



*“ Tell me and I'll forget,  
Involve me and I'll understand. “*  
Chinese Proverb

## National Meeting

Rome

March, 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## Final Document

The Italian national consultation process for the Youth Summit involved about 600 young people shaping a “bottom-up” approach. In the beginning of February, a web-site has been launched ([www.youthsummit.it](http://www.youthsummit.it)) in order to spread out information and to gather, through a free registration process open to all young people between 18 and 30 years old, as many young people as possible interested in discussing and contributing to the 6 Youth Summit themes. Then, 11 one-day inter-regional meetings have been held within the whole country on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, to share participants’ views, ideas and proposals on the 6 Youth Summit themes and to designate 22 speakers to gather in a final, national meeting.

The national meeting was joined by 5 members of the National Youth Forum. Based on the documents produced in the 11 inter-regional meetings, in a two-day meeting held in Rome on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Italian national document was delivered and 4 of the 6 members of the Italian delegation to the Youth Summit was eventually designated.

### Eventi Inter-Regionali

**Ancona**  
3 marzo 2007

**Barletta**  
3 marzo 2007

**Cagliari**  
3 marzo 2007

**Cava de' Tirreni (SA)**  
3 marzo 2007

**Enna**  
3 marzo 2007

**Monza**  
3 marzo 2007

**Pianoro (BO)**  
3 marzo 2007

**Prato**  
3 marzo 2007

**Roma**  
3 marzo 2007

**Torino**  
3 marzo 2007

**Trieste**  
3 marzo 2007

### Evento Nazionale

**Roma**  
9>10 marzo 2007

### Evento Europeo

**Roma**  
23>25 marzo 2007

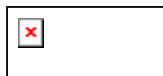
The Italian Youth say: ‘create’ a better Europe!

In this moment, we believe that it’s very necessary our participation to the process, because if every citizen give his contribute will be possible to get over several problems of politic deficit.

To promote the youth’s participation, the first actions are in the areas of Education, Information and Communication, Rappresentativeness, for an High Transparency in every decisional European process. To fight the weak European civic sense it’s very important to joint the non formal education to formal education, also there is Lack of the informal education’s formation and Poor acknowledgement of non formal education, experience and skills.

We suggest:

- Inclusion of Citizenship’s Education in the scholastic curricula with use of informal education’s instruments. In order to strengthen the European conscience and sense of membership: introduction of European civic subject in the scholastic course of studies and comparative subjects; with a new attention to historical, social and cultural roots of the other countries with a specific attention to music, dance, food, art, culture of other Members.



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Consultazioni nazionali organizzate dalla Rappresentanza in Italia della Commissione Europea, dal Ministro per le Politiche Giovanili e le Attività Sportive, dal Ministero della Solidarietà Sociale, dal Forum Nazionale dei Giovani e con il supporto della Rete Nazionale Italiana Eurodesk

- Formation of the teachers to Informal Education about Europe and Participation' s subjects.
  - Promote an information at local levels, also through Mass media, and a communication for the Youth, as the style Peer to Peer.
  - Support to informal young groups, working on the local territory, can involve the youth people in some decisions concerning theme, also in order to develop education and a development that respects the environment.
  - improvement of the information on programs, plans, European structures. EU Marketing needs for an information strategy allowing feed-back from the targets and Volunteer-based information centres should be institutionalised
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- rationalization of the existing informative structures, that are insufficient or not working at all
  - improvement of the education quality with a core interest in European comparative subjects
  - sharing of best practices (successful experiences in Member States)
  - greater accessibility to advanced studies based on merit and economic needs, pulling down financial barriers
  - promotion of experiences abroad during the course of studies to encourage, value, stimulate stages, trainings, qualifying internships to complete theory with practical studies. A monitoring system with a middle and final control of the satisfaction level of stages and internships.
  - better knowledge of English and of another EU official language
  - to support schools as formative centres even during the afternoons: encourage the opening and use of the structures and spaces in order to integrate formal education with the informal and non formal ones

We wish a more efficient dialogue between citizens and Institutions, for this we propose a model **“up-bottom-up”**:

First level: “UP” European Institutions open the public debate, giving a large information about the EU Treaty in the way very understandable.

Second level: “BOTTOM” Popular Consultation, where the people have the possibility to present, in limited number, their ideas and amendments to EU Treaty.

Third level: “UP” European Convention, built with the similar nature of Laeken, but increasing the participation of civil society' s delegation with a right of vote.

This model could be the better solution to the future of the EU Treaty, to start again with an easy procedure and to let know at the citizenship the important process in act.

The European Convention has to synthesize the new amendments and after to approve the last test. The ground of ratify will be in every member State through own legislative process.

EU to be successful should promote homogeneous economic policy among member States and stability in labour market, especially for youth.

Often age perceived as an added value and youth as an obstacle in many sectors (politics, university, entrepreneurial) preventing young generations to join them.

Italy suffers a delay in technology and scientific research and development.

Italy's socio-economic best practices in private saving and SMEs prove that it tries to stick to the Lisbon Agenda. In addition we suggest:

- Sustainable flexibility: social and financial tools, easier access to credit, more warranties and rights to workers with a fixed-term contract, more freedom to entrepreneurs, set up of a system to monitor abuses
- Encourage the spreading of the EU message to fight off racism, xenophobia and bias and support the enlargement process
- More investments and funds for scientific research
- Valorisation of local resources as an added value to the Union thus supporting the development of local-based economies and sustainable models

Finally, about our life and Sustainable development, our analysis looks at what, using different techniques to evaluate costs and risks, the Stern review considers for the impact that global production has in the environment.

Keeping this in mind we would like to suggest the following goals

- The implementation of juvenile enterprises which ensure an environmental sustainable development. Support and award for the most innovative projects.
- True evaluation of social and environmental costs. Social and environmental costs should be taken into consideration in the calculation of final costs together with a monetary evaluation of the external negative effects of production.
- Trade and ethical business- We think it is important to support juvenile businesses which promote ecological trade and follow a code of ethical business/finance.
- Social responsibility of enterprises – Using business outsourcing to promote workers'rights in developing countries (It means that European businesses should guarantee the same work and welfare conditions to workers in third countries where production is carried out.
- No- kerosene tax because it increases transport costs and it limits the circulation of youth.

New generations need to work together to respond to this challenge because choices taken now will affect our future.