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## **Letter of acceptance for the Nomination as a board member of the European Youth Forum**

Dear DNK,

I am honoured to be nominated by the German National Committee for International Youth Work (DNK) as a candidate for the position of Vice President of the European Youth Forum.

In these troubling times for young people and youth organisations all over Europe it is essential to have a strong umbrella platform that stands up for the rights of young people and ensures that their well-being is protected and that their future will not be sacrificed while our societies recover from the current pandemic. It is youth organisations which are now more than ever in need of a strong and resilient platform that unites the needs and voices of young people all over Europe following a pandemic that has not only hit the economies of our countries incredibly hard but also damaged the youth sector more than ever. The crisis has shown how fragile the incredibly valuable principle of multilateralism is and how endangered the networks of youth organisations are. It will be the job of the European Youth Forum to maintain spaces for youth organisations, advocate for the security of their funding and to advocate for meaningful participation on all levels of society. While Europe is in the midst of the pandemic, the European Youth Forum will have to defend the civic space wherever it is endangered and wherever the rights of young people are violated and disregarded. While Europe is recovering from the pandemic the Youth Forum will have to ensure that climate change will be tackled and that a green transition is happening and that young people will not be forgotten in the process of economic recovery.

I want to do everything I can to protect the rights of young people in the upcoming years and hereby wholeheartedly accept the nomination.

If you happen to have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Benjamin Günther