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The 'Youth in Action' Programme

- Mobilising the potential of young Europeans



Introduction

- Beneficiaries
- Objectives
- The Actions
- Deadlines



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Beneficiaries

- Youth groups interested in organising youth exchanges or initiatives
- Young people interested in voluntary work abroad
- Youth organisations
- Youth leaders
- Youth workers
- Other forms of NGO's and associations



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Objectives

- Instil European citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Enhance Cultural Diversity
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities



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Priorities for 2009

- European Year of Creativity and Innovation
- Young people's active participation in the EU Parliament elections
- Sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of young people
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport
- Promoting the inclusion of young people with disabilities
- Awareness-raising to global challenges (sustainable development and climate change)
- Young people's involvement in the revision of the European framework of cooperation in the field of youth policy
- Intercultural dialogue



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Five Actions

- Action 1 - Youth for Europe
 - Sub-Actions 1.1, 1.2, 1.3
- Action 2 - European Voluntary Service
- Action 3 - Youth in the World
 - Sub-Action 3.1
- Action 4 - Youth support systems
 - Sub-Action 4.3
- Action 5 – Support for policy cooperation
 - Sub-action 5.1



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Participating countries

- EU Member States

- EFTA/EEA countries
 - *(Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)*

- Candidate countries
 - *(Turkey; Croatia & Macedonia from 2009)*

- Neighbouring Partner Countries
 - *South East Europe, Eastern Europe & Caucasus, Mediterranean Partner Countries*

- Other Partner Countries of the World (centralised)



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Action 1.1

Youth Exchanges



Youth Exchanges (1/4)

- 3 types of exchanges
 - Bilateral (2 countries)
 - Minimum 8 participants each country
 - Trilateral (3 countries)
 - Minimum 6 participants each country
 - Multilateral (4 or more countries)
 - Minimum 4 participants each country
- Minimum number of participants 16 and the maximum number of participants 60 aged between 13 and 25
- Duration of the Activity between 6 to 21 days (project may last up to 15 months)



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Youth Exchanges (2/4)

- It is important to have the following aspects in every exchange
 - Cultural Activities
 - Educational activities – through Informal methods
 - Fun Activities
- It is very important to plan the programme including a mixture of the above aspects. Example of these activities are Treasure hunts, Workshops, Learning by doing exercises etc.



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Youth Exchanges (3/4)

- Proper Partners
- Plan an Advanced Planning Visit (APV)
- Communicate with your NA for all the information you need.
- Ensure that young people are included in all phases of the programme.
- Your application is the only thing the assessors are going to have. Make sure you write clearly your intentions, never assume that they know what you will be doing.



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Youth Exchanges (4/4)

- Example...



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Action 1.2 Youth Initiatives



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Youth Initiatives (1/3)

- Group of at least 4 young people aged between 18 and 30 (exception 15-17) who identify a need...
- Project duration from 3 months up to 18 months
- Based on a theme and with a well-structured programme of activities



Youth Initiatives (2/3)

National youth initiatives

- projects developed by a single group in their country of residence
 - Maximum grant allocation:
 - €8,000 activity costs
 - €1,000 (max) for DEoR + €1,000 (max) for coach

Trans-national youth initiatives

- projects realized in common by two or more groups from different countries
 - Maximum grant allocation:
 - €10,000 for trans-national youth initiatives
 - €1,000 (max) for DEOR + €1,000 (max) for coach
 - Any travel costs incurred for implementation of project

Youth Initiatives (3/3)

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Youth Democracy Projects (1/3)

- Projects based on at least two European partnerships that allow the pooling of ideas, experiences and methodologies from projects or activities at local, regional or international level
- To allow the creation of new networks for the exchange, development and dissemination of *good practice* in the field of youth and participation



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Action 1.3

Youth Democracy Projects



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Youth Democracy Projects (2/3)

- Involving young people aged between 13 and 30 with a minimum of 16 participants
 - Involving two promoters per participating country
 - Possible participation of decision-makers and experts regardless of their age or geographical provenance
- The project may last from 3 to 18 months
- Projects get 75% funding of eligible costs but not exceeding € 50 000
- Thematic concept – YiA priorities, the future of Europe or the political priorities identified in the framework of European cooperation in the youth field.



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Youth Democracy Projects (3/3)

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Action 2

European Voluntary Service



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European Voluntary Service (1/4)

- Non-profit making international activities that carry an added value for the community
- An experience to encourage social integration and prepare youth volunteers for employment
- Young people aged between 18 and 30
- Voluntary period
 - Individual or group less than 10 people: 3 – 12 months
 - Group of 10 or more and young people with fewer opportunities: 2 weeks - 12 months



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European Voluntary Service (2/4)

- A Hosting organisation
- A Sending organisation
- A Coordinating Organisation
- Volunteer or a group of up to 100 Volunteers
- Mentor



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European Voluntary Service (3/4)

- An EVS **does not** mean:
 - Job substitution, language course, unstructured, part-time volunteering, tourist activity

- Funding:
 - 100% of travel costs
 - Contribution to sending activities
 - Volunteer's allowance (flat rate per month)
 - Contribution to hosting-related activities
 - Costs for Advanced Planning visit
 - Exceptional volunteer costs for young people with fewer opportunities



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European Voluntary Service (4/4)

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Action 4.3

Training and Networking of those active in
youth work and youth organizations



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Training and Networking (1/2)

- Aimed at promoting exchanges, cooperation and training in the field of youth work
- Projects leading to the development of further projects under the Youth in Action Programme
- To get training measures, exchange good practice and to form partnerships



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Training and Networking (2/2)

- Various activities:
 - Job Shadowing
 - Feasibility Visits
 - Evaluation Meeting
 - Study Visit
 - Partnership-Building Activity
 - Seminar
 - Training Course
 - Networking



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Action 3.1

Youth in the World



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Youth in the World (1/1)

- Cooperation with the neighbouring countries of the enlarged Europe
 - *South East Europe, Eastern Europe & Caucasus, Mediterranean Partner Countries*

- Cooperation with countries not covered by the neighbouring policy
 - under Action 3.2 - annual call for proposals

- Eligible activities
 - Youth Exchanges
 - Training and Networking Projects



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Action 5.1

Meetings of Young People and
those responsible for youth policy



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Meetings of Young People and those responsible for youth policy(1/3)

- Aims to promote European cooperation by encouraging structured dialogue
- Supports cooperation, seminars and structured dialogue between young people, those active in youth work and youth organisations and those responsible for youth policy.
- NA covers to 75% of up to a maximum of €50,000
- Exchange of ideas and good practice and debates on topics of European youth policy, priority themes of YiA Programme and structured dialogue



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Meetings of Young People and those responsible for youth policy(2/3)

- National Youth Seminars
 - At least one organisation from a Programme Country
 - Minimum of 15 participants
 - Duration of project: 3 – 9 months
 - No specific activity duration

- Transnational Youth Seminars
 - Partners from at least five Programme Countries.
 - Minimum of 30 participants
 - Duration of project: 3 – 9 months
 - Duration of activity: 1 – 6 days

Meetings of Young People and those responsible for youth policy(3/3)

Example...



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More information



Application procedure

- Application form
 - Download
 - Complete
 - Promoter's signatures
 - *(Keep in touch with NA)*
- Submit to National Agency
- Evaluation and selection NA
- Decision
- Contract
- Implementation project
- Final evaluation



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Deadlines

- 1st February – 1st May till 30th September
- 1st April – 1st July till 30th November
- 1st June – 1st September till 31st January
- 1st September – 1st December till 30th April
- 1st November – 1st February till 31st July



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Support

- National agencies
- Eurodesk
- Salto resources centres

- Whole list of NAs and other details can be found in the Programme Guide or through <http://ec.europa.eu/youth>