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### **For a European Youth Company**

An important issue that the European Union must tackle is youth unemployment. To create new jobs, EU needs more entrepreneurs, especially more young people who can employ themselves.

The Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan represents a relevant starting point to achieve the creation of new business objectives.

However, the fulfillment of many actions is left to member states, with the result that there is significant heterogeneity in national regulatory approaches: for example, start-up time and costs differ across Europe.

For these reasons, it is necessary to adopt an appropriate legislation, harmonized at European level, which can stimulate the proliferation of companies led by young people.

The European Commission, in consultation with other institutions, should draw up a European regulation in favor of a new type of company: The European Youth Company (EYC).

The main features of the European regulation might be the following:

#### **Membership**

The company's shareholders are young people living in different EU countries. Administrators must have, in addition, a bachelor degree at least. Age and education requirements must be satisfied during the company life.

#### **Structure**

The structure of EYC should be lean, able to represent the needs of young entrepreneurs and an adequate guarantee for the stakeholders too.

#### **Venture Capital Collection**

A European mechanism is set up to make possible the collection of venture capital more easily, safer and faster in every EU member State, through innovative financing tools such as crowdfunding

## **Loans**

Bank loans to the EYCs must be granted at an interest rate equal to the ECB's main refinancing rate, plus a limited mark-up.

## **European Funds**

European Youth Companies may participate in European projects, bringing together different funds to achieve greater impacts.

To sum up, in addition to the European regulation, the business awareness and the corporate culture must be encouraged throughout Europe. We should develop a fertile environment for growth, especially during the last years of schooling, with the aim of starting new business activities as soon as possible.