



**Political Priorities & Work Programme 2013-14**  
**AER Committee “Culture, Education, Youth and International Cooperation”**

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**Priority 1 – Culture**

- ▶ **Follow up on the AER position on “Creative Europe”**
- ▶ **Cultural heritage**
- ▶ **Culture and equal opportunities**

**Proposed Actions**

- 1/ Depending on the political leadership, actions related to culture could be either individual or linked to other priorities and actions;
- 2/ Organise a funding seminar in 2014;
- 3/ Cooperation with other European or international organisations such as ENCTACT
- 4/ Develop activities in the framework of culture and creative jobs/entrepreneurship with a link to Sub-Committee “Youth”
- 5/ A seminar on “Culture for seniors” linked to Committee 2’s topic of healthy and active ageing

**Priority 2 – Education**

- ▶ **Life-long learning**
- ▶ **Vocational education and mobility**
- ▶ **Equal opportunities in education**

**Proposed Actions**

- 1/ Continuation of the working group “Combating school drop-out”;
  - a. Organisation of two working group meetings (prevention & intervention)
- 2/ Promoting educational and professional mobility for ALL
- 3/ Cooperation with FREREF the “Foundation of European Regions for Research in Education and Training”
- 4/ Organise a funding seminar in 2014

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### Priority 3 – Youth

- ▶ **Youth participation**
- ▶ **The Most Youth Friendly European Region – MYFER award**
- ▶ **Youth entrepreneurship**
- ▶ **Equal opportunities for young people**

#### **Proposed actions**

- 1/ Adoption, dissemination and follow-up of the Merabet report;
- 2/ Preparation of a “tool-box” for regions willing to establish youth council or parliament
- 3/ Identify jury members and organise a jury meeting for MYFER early 2014; preparation of the award ceremony in Spring 2014
- 4/ Follow up of the PYE and YES projects that finished end 2012
- 5/ Close cooperation with the AER Youth Regional Network (YRN) and other stakeholders

### Priority 4 – International Cooperation

- ▶ **Continue cooperating within Europe with Black sea neighbouring regions as well as regions of the Eastern partnership, but also outside Europe with Southern Mediterranean regions and Asian regions**

#### **Proposed actions**

- 1/ Creation of a working group on the Eastern Partnership;
- 2/ Cooperation with other interregional and international organisations and stakeholders: evaluation of the current state of cooperation and its benefits for Europe;
- 3/ Analyse funding opportunities in the framework of the ENP and in particular the EaP
- 4/ Cooperation of youth parliaments across borders, especially between EU and non-EU members states
- 5/ Organisation of a conference on decentralised cooperation focusing on the Eastern Partnership, or
- 6/ Organisation of a conference in order to identify potential threats to the democratisation process in the wider Europe

## Contribution to AER activities

- ▶ **ThessISMUN** - Thessaloniki International Student Model United Nations  
ThessISMUN gathers undergraduate and graduate students from around the world for 5 days youth summit to simulate discussions of different bodies of UN and regional organisations and assume the roles of ambassadors.  
For 2014, AER has been chosen to be at the heart of the discussions.
- ▶ **Summer School 2014: 3M – multiethnic, multicultural and multilingual**  
Next year's Summer School will take place end of August in Novi Sad, Vojvodina-SRB.

### Indicative table of events for 2014

Second half of January 2014 (tbc)	Eastern Partnership Breakfast Briefing and working group kick-off meeting
7/2/14 Paris	Eurodyssey Steering Committee
20/2/14 Zadar-HR	Summer School Organising Committee
3-4/3/14 Alba-RO	Eurodyssey Promotion Committee
25-27/3/2014 Vojvodina-SRB	Committee 3 Plenary Session
	Working group "Eastern Partnership"
	Working group "School drop-out"
	Summer School Organisation Committee
23-27 April 2014 Thessaloniki	ThessISMUN (tbc)
5/6/14 Paris	Eurodyssey Steering Committee
17-22 August 2014 Novi Sad, Vojvodina-SRB	AER Summer School
22/10/14 Paris	Eurodyssey Steering Committee
23-24/10/14 Valencia-E	Eurodyssey Forum

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