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**PANEL DEBATE AND
YOUTH PROJECTS AWARDS CEREMONY
PROGRAMME**

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Panel Debate and Youth Projects Awards Ceremony

Enhancing youth participation to prevent intolerance and antidemocratic behaviour

PROGRAMME - 6 May 2015

13:30 Registration of guests

14:30 Welcome and opening

Chaired by Jens Nymand Christensen, *Deputy Director General, DG Education and Culture*

Keynote speech by:

Tibor Navracsics, *European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports*

Addresses by:

Silvia Costa MEP, *Chair of the European Parliament Education and Culture Committee*

Māriņa Seile, *Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Latvia*

Introduction to the panel debate

Moderated by Méabh McMahon, *Journalist, Brussels*

Panel Debate

Tibor Navracsics, *European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports*

Silvia Costa MEP, *Chair of the European Parliament Education and Culture Committee*

Māriņa Seile, *Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union; Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Latvia*

Johanna Nyrman, *President of the European Youth Forum*

Ornar Ramadan, *Head of RAN Secretariat (Radicalisation Awareness Network)*

Johnas Agdur, *Chair of InterCity Youth – the European Network of Local Departments for Youth Work*

Debate topics introduced at various points by:

Marthe Clair, *participant in the Young Europe – Rethinking Democracy project*

Hayden Taylor, *youth ambassador for Think Big*

Shihame El Kaouakibi, *founder of the Let's Go Urban dance company*

Additional input from representatives of the Ideas Lab Seminar held on the 5th of May.

17:00 Youth Projects Awards Ceremony

Special performance by the Young Kingz dance group.

Thirty-five projects funded under the Erasmus+ and Youth in Action programmes have been selected as exemplary projects from their country/community. Three of these projects have been chosen by an inter-institutional jury to receive additional special recognition awards for their outstanding work and their potential to inspire other projects, in the following categories:

- Empowering young people through meetings with decision-makers
- Empowering young people through mobility and other initiatives
- Training and networking of youth workers to support youth empowerment.

17:30 Reception