



Youth in Action 2007 - 2013

16-23 December 2006, Palermo





Framework

- **Policy**
 - ✓ Lisbon Strategy
 - ✓ European Youth Pact
 - ✓ European Cooperation in the Youth Field
 - ✓ Commission's Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate
- **Previous programmes**
 - ✓ YOUTH FOR EUROPE (1989-1999), European Voluntary Service
 - ✓ YOUTH (2000-2006)
- **Consultation process**
- **External evaluations**





Legal Basis

Decision n° 1719/2006/CE

of the European Parliament and of the Council of
15 November 2006

establishing the

YOUTH IN ACTION Programme

for the period 2007-2013

Overall budget: 885 million €





Objectives

- Promotion of young people's **European active citizenship**
- Development of **solidarity and tolerance** among young people
- Fostering of **mutual understanding** between young people from different countries
- Improvement of the **quality of support systems** for youth activities and development of the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field
- Promotion of **European cooperation in the youth field**





General priorities

- European Citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Cultural diversity
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities





Annual priorities: 2007

- **Equal Opportunities for all**
- **Improvement of young people's health**
- **Structured dialogue: social inclusion and diversity**





Activities supported

- Action 1 Youth for Europe
- Action 2 European Voluntary Service
- Action 3 Youth in the World
- Action 4 Youth Support Systems
- Action 5 Support for European Cooperation in the Youth Field





Implementation structures

- The European Commission
- The National Authorities
- The National Agencies
- The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
- Other structures:
 - ✓ SALTO Resources Centres
 - ✓ Eurodesk Network
 - ✓ Partnership between the Commission and the Council of Europe





Main participants

- **Young people** aged between **13** and **30**, independently of their level of education or social and cultural background
- **Youth organisations or associations**
- **Youth workers and youth leaders**
- **Public authorities**





Geographic scope

- Programme Countries
- Neighbouring Partner Countries
- Other Partner Countries of the World





Programme countries (31)

- **Member States of the European Union:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
- **EFTA countries in the EEA:** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway
- **Candidate for accession:** Turkey





Neighbouring Partner countries (22)

- **South East Europe:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia
- **Eastern Europe and Caucasus:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine
- **Mediterranean Partner Countries:** Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Syria, Tunisia





Other Partner Countries of the World

The cooperation with countries from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) and with Latin America and Asia is particularly encouraged





Application forms

National Agencies Web Sites

EACEA Web Site:

<http://eacea.cec.eu.int>





5 selections a year at national level

Projects starting between	Application deadlines
1 May and 30 September	1 February
1 July and 30 November	1 April
1 September and 31 January	1 June
1 December and 30 April	1 September
1 February and 31 July	1 November





3 selections a year at centralised level (EACEA)

European non-governmental organisations (ENGOS) based in one of the Programme countries and having members in at least 8 Programme Countries

(Actions 2 and 3.1, see Programme Guide)

Projects starting between	Application deadlines
1 July and 30 November	1 February
1 November and 30 March	1 June
1 January and 31 July	1 September
+ Specific call for proposals	(See Web Site of the Agency)





Eligibility criteria

- Application submitted on the **relevant form**
- Application submitted by the **relevant deadline**
- Application respecting the **specific eligibility criteria applicable to the action concerned**





Selection criteria

- The applicant must have **stable and sufficient sources of funding**
- The applicant must have **sufficient and appropriate capacities and motivation**





Award criteria

Project reflecting in the best way the **general priorities of the programme**, the **annual priorities of the programme** and the **specific priorities** of the action concerned





Important features

- Non-formal learning (recognition)
- Visibility of the Programme
- Valorisation and dissemination of results
- Anti-discrimination
- Equality between women and men
- Child protection and safety
- Multilingualism





Action 1

Youth for Europe





Objectives

To increase **mobility** of young people,
to develop young people's **European
active citizenship** and **mutual
understanding**





Activities supported

- 1.1 Youth Exchanges
 - 1.2 Youth Initiatives
 - 1.3 Youth Democracy Projects
- Pilot Projects on Thematic Networking





Main characteristics

- Mainstreaming of the principles of **visibility and valorisation**
- **Follow-up** activities
- **Thematic approach and networking**
- **Multi-measure** financial agreements
- Call for **pilot projects on thematic networking**





Action 2

European Voluntary Service





Objectives

To develop **solidarity** and promote **tolerance** among young people, primarily to **reinforce social cohesion in the European Union.**

It promotes **active citizenship** and enhance **mutual understanding** among young people





Main characteristics

- EVS is a **non-formal learning experience**
- An EVS activity can take place in a **variety of areas**: culture, youth, sports, social care, cultural heritage, arts, civil protection, environment, development cooperation, etc.
- EVS is implemented through activities organised in **partnership between legally established organisations**
- The project is composed of **preparation, voluntary activity and follow up**
- The activity must represent a clear **European or international added value**
- The activity serves the **benefit of the community**
- Volunteers must **not replace paid employees**
- The activity can be carried out **individually or in groups**
- A maximum of **100 volunteers** may participate in one single activity





Action 3

Youth in the World





Objectives

To promote **dialogue, mutual tolerance, intercultural awareness and solidarity** beyond the borders of the European Union, to **break down prejudices and stereotypes**, to build societies based on **common understanding and respect**, to contribute to the **development of civil society** and the **strengthening of democracy in partner countries**





Activities supported

- 3.1 Cooperation with the neighbouring countries of the European Union
 - Youth exchanges
 - Training and networking projects

- 3.2 Cooperation with other partners countries of the world
 - Call for proposals





Action 4

Youth Support Systems





Objectives

To develop the quality of support structures, the role of youth workers and organisations, to enforce the quality of the programme, to promote civil participation by supporting ENGOS





Activities supported

- 4.1 Support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth
- 4.2 Support for the European Youth Forum
- 4.3 Training and networking of youth workers and youth organisations
- 4.4. Projects encouraging innovation and quality
- 4.5 Information activities for young people, youth workers and youth organisations
- 4.6 Partnerships
- 4.7 Support for the structures of the Programme
- 4.8 Adding to the value of the Programme





Main characteristics

- **Operational support** to youth NGOs
- **Advice** for people developing projects
- **Exchange, training and networking** of youth workers and youth organisations
- **Encouragement of innovation and quality**
- **Information** to young people
- **Development of structures and activities** needed from the Programme
- Encouragement of **partnerships with local and regional authorities**





Action 5

Support for European Cooperation in the Youth Field





Objectives

To encourage the **exchange of good practice and cooperation** between administrations and policy makers, to develop **structured dialogue between policy makers and young people**, to improve **knowledge and understanding of youth**, to contribute to the **cooperation with international organisations active in the field of youth**





Activities supported

- 5.1 Meeting of young people and those responsible for youth policy
- 5.2. Support for activities for a better understanding and knowledge of the field of youth
- 5.3 Cooperation with international organisations





Main characteristics

- **Transnational and national youth seminars**
- **Identification of existing knowledge** relating to the priorities in the field of youth, **development of methods for analysing and comparing results of studies, development of networks** necessary to a better understanding of youth
- **Cooperation with international intergovernmental organisations**





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Internet links

- **EACEA:**
http://eacea.cec.eu.int/static/en/overview/Youth_overview.htm
- **Europa:**
http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/index_en.html
- **National Agencies:**
http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/natage_en.html
- **SALTOS:**
<http://www.salto-youth.net/>

