



## GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE COUNCIL

### STAFF NOTE

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**Subject: EU "Back to School"**

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#### **What is the EU "Back to School"?**

The "Back to School" program was launched in 2007, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome with the purpose of bringing the European Union and its activities closer to young people.

The initiative, mainly coordinated by the European Commission together with Member States, offers staff of the EU institutions the possibility to become an "EU ambassador" one day per year, when returning to their secondary schools to share their personal experience working for European integration. Students can thus learn about how the EU works, its policies, and discover educational and other programs that are open to them.

As in the past, for similar events, officials from the General Secretariat of the Council ("GSC") may take part in this initiative provided it is compatible with the smooth running of the service (see also Staff Note 124/00). Colleagues interested in participating will be authorised to leave on a "mission without costs" for the GSC (i.e. travel expenses and accommodation costs would not be reimbursed by the GSC).

#### **Interested in participating?**

The timing of your going "Back to School", as well as the main topic of the discussion should be agreed upon between you and the school you would go to.

You are then invited to submit a fully completed and signed Mission order.

For more information concerning the program (coordination with other institutions, training, information material, etc.) please contact **DELETED** (DG F 1C - Information Policy).

For more information concerning mission administration please contact **DELETED** (DGA 1B - Mission Service).

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