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Subject: **Juvenes Translatores**

- *Presentation by the Commission*

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the Commission on the above subject, which has been included on the agenda, under "other business", for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 28 and 29 November 2011.

## Information note from the Commission to the Education Council of 28 - 29 November 2011

### Juvenes Translatores

Juvenes Translatores is a translation contest for 17-year-old secondary school pupils in all EU Member States, designed to promote language learning, multilingualism and translation among young people. It is managed by the Directorate-General for Translation of the European Commission.

It is a positive, youthful way of making the translation profession better known among young people. The language industries – translation, interpretation, language teaching, language technology, localisation and so on – are growing sectors in Europe, and will offer a variety of careers for talented young people.

Since its launch in 2007 Juvenes Translatores has grown steadily in popularity. It is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary, with 700 schools all over Europe organising the contest on their respective premises on 24 November 2011. In the context of the European Year of Volunteering, the theme of the texts chosen to be translated by the young participants this year is volunteering.

This year the Commission would like to make an extra effort in terms of promotion because it is the fifth anniversary of the contest. For this reason, the national winners from all EU Member States will be invited to an award ceremony in Brussels on 27 March 2012. In this respect, the Commission would like to invite the Education Ministers to provide the names of well-known people from the worlds of sport or music or other public figures with a link to languages. We hope that the participation of such 'celebrities' in the ceremony will help to raise the profile of the contest, as well as contribute to improving its scope and impact when promoting future editions of the contest.

#### Calendar of Juvenes Translatores:

- Registration period: 1 September–20 October 2011
- Contest day: 24 November 2011
- Announcement of winners: 1 February 2012
- Visit to Brussels: 26-28 March 2012
- Winners meeting: 27 March 2012