

## Press Release

Brussels, September 16, 2016

### **Award Ceremony of the 2016 Young Europeans Award: "How far does Europe reach?"**

Pupils aged 14 to 16 coming from four different schools in Germany, France, Poland and Ukraine convinced the jury of the Young Europeans Award (YEA), under the presidency of **Volker Schlöndorff**, with their common project **"The colourful face of Europe"**. The prize is a trip to the European institutions.

In their project the contest winners set the focus on the situation of migrants in the past and the present, starting by migration experiences in their own families and reflecting on the notion of "home".

**The official Award Ceremony** takes place on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016, from 12:15 pm to 3:00 pm** at the **House of Regions** (Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels).

#### **Programme:**

12:15 pm      **Lunch**

1:00 pm

#### **Welcoming remarks**

**Mark Weinmeister** – Secretary of State for European Affairs of the State of Hessen

**Wojciech Jankowiak** – Vice-President of the Wielkopolska Region

**Laurence Harribey** – Regional Councillor for European affairs, Nouvelle-Aquitaine R

**Dr. Jaroslaw Pietras** – Director General for Environment, Education, Transport and the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

#### **Introduction**

**CEOs of the partner organisations**

#### **Laudation**

**Antoine Godbert** – Chairman of the Euro App association

#### **Award giving**

#### **Discussion: "How far does Europe reach?"**

**Harlem Désir** – Secretary of State for European Affairs, France

**Michael Roth** – Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany

**Konrad Szymański** – Secretary of State for European Affairs, Poland

**Pupils** of the winning project

**Moderation: Nora Hamadi** – Journalist at Public Sénat

**The Young Europeans Award aims to encourage the dialogue between young people from the three cultural landscapes of the "Weimar Triangle"** that share a common history and lie at the core of European integration today. The guest country of the first edition of the contest is Ukraine.

The contest is organized by the Allianz Cultural Foundation, the Hippocrène Foundation, the Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation (SDPZ/FWPN), the German-Polish Youth Office (DPJW/PNWM) and the French-German Youth Office (DFJW/OFAJ).

**More information about the competition:** [www.young-europeans-award.org](http://www.young-europeans-award.org)

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