

Proposal: 2nd Annual Programme for Young Political Leaders

Following the successful establishment of the new Young Political Leaders Concept and the experience of implementing the 1st Annual Programme, the 2nd Annual Programme will continue to emphasise the importance of the extended Neighbourhood but also align more closely with the CDSA priority countries. As such, the 2nd Annual Programme retains an emphasis on the regions but indicates where we expect the focus to be in 2017:

- in the Maghreb region :
 - focusing on Tunisia in line with the CDSA priorities
- in the Eastern Partnership region focussing on:
 - Ukraine (as a CDSA priority country) or Georgia (if selected as a new CDSA priority country) or the ongoing theme of frozen conflicts ie. Nagorno-Karabakh.
- in the Western Balkans + Turkey which is a CDSA region focusing on:
 - Turkey in-line with the DEG debate of 27 October 2016 or follow-up on the Commission's Western Balkan Youth Summit.
- in the Middle East region focussing on:
 - Israel-Palestine dialogue or Jordan if selected as a new CDSA priority country.
- other CDSA priority countries:
 - Tanzania or Myanmar

The proposed 2nd Annual Programme will be implemented within the budget allocated for YPL or CDSA priority country activities for 2017. All individual YPL programmes will be presented for review by the DEG Co-Chairs and any variations from the above programme will be subject to review by the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group.