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Young Voices from Germany, Greece, Italy and Portugal on the Situation of Youth in Their Home Countries, the European Elections and What They Expect from the European Union

In the autumn 2013 fifteen young people from Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain came to Brussels to discuss their "common future in the eurozone" with each other and with representatives of the EU-Institutions, think tanks, NGOs and social partners. After a week of hard work and intense debates they were united in their conclusions: "Our discussions have shown that there is, indeed, a north-south divide. More critical input from the south is needed to make people in the north aware of the current situation in the southern countries. The north-south dialectic must be overcome by a greater awareness of the historical and social reality in every region. Awareness of the north should not be confused with pitying the south: making the European system work is important for all the countries alike." Their solidarity did not stop there. The debate is continuing in the blog 'Young Voices of Europe' and four of them will be back in Brussels soon to talk with you about the situation of young people in their home countries just before the European elections and what they expect from the new MEPs and the European Union .

Date	Wednesday, 7 May 2014, 13.00 – 14.30 (sandwich lunch 12.30-13.00)
Venue	STANHOPE HOTEL Rue du Commerce 9, B-1000 Brussels
Welcome	Bastian Hermisson , Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union
'Young Voices of Europe':	Vasco Batista , 24, Portugal Armanda Cetrulo , 25, Italy Stylia Kampani , 24, Greece Julian Rappold , 29, Germany
Moderator	Margherita Bussi , researcher European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)

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