers are informed in advance.

**The meeting was closed.**

**Annex: List of Participants**

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| **Czech Presidency Team** |  |
| Martina Kotasova (Chair) | Government |
| Sarka Dolezalova | Government |
| Zdenka Maskova | Government |
| Michaela Dolezalova | National Youth Council |
| Zuzana Wildova (Chair) | National Youth Council |
| **Swedish Presidency Team** |  |
| Mattias Ludvigsson | Government |
| Emilia Segerlind | Government |
| Tobias Adolfsson | Government |
| Anders Lindholm | Government |
| Johan Gebo | National Youth Council |
| **French Presidency Team** |  |
| Christophe Devette | Government |
| Désirée Ristorto | National Youth Council |
| **European Commission (EC)** |  |
| Jasna Maric Krajacic | DG EAC |
| **European Youth Forum (YFJ)** |  |
| Christiana Xenofontos | European Youth Forum |
| Kristof Papp | European Youth Forum |
| Manon Gaham | European Youth Forum |
| **Youth researcher** |  |
| Dan Moxon | Youth researcher |