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To the Members of the Expert
Group on Mobility of Young
Volunteers across the EU

**Subject: 8th meeting of the Expert Group on the Mobility of Young
Volunteers across the EU on 26 October 2012 in Vilnius**

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to the 8th meeting of the Expert Group on the Mobility of Young Volunteers across the EU. We are pleased to inform you that the Lithuanian government will kindly host the meeting in Vilnius.

The meeting will take place on **26 October 2012** from **9.30 – 16.30h** at the **Ministry of Social Security and Labour, A.Vivulskio gatvė 11, meeting room 201, Vilnius, Lithuania.**

The meeting will focus on the further development of the **EU Youth Volunteering Platform**, to which you have already contributed and for which we need your further input and cooperation.

We will also present the **EU Youth Report** and in particular its volunteering chapter, and the Commission's **Proposal for a Council Recommendation on the Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning.**

Our hosts will inform about the new **Lithuanian volunteering law**, and our colleague Graeme Robertson will share his experience as volunteer at the **London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games** and try to draw lessons that could be learned for cross-border youth volunteering.

As usual, you are invited to **register** by e-mail – not later than by **15 October 2012** - with Joëlle Wilfart (Joëlle.Wilfart@ec.europa.eu), who will also answer any questions that you might have about the reimbursement.

As you know, we can only reimburse **one representative per country** (whether official or NGO).

- Governmental experts receive reimbursement of their travel costs, but not of the hotel, and they do not get a per diem.

- Non-governmental experts receive reimbursement of their travel costs and a per diem, from which they are expected to pay the hotel.

Please find enclosed a sheet with "practical information" on how to make your way to the meeting venue and information about hotels close to it. You are kindly invited **to reserve the hotel on your own.**

We are looking forward to seeing you in Vilnius.

Best wishes,



Sergej KOPERDAK

Enclosures: Agenda
 Practical information
 Proposal for a Council Recommendation on the Validation of Non-
 Formal and Informal Learning

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