



## **AER Regional Reporters**

**Do you want your voice to be heard all over Europe?**

**Become a Regional Reporter!**

The Assembly of European Regions (AER) is offering you the chance of becoming one of AER's Regional Reporters. You can be heard on radio stations across Europe thanks to the radio programme "Europe and you", which is aired on several French-speaking local radio stations in Europe and on the website (<http://www.europeandyou.eu>).

AER and "Europe and you" are inviting young people from the European regions to prepare short voice-recordings about themselves, their regions and Europe, to be broadcast on radio and the website during the "Europe and you" programme from April to June 2009.

### **Who is an AER Regional Reporter?**

This is a young person, aged 18 to 30 years old, active in your region or involved in AER youth activities such as the Youth Regional Network or Youth Team, who would like to prepare several short voice-recording presentations on various topics related to Europe.

### **How do I choose a topic?**

Here are some examples:

- What does Europe mean to you? What does Europe mean to your region?
- Does Europe change the daily life of your family, your surroundings, and your region?
- Are you involved in youth projects in your region? If yes, what is your role?

You can choose another topic, but it should relate to European issues, including your region's place in Europe. The recording should last not more than 3 minutes and each reporter should prepare at least one recording per month.

### **How do I prepare my recording?**

Once you choose a topic you should prepare the 3-minute voice presentation as follows:

- the first sentence in your regional language, where you introduce yourself and

- your region
- the presentation of your topic in English or in French

In addition to your voice-recording, you can add other voices and sounds to make your report more dynamic and interesting.

#### Recording your voice:

To record your presentation you should have a computer and microphone (simple microphone, such as the ones used for Skype). You should use one of the free open-source programmes which are available on the internet and can be downloaded for free. Here are some of the programmes that you might find helpful when recording your presentation:

- Audacity® is free, open-source software for recording and editing sounds. It is available for Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows, GNU/Linux, and other operating systems. For more information please see: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/about/>

Once you install the programme, you are ready to record your voice presentation. Then save your recording in Wave or MP3 format and send it to us.

*It will take only a few minutes to record your report and send it to us by email!*

#### **How does it work?**

The first edition of the project will start on 1 April and will last until June 2009. You should send the registration form and photo that we can put on the Website of the Radio to the AER Secretariat by **March 15, 2009** (see appendix 1). In the registration form you must commit to preparing a minimum of one recording every month, which should be delivered before the first day of each month:

<b>Recordings to send between April and June 2009</b>	<b>Deadline for sending</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> April
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> May
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> June

You are welcome to send us more than one recording per month.

Your presentation will be broadcast on European radio and, along with your photo, on the “Europe and you” website broadcast.

#### **Why should I participate?**

- Present your opinions to people across Europe;
- Learn how to prepare radio broadcasts;
- Get real experience in broadcasting to a wide audience;



## Timetable

Action	Deadline
Registration	15 March
Confirmation from AER Secretariat	17 March
First recording	1 April
Broadcast of first recording	April
Second recording	1 May
Broadcast of second recording	May
Third recording	1 June
Broadcast of third recording	June
Evaluation by AER Secretariat	15 June

## How do I register?

Just fill in the registration form, send us a photo we can put on the “Europe and You” website and send it to AER before 15 March.

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**REGISTRATION FORM  
AER Regional Reporter**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

Topic of first recording:	
Topic of second recording:	
Topic of third recording:	

The name of open-source programme that you are going to use:	
The format of the recording that you will send by email:	

**Please do not forget to send us your PHOTO with this registration form!**

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