**Euro-BRICS Young Leaders’ Summit, Helsinki, 8-9 June, 2015**

**« Young leaders and citizens from Europe and the BRICS welcome the multipolar world  »**

**Organised by the Euro-BRICS Youth Platform**

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The year 2014 has been marked by a major disruption in Euro-Russia relations which can be understood as the first conflict of the multipolar world.

Indeed the multipolarity of the XXIst century world is neither good or bad, it is a fact which policy-makers must address with optimism and rationality in order to organise it.

So that today’s multipolar world doesn’t look like Europe in the 1930s, this major change in the global architecture requires a major reform of the international institutions in charge of ensuring peace and shared prosperity on a global scale.

To this date unfortunately, the previous system of global governance has proved unable to transform significantly and integrate the new reality, compelling a group of countries representative of the new global arhitecture, the BRICS, to start build their own system of trans-continental coordination.

As long as the BRICS effort to create the conditions for a peaceful and prosperous multipolar world remain snubbed by the West, this effort will result in a conflictual bipolarisation of the world.

Within this club of « Western »[[1]](#footnote-1) countries, Europe appears as the most likely to understand the need to join this process of global reorganisation. Because Europe has the experience of being responsible for the two most lethal wars in global history, because it invented a promissing model of regional integration, because this model is relevent in the invention of a coordinated multipolar world, the Euro-BRICS rapprochement can play a positive role in accelerating the process of global reorganisation.

However, facts since the beginning of last year are proving that the current institutions and policy-makers are incapable of doing anything other than taking the world away for these future-bearer paths, towards growing conflictualisation of relations between new and old powers, clearly leading the world towards great dangers.

But this XXIst century world belongs first and foremost to the younger generations of global citizens and leaders. These generations don’t want to see the older generations ruin their hopes of a peaceful and prosperous multipolar world. And the world needs the optimism and open-mindedness of the owners of the future. Therefore Euro-BRICS youth have decided to initiate an open platform of exchange and action. And in order to signal clearly their intention to be a force of hope and reorganisation, they will hold the first Euro-BRICS Young Leaders Summit in Helsinki, on June 8-9 this year.

This event will gather 100 representatives of student and youth organisations from Europe and the BRICS countries during two days of discussions and work, in the presence, hopefully, of policy-makers who will decide to support this future- and peace-bearer initiative.

These discussions aim at producing concrete results such as : pereniality of the Summit, visibility of the message conveyed, joint statement, permanent network of Euro-BRICS future leaders, articulation with existing political and institutional systems, etc…

Topics of discussion during this two-day event provisionally include :

. Learning from the model of regional integration to design tomorrow’s global multipolar governance

. Creating the most modern global institutional system (light, open, adaptable, internet-based, project-based)

. Creating the first example of a democratically anchored global governance

. Ensuring youth participation in tomorrow’s global system of governance

. Sustainable developement : acknowledging the need to combine economy and sustainability

. Integrating regional unions to the new global architecture (local, national, regional levels organised on a gobal scale)

. Adapting the concept of win-win dynamics to the global scale – Inventing shared prosperity on a global scale

. Placing student mobility in Europe and in the BRICS at the heart of the emergence of a multicultural global citizenship

. Inventing the conditions for non-socially disruptive employment mobility

. Getting to know each other through the intensification of Euro-BRICS cultural exchanges (festivals, sport events, common exhibitions…)

In the framework of this event, a high-level official conference organised by LEAP and aimed at gathering 50 representatives of Foreign Ministries from Europe and the BRICS countries will be held on the first day of the meeting.

1. The whole concept of « West » in a global configuration has ceased to make sense already. West of what ? [↑](#footnote-ref-1)