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To the Directors General for Youth

Subject: Expert group on peer-learning on "how to promote the creativity and innovative capacity of young people by identifying competences and skills acquired through non-formal and informal learning relevant for employability"

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We are pleased to inform you about the creation of a new expert group on peer-learning. The Council Conclusions of 11 May 2012 on fostering the creative and innovative potential of young people invite the Member States and the Commission to establish a thematic expert group "to share best practice on how to promote the creativity and innovative capacity of young people by identifying competences and skills acquired through non-formal and informal learning relevant for employability". (<http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2012:169:0001:0004:EN:PDF>).

Further to the Council Conclusions, the Commission will support Member States in the establishment and organisation of the work of the expert group. It will report to the Youth Working Party on the results of this thematic expert group at the latest by the end of 2013. Explanations on the mandate and working methods for the group can be found in the enclosure.

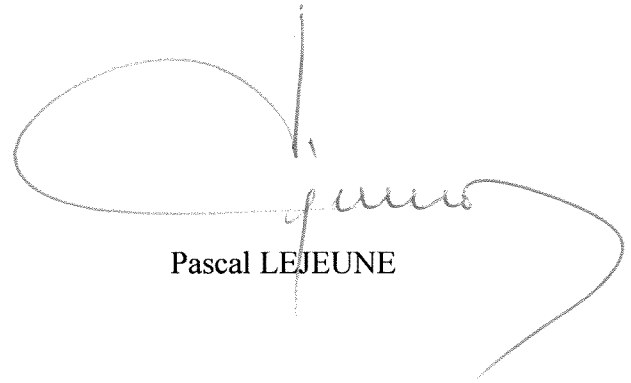
We would like to invite you to appoint a representative for this expert group. You can assign either a governmental or a non-governmental expert in the field. Experts should be able to report on both policies and research available around the topic that the expert group will address.

The expert group will be responsible for appointing its chair or co-chairs at its first meeting and will set its own methods and work schedule with a view to delivering concrete results on the subject requested. The working language will be English.

In order to allow the Commission to prepare the first meeting we would appreciate if you could provide us with contact details on the person who will represent your country in the group concerned by **7 September 2012** at the latest. We will then take contact with the expert you nominated as regards the preparations for the first meeting.

If you have any further queries on the content please contact Ms Lucie Lekesova
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Yours faithfully,



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Enclosure: Draft Mandate of the Group

c.c.: Members of the Youth Working Party