

**The role of the European Youth Forum in international economic cooperation.**

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As the last news show us, we live in the era of technology and innovation. Nowadays we are used to taking for granted things that our parents could not have even dreamed about at our age, such as wireless headphones or self-driving car. In terms of technology, there are no better specialists in getting adjusted to this constantly changing environment than millennials- the generation that literally grew up with a smartphone in their hands. In my opinion, students and young scientists have always been the main engine that drives development and progress, but they often fail to be heard. In this sense, it is very important to provide young people with the opportunity to express their ideas and thoughts and, taking into consideration, that another great trend of the 21st century is globalization, they should be able to communicate on the international level.

The European Youth Forum is the platform of youth organizations in Europe. The main objective of this institution is to reflect a position of youth on the regulations and projects, to clarify the difficulties they are facing, to enforce the information exchange. The energy of youth can give a new impulse to large-scale political and economic reforms, having finally designated the turn from limited liability society to the society of people-to-people bonds and cooperation. The EYF is a discussion platform, bringing together people with a fresh outlook which hasn't yet been burdened with political correctness and certain restricting rules. Their main advantages are free-thinking and the innovative nature of approaches seasoned with youthful maximalism. The Youth Forum brings together tens of millions of young people from all over Europe, organized in order to represent their common interests.

At the same time, students and young scientists - members of EYF- are a personnel pool with a great knowledge and professional potential that will determine the guidelines of social progress in the nearest future. European Youth Forum is also a very efficient multilateral collaboration tool. People from different countries may get involved in the platform, expressing their ideas and creating a complete picture of the situation in order to promote the integration of the development strategies of the countries taking part in this bright initiative.

As of July 2017, it consists of 43 National Youth Councils and 61 international youth non-governmental organizations, a total of 104 bodies from across Europe and more than 2 000 000 members overall. In my estimation, the European Youth Forum would make a great contribution to further market and political integration and forging new ties among communities, an involvement of younger generation in economic cooperation and development.