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MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Minister,

As the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, it is my pleasure to announce that the eighth *Juvenes Translatores* translation contest for 17-year-old students in secondary schools will be held on 27 November 2014.

The contest, organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Translation, has been a recurring success, with more than 3 000 students across the European Union each year translating a one-page text from one of the official languages of the European Union into another. Entries are marked by the European Commission's professional translators.

The winners (one per Member State) are invited to Brussels in spring the following year to attend an award ceremony at the European Commission's headquarters.

The winners' teachers are also invited to the award ceremony, in recognition of their work in motivating their students to learn languages.

Promoting language learning and linguistic diversity is one of the specific objectives of Erasmus+, the new EU programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014–2020. Foreign languages are prominent among the skills that will help equip young people better for the job market, increasing their employment opportunities both in their home country and abroad.

*Juvenes Translatores* contributes to the objectives of Erasmus+ by promoting the role of translation as a communicative activity in language learning and as a language teaching tool.

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In my years as a Commissioner, this contest has grown in popularity each year thanks to your valuable support. I hope you will help us again this year by disseminating information about the *Juvenes Translatores* contest to schools in your country.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Androulla Vassiliou". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end. Below the signature is a solid horizontal line.

Androulla Vassiliou  
Member of the European Commission  
Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth

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Enclosed: Information sheet with key facts on the *Juvenes Translatores* contest



# Juvenes Translatores

## A contest to reward the best young translators in the European Union

**Who can take part?** Students born in 1997, currently at secondary school

**What is this about?** School students get an opportunity to test their translation skills

**When?**

- **Before the contest**  
Schools must register directly on the Juvenes Translatores website between 1 September and 20 October 2014. Schools will be selected at random (the number of schools allowed to participate in each country will be based on the number of seats each has in the European Parliament).
- **Day of the contest – 27 November 2014**  
On the same day in all EU countries, school students will translate a text under the supervision of their teachers.
- **After the contest: award ceremony in Brussels (early 2015)**  
Translators at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Translation will mark the entries and select the best translation from each EU country. The 28 winners will be awarded a three-day trip to Brussels and will receive a trophy.

**What languages can the text be translated from and into?**

Any of the **24 official languages** of the EU ►

Contestants work on a text in the language of their choice ►

And translate it into another language of their choice (we recommend mother tongue or strongest language)

**Further information?**

- **The Juvenes Translatores website:** [ec.europa.eu/translatores](http://ec.europa.eu/translatores)
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