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Concern: Principal interest in the European Youth Olympic Festival, edition of 2029

Dear Mr. President,  
Dear members of the board of directors,

Flanders would hereby like to express his interest in supporting the organization of the European Youth Olympic Festival, taking place in 2029. There is a lot of history here. The very first European Olympic Festival was held in Brussels in 1991, under the auspices of dr. Jacques Rogge. But we also have a vision for the future of sportive events. We want to invest in inspiring events that surprise and overwhelm, so that spectators from home and abroad become extra enthusiastic about sports and physical activity. Flanders is already well-known for the exquisite organization of mass events, ranging from festivals to sporting events such as the Antwerp 10miles and the UCI Road World Championships in 2021. We would like to bring this beautiful event back to his roots.

In cooperation with the organizers, Flanders will do everything to ensure the success of this Festival.

Flanders would be honored to host this wonderful sporting event.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Weyts  
Deputy Minister-President of the Government of Flanders,  
Flemish Minister for Sports

Attached: official government document dd. April 26<sup>th</sup> 2024.