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“JEF-Europe for Visa – free Europe – no borders in Europe”

“JEF-Europe defends the idea of a united Europe as the space where people should move freely”.

JEF-Europe asks for the abolition of visa in Europe and calls for intermediate reduction of visa and working permits bureaucracy as well as harmonization of visa policies in the EU.

Young people from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Ukraine and Turkey need to invest time and spend a lot of money to receive their visa to follow a training, seminar, conference or university studies in the EU. Even in their personal lives in order to travel to meet up with friends and family, they face many obstacles in the application procedure for visas.

The situation of non coordinated approach of visa policies has significant negative impact and consequences on mobility of young people also on labor market and increases the youth unemployment.

The Young European Federalists (JEF-Europe) supports the multicultural development and mobility of youth which is essential in promoting a sense of belonging to Europe, enhancing social exchanges and ensuring a friendly and tolerant society on the European continent.

That’s why JEF-Europe continues its annual action “against borders between European countries”, and calls for a “visa-free Europe!”

JEF members from throughout Europe and even JEF-Europe itself have been affected by this non-coordinated approach on visa policies. JEF-Europe stresses also that the liberalization of the visa regime is essential in order to enhance regional stability and integration and foster economic and social prosperity.

“Our Visa Action is an important issue for all concerned JEF-sections but should be also a strong concern for European politicians and citizens. Deeper integration and harmonization of visa policies is the key for a true united Europe.”, says Andrea Tittelová, JEF Europe Board member and the coordinator of Visa Action 2013.

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