

The President / La Présidente

**Letter addressed to the heads of
national delegations to the
Congress**

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Dear head of delegation,

Following the success of the initiative to invite youth delegates to participate in the Congress sessions the Bureau decided to repeat the experience in 2017 and to invite one youth delegates per member State to take part in both sessions.

Through this initiative we aim to create a space for dialogue between the youth delegates and local and regional elected representatives and to enable young people to express their views on the issues being debated.

I very much hope that 2017 will be the year when we achieve a full quota of youth delegates (one per member State) so I count on you to raise awareness of this opportunity and distribute the link to the Congress' call for applications (which I enclose here for your information: <http://bit.ly/Congress-Call-2017>) to all young people in your country who may be interested in taking part in the 2017 sessions, in accordance with the selection criteria.

Please note, applicants should complete the online form by Tuesday 10 January 2017, applications will only be accepted via the official online form and the decision of the selection panel will be final.

As always, once the youth delegate for your country has been selected, you will be notified in writing and given their contact details. I know that you will make sure that he or she will be welcomed and made to feel part of your delegation.

Yours faithfully,



Gudrun Mosler-Törnström

cc. Deputy heads of national delegations, delegation secretaries and national associations of local and regional authorities