Model European Parliament: Vienna (29.03.2014-05.04.2014)!

**Committee on Employment & Social Affairs I:**

Dear delegates from the committee on Employment & Social AffairsI,

I have attached a couple of links which can help you with current statistics and problems that youth unemployment is currently causing, but I want you to think about 3 main things that are probably not covered well enough

* The reason why there is such a high level of youth unemployment:
Is it really because companies don’t want young employees or is it because they are not qualified and lack the skills even though they seem to have the formal education
* What could be the possible future problems if the situation with youth unemployment stays without change? :
Especially focus on how it would affect the economics of individual member states
* Possible problems regarding smaller countries from the union that are being used as an outsource of qualified workers

How would that affect these countries in the long-run and how does it affect them now?

**I expect from you:**

1. To be prepared to discuss topics regarding a broader aspect of the problem
2. To create opinions for yourself, after reading the materials, so we can have a meaningful debate in order to create a strong resolution
3. To prepare materials that you believe would be of relevance to the topic

**Assignment:**

I would like you to read and prepare a bit on the topic, but regarding your home country as well so we could see where the root cause of the problem is and to be able to find common ground.

**Research Links:**

1. <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Unemployment_statistics>

- This link covers most of the relevant information concerning current statistics and youth unemployment data for the different countries

1. <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/jul/01/youth-unemployment-not-age-lack-of-skills>

<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21576657-around-world-almost-300m-15-24-year-olds-are-not-working-what-has-caused>

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/27/youth-unemployment-crisis_n_4004693.html>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/youth-unemployment-could-tear-europe-apart-warns-world-economic-forum-2013-11>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2013/11/the-youth-unemployment-crisis-might-not-be-a-crisis/281802/>

- These links cover different opinions on the topic &

 <http://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-annual-meeting-2014/player?p=1&pi=1&a=52669>

- This one which is from the 2014 World Economic Forum in Davos and it talks about higher education which is of relevance, I believe.

**Final Words:**

Basically, I believe that we are going to have a productive week but I would like to ask you to just be positive about everything and to come with good preparation so we can do useful work, after all, the main idea is to produce a good resolution that will pass!

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