

Ms Ursula VON DER LEYEN  
President of the European Commission  
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Bruxelles, 28th of May 2025

**Subject: Letter to the European Commission's President on the President's Youth Advisory Board.**

Dear President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen,

We write on behalf of the political party youth organisation, European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) - a pan-European youth organisation seeking to promote liberal values throughout the European Union as the youth organisation of the ALDE Party and its parliamentary group in the European Parliament, the Renew Europe Group.

As part of the Political Guidelines for the next European Commission 2024-2029, under the goal of *Reuniting our Societies, Supporting our Young People*, you committed to giving more young people greater freedom and responsibility within our societies and democracies.

LYMEC welcomed the initiatives proposed, seeing the new College of Commissioners leading the way through the **Youth Policy Dialogue**, the **EU Youth Stakeholder Group** and the initiative to set up the **President's Youth Advisory Board**.

As the final details of this initiative are still being developed, we are writing to address the composition of the proposed Advisory Board, with the aim of ensuring meaningful participation from youth organisations across Europe.

While the current Guidelines highlight the need for geographical diversity, including representation from all Member States, they do not refer to the inclusion of stakeholders from the youth sector.

We recognise the importance of involving representatives from National Youth Councils in each Member State, as they play a vital role in reflecting the perspectives of democratic youth movements at the national level.

**We also urge the inclusion of International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations, including political party youth organisations, within the Advisory Board. Their participation is essential to ensure plurality of viewpoints and to foster genuine and inclusive representation.**

We look forward to your response and to learning more about the objectives, composition, structure, and governance of the Advisory Board. We remain committed to contributing constructively to this initiative and to ensuring that youth organisations are recognised as active partners of the European Commission in its mandate.

Thank you very much in advance for your attention and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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