

GENERAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION
on the meeting of
10 000 young European apprentices
(Paris/France, 3 October 2008)

1/ Status and purpose

▶ **Status:** Meeting of 10 000 young apprentices in the presence of ministers, members of the Competitiveness Council, representatives of the European Commission, consular networks, professional organisations, large private companies and associations.

▶ **Purpose:** To promote apprenticeship pathways in Europe and encourage the mobility of young apprentices.

2/ Dates and location

▶ **Date:** 3 October.

▶ **Location:** Palais Omnisport, Paris-Bercy, 8 boulevard de Bercy, 75012 Paris.

3/ Participants

▶ **States and institutions represented:** Member States of the European Union, European Commission.

▶ **Level:** Ministers, members of the Competitiveness Council and European Commissioner. Presence of the President of the French Republic.

▶ **Total number of participants:** approximately 13 000, including 10 000 young French and European apprentices and those accompanying them.

4/ Programme

▶ **Duration:** 3 October, 8.30 – 13.00

▶ **Events:**

- 8.30: Musical performances, performances from apprentices
- 10.00: Hervé Novelli opens the meeting of 10 000 apprentices
- 10.15: Address by the President of the Republic, President of the European Council

- 11.00: Speeches from Xavier Darcos and members of European institutions
- 11.30: Major parade of the achievements of the best European and French apprentices
- 12.30: Closing address by Christine Lagarde

5/ Interpreting service

▶ **Working languages:** French, English, German, Spanish and Italian

6/ Press information

▶ **Accreditation:** Press representatives are invited to apply for accreditation online (<https://medias.ue2008.fr>)

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