

Event 4 May 2019- "The new generations and eu elections – Rayse “ Bosa (OR)

Kind Mrs. Caloisi,

thank you for your online application of 5 April 2019 with which you ask for the patronage of the European Parliament for the event "the new generations and the European elections" which will take place in Bosa at the Aula Magna of the Pishedda Institute on 4 May 2019.

I would first like to stress how much I appreciate initiatives such as yours, which are aimed at students. Young people from different classes in the 4th and 5th years of secondary school will meet to discuss the role of the European Union and, in particular, the vote in the European Parliament. Your project will promote understanding of how the institutions work and will certainly help to arouse the interest of students in the EU.

The European elections are now very close and our citizens must be able to exercise their right to vote armed with accurate information and comprehensive knowledge of the facts. Today more than ever it is crucial to make young people understand that they have a crucial role to play in determining the future and to remind them of the importance of open debate, frank dialogue and communication, as well as mutual respect and understanding, which are fundamental values of the Union.

Some of these students will go to the polls for the first time, and it is essential that they have a clear idea of how to vote, including on the practical aspects of polling stations, ballot papers and candidate lists. Therefore, events such as yours can become an excellent tool for the political and civic education of our citizens.

I am also particularly pleased that you have decided to launch, as part of this year's European Youth Week, an intercultural dialogue with young second generation European citizens: the problems faced by these young people and the difficulties of real integration will undoubtedly stimulate reflection on why Europe and its values are sometimes perceived as distant. Knowing their stories better will enable us to understand how to deal with the obstacles and challenges so that all young citizens of our continent can feel like barely European citizens.

Given the clear European dimension of your initiative, it is with great pleasure that the high patronage of the European Parliament agrees to your event.

Finally, I would like to invite you to refer during the event to the next European elections and their dates (23-26 May 2019). I also invite you to include the specially created logo of the European Parliament in your information material.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in what will be an excellent event.

A warm greeting

Antonio Tajani

Presidente del parlamento europeo

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