



**Greetings
from
the President of Iceland
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**

Young people all over Europe came together to establish a broad and innovative campaign against drugs. Their vision was inspiring, their dedication remarkable and the success of their cooperation showed what joint efforts can achieve.

On a quiet day three years ago a small group of young Icelanders came to my office to explain their idea for creating an extensive network all over Europe in order to strengthen the campaign against drugs. Their only resource was their idealism and a praiseworthy determination.

It has given me great pleasure to witness the success of their efforts. We will always remember the splendid afternoon at Bessastaðir, the historic residence of the President, when young people from many European countries rejoiced in the outcome of their meeting in Iceland. It showed that the spirit of cooperation and the fulfilment in serving a noble cause do indeed give the young generation a strong sense of purpose.

I congratulate all those who have participated in the campaign “European Youth Against Drugs” since its initiation in Iceland and thus contributed to making it effective and worthwhile.

The lesson of its success is above all that young people with ideas can indeed make a difference, that the joint force of a young movement can produce significant results.

I hope that throughout your lives the success of this unique European campaign will inspire you to serve other good causes and the bonds of friendship which were created among so many will last forever.

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Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
President of Iceland