



Resolution 1152 (1998)¹

European youth co-operation and recent proposals for structural change

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly recognises young people as the future of Europe and as a positive force for present change. It therefore considers them as a priority target for, and partners in, its activities.
2. It acknowledges the major role played by youth organisations in the opening up of central and eastern Europe, and in the promotion of the ideals of the Council of Europe, in particular in the campaign against racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and intolerance and recalls the importance of their present involvement in the Euro-Mediterranean youth dialogue.
3. It recalls the five round tables between parliamentarians and youth representatives organised by its Committee on Culture and Education, between 1988 and 1994, in co-operation with the Council of European National Youth Committees (CENYC) and the European Co-ordinating Bureau of international youth organisations (ECB). These two platforms have since merged into the European Youth Forum.
4. In general the Assembly wishes to encourage the widening of the range of young people involved in Council of Europe activities and is aware that this need not be via traditional youth organisations.
5. The Assembly confirms its active support for the Democratic Leadership Programme through its Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Culture and Education and in co-operation with the European Union and other non-governmental bodies such as the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and the International Institute for Democracy.
6. It also decides to increase co-operation with youth organisations, and in particular with the European Youth Forum, with a view to finding new partnerships.

1. See [Doc. 8016](#), report of the Committee on Culture and Education, rapporteurs: Mrs Plechatá and Mr Jakic Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 18 March 1998.

