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EURAIL GROUP ANNOUNCES SIXTH EUROPEAN RAILS OF PEACE PROJECT

Young students from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia are travelling this summer with InterRail Passes

UTRECHT, the Netherlands – Eurail Group G.I.E., is partnering for the sixth time with the 'European Rails of Peace Project'. The Mobility Fund by Rail for the Young and the Disadvantaged* is a fund that enables groups of European citizens from underprivileged/disadvantaged backgrounds to enrich their lives from an educational or cultural perspective.

In the year 2009 alone, €130,000 of funding was distributed between twenty-seven organisations which helped approximately seven hundred and fifty disadvantaged youngsters to travel outside their native country. Furthermore, this year the Eurail Group has granted 26 disadvantaged students from the Balkans with a complimentary second-class InterRail Global Pass; young citizens from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia were selected based on their age (18-25), social standing, personal motivation and education.

Eurail Group and the Mobility Fund by Rail for the Young and the Disadvantaged are committed to explore and expand opportunities to support less privileged European youngsters. "We are involved in this project because InterRailing proves to be an invaluable experience for youngsters as it helps the traveller to develop their own sense of individual freedom whilst expanding their curiosity", explains Ana Dias e Seixas, Eurail Group's Marketing Director, "curiosity is often the natural gateway to growing respect and tolerance for different cultures and ways of life."

The InterRail Global Pass, valid in 30 participating countries, enables travellers to enjoy the diversity of Europe's rail network. Rail travel provides a unique 'interactive' experience and can give the flexible traveller a new perspective on life. InterRail offers the visitor countless travel opportunities ranging from modern high speed trains to the slower local trains, thus allowing pass holders to appreciate the stunning scenery while being absorbed in the local way of life.

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Editors Notes

Eurail Group is the management and marketing organisation created by thirty European railway companies and shipping lines and, has managed the popular InterRail Pass offer since 2007. For more information about the Eurail Group or where to purchase your InterRail Pass, please consult www.eurailgroup.com.

*The Council of Europe and the International Union of Railways (UIC) conceived the Mobility Fund by Rail for the Young and the Disadvantaged. For more information visit: www.eyf.coe.int/fsmj/

* Contact Mr. Marco Amici about the European Rail of Peace project: www.europeanrailsofpeace.eu