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Invitation to open the Youth Conference "win² Future Conference"

Dear Commissioner Arias Cañete,

Europe is at a crossroads. European integration encouraged economic growth, gave Europe a stronger voice in international economic affairs and reduced the risk of war. However, current economic stagnation and high unemployment ask for effective reforms and creative solutions. While our climate is changing and energy security has become an unneglectable issue, geopolitics are even less predictable. At the heart of Europe, populist parties are gaining ground whereas at the borders, migrants from the war-torn Middle East are trying to seek refuge.

The win² future conference has been initiated as a **cross-generational platform for dialogue** by the student organization "Uni Management Club | UNIMC". And how could European challenges be addressed more effectively than in collective and **interdisciplinary effort by more than 120 dedicated students and current decision-makers**? We now ask you – together with other outstanding personalities from different backgrounds – to question the status quo and shape our future.

We cordially invite you to **open the conference and join the discussion on June 3rd, 2016** in the historical Esterházy Palace in Eisenstadt, near Vienna, Austria.

The conference is **supported by the Austrian Ministry of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs** and the **European Parliament is a key partner for this year's conference**. As a key partner the European Parliament is holding a three day workshop with young ambitious students and professionals.

Over the last years, we were pleased to welcome Benita Ferrero-Waldner, former European Commissioner of External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy, Alfred Gusenbauer, former Chancellor of Austria or Sebastian Kurz, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs. We would be delighted to welcome you, Mr. Cañete, at the "win² - Future Conference".

Yours sincerely,

President of the win² Future Conference