

Kind Mrs. Caloisi,

Thank you for your online application of 1 December 2019 requesting the patronage of the European Parliament for the final event of the project entitled "European Youth of Second generation and EU policies" which will take place in Brussels from 4 to 6 February 2020. The European Parliament very much appreciates its initiative focusing on social inclusion, active citizenship and migration policies.

The testimonies you have collected from young people whose parents have immigrated to the EU from other parts of the world are the starting point for an exploration of the various factors that can have an impact on the active participation of these European citizens in the social life of 6 European countries (Italy, Greece, Spain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Sweden). Understanding the differences between values and cultures, combating obstacles to integration and full participation in society and raising awareness of the importance of intercultural dialogue and tolerance for the mutual understanding of social inclusion are essential elements in responding to the challenges these young people and the cases in which they live face.

Migration is an important aspect of building multicultural European societies and is an absolute priority for the European Parliament, as our continent is currently facing an exceptional challenge, namely the management of migration flows on an unprecedented scale during the Second World War. Our institution has stressed on several occasions that migration is a global and complex phenomenon that requires a long-term, holistic approach at Union level and a common and viable strategy. Integration is always a two-way process. Respect for the values on which the European Union is founded must be an integral part of the integration process and the same applies to respect for the fundamental rights of migrants.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I agree with the high patronage of the European Parliament. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in what will be an excellent initiative. Best regards

David Maria Sassoli
President of the European Parliament

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