



# What is “Youth in Action”?



- 2007 – 2013
- **Legal basis: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Youth in Action Programme for the period 2007-2013**
- 885 million €

The “Youth in Action” programme:

- promotes mobility and active participation in the construction of Europe.
- provides financial support for a variety of youth projects as well as opportunities to develop new partnerships across Europe and beyond.
- promotes non-formal education and offers opportunities to young people, aged between **13 and 30** years

**N.B. non-formal education = out of formal educational curriculum**





- Promoting young people's active citizenship in general and their **European citizenship** in particular;
- Developing **solidarity** and promote **tolerance** among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the EU;
- Fostering **mutual understanding** between young people in different countries;
- Contributing to develop the quality of **support systems** for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field;
- Promoting **European cooperation** in the youth field





## Key priorities:

- European citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Cultural Diversity (fight against racism and xenophobia)
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

## Specific priorities are given each year.

2007:

- 2007 European Year of Equal opportunities for all
- Improving young people's health
- Structured dialogue (under Action 5.1): 2007 Social inclusion and diversity





## SUPPORT TO

- 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



## Who can participate?



- ✓ Young people aged between 13 and 30 (individuals or groups), independently of their level of education or social and cultural background
- ✓ Youth organisations or associations
- ✓ Youth workers and youth leaders
- ✓ Public authorities
- ✓ Other non-governmental organisations
- ✓ Other institutions and individuals, working in the field of youth and non-formal education





## Geographical scope

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





- 27 members states of EU
- 3 EFTA/EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein)
- 1 pre-accession country (Turkey)





Cooperation between Programme countries and « Neighbouring Partner Countries »  
under

**Actions 2 « EVS », 3.1 « Youth in the World » and  
5.1 « Transnational Youth Seminars »:**

South East Europe (SEE)	Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EEC)	Mediterranean Partner Countries
Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) Montenegro Serbia  <b>N.B. can apply directly to EACEA under Actions 2 and 3.1</b>	Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Georgia Moldova Russian Federation Ukraine	Algeria Egypt Israel Jordan Lebanon Morocco Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip Syria Tunisia





- Cooperation between Programme countries and « Other Countries of the World » (not neighbouring the European Union) under
  - **Action 3.2 « Youth in the World » (call for proposals)**
  - **Action 2 « European Voluntary Service »**
- Priority will be given to projects involving countries from **Latin America, Africa, the Carribean and the Pacific (ACP), and Asia.**





- European Commission (EC)
- Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) – YOUTH Unit
- National Agencies (NA)
- National Authorities
- Other structures: SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres, Eurodesk, Partnership between European Commission and Council of Europe



- **Application forms:** NA/EACEA websites
- **Criteria:** Eligibility / Selection / Award
  - **General**
  - **Specific for each sub-action**
- **« Who can apply » / « How to apply? »** specific for each sub-action
  - National Agencies
  - Executive Agency
  - European Commission
- **Funding rules**
  - General
  - « Overview of funding rules » specific for each sub-action
- **Annual calls for proposals: specific criteria / funding rules**





## At national level (NA): 5 application deadlines a year

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

**Warning: eligibility period**

**Project dates:** from initial preparation to final evaluation

**Activity date:** period during which the activity takes place





## At centralised level (EACEA): 3 application deadlines a year

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

**Warning: eligibility period**

**Project dates:** from initial preparation to final evaluation

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N.B. Specific calls for proposals: once a year (see EACEA website)





- 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





- To increase mobility of young people
- To develop young people's citizenship and mutual understanding

## Sub-actions:

1.1 Youth Exchange

1.2 Youth Initiatives

1.3 Youth Democracy Projects

Pilot projects on thematic networks

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**Warning: Multi-measures agreement :**

1 project proposal = combination of 2-5 projects Action 1 over a period of 18 months (bi-/trilateral exchanges excluded)



## 1.1. Youth Exchange

### What is a youth exchange...



*Group project of young people from different countries who meet and participate in a joint programme of activities based on common themes.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

- **Age:** 13-25
- **Project duration:** up to 15 months / **Activity duration:** 6-21 days
- **Size:** Bi\*-, tri- or multi- lateral exchange
- **Participation:**
  - At least 2 Programme Countries, including 1 EU Member State; sending/host organisation
  - 16-60 participants (at least 8 per partner group of a bilateral project; 6 per partner of a trilateral project; 4 per partner of a multilateral project)
- **Theme**
- **Preparation and follow-up**
- **Representative / Youth leaders / Child protection and safety**





### AWARD

- Youth in Action Programme priorities (general and annual)
- Young people with fewer opportunities
- Tri-, Multilateral exchanges (priority)
- Participation of small and/or local associations
  
- Programme and working methods
- Non-formal learning experience
- European dimension
- Preparation / advance planning visit
- Impact
- Evaluation
- Valorisation / follow-up activities
- Visibility





*Group projects designed at local, regional and national level and networking of similar projects in different countries.*

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- **Age:** 18-30 (15-30 with justification and coach)
- **Project duration:** 3-18 months
- **Size:** National /Transnational youth initiatives (common production, support network)
- **Participation:**
  - National: group from 1 Programme Country / Transnational: 2 or more groups from different Programme countries (at least 1 EU MS)
  - Group: at least 4 participants (with one legal representative – may be a coach)
- **Place:** any Programme country
- **Programme**
- **Theme**





#### **AWARD**

- Youth in Action Programme priorities (general and annual)
- Young people with fewer opportunities
- Innovative creativity and entrepreneurship
  
- Working method
- Learning objectives
- European dimension
- Preparation / coaching
- Impact
- Evaluation
- Valorisation / follow-up activities
- Visibility

**N.B. Examples of theme:** art and culture, social exclusion, environment, heritage protection, youth information, European awareness, rural/urban development, youth policies, health, anti-drugs, measures against delinquency, anti-racism/xenophobia, disability, elderly, homelessness, migration, equal opportunities, peer education, unemployment, youth sports, leisure, media/communication...





- Statutory meetings
- Holiday travel/tourism
- Language courses
- School class exchanges
- Academic study trips
- Performance tours
- Work camps
- Competitions/tournaments
- Exchanges with financial profit



## 1.3. Youth Democracy Project

### What is a Youth Democracy Project ...



*Young people's active participation in the democratic life of their local, regional, national community or at international level.*



#### **AIMS: for example**

- Promoting the involvement of young people in participatory structures;
- Supporting activities and mechanisms to develop all types of dialogue between public authorities and young people, in order to bring them closer to political decision-making;
- Developing a dialogue which includes young people who are not members of organisations,
- Identifying and overcoming obstacles which prevent specific groups of young people from participating and fostering mechanisms which will encourage all young people to participate in decision-making processes.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- **Age:** 13-30
- **Project duration:** 6-18 months
- **Size:** National + transnational networking
- **Participation:**
  - At least 2 Programme Countries + at least 2 partners in each country
  - At least 16 participants
- **Theme:** priorities / future of Europe / Political priorities in the youth field





### AWARD

- Youth in Action Programme priorities (general and annual), political priorities, future of Europe
- Young people with fewer opportunities
- Composition of the partnership (variety)
- Participative working methods
- Non-formal learning experience
- Impact
- Evaluation
- Valorisation / follow-up activities
- Visibility





### *Coordination and emphasis of the thematic approach of Action 1 projects.*



- **Aims:**
  - To link the projects thematically in order to give them a structure;
  - To pool experiences in a specific thematic field;
  - To increase the links between Exchanges, Initiatives and Democracy projects;
  - To disseminate the project results.
- **Publication:** call for proposals
- **Implementation:** EACEA
- **Eligibility/ Selection/Award criteria/ Funding rules:** laid down in the call



## 2. European Voluntary Service

### What is an EVS...



*Individual or group project involving young people  
in a non-profit-making unpaid activity  
for the benefit of the general public  
in a country other than the country of residence.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

- **Age:** 18-30 (Inclusion: 16-30)
  - **Project duration:** up to 24 months/ Activity duration: 2-12 months (Inclusion & group EVS: min. 2 weeks if justified)
  - **Size:** Individual or group(s)
  - **Participation:**
    - Partners from Programme or Partner country
    - At least 1 Member State + balance between Programme countries / Partner countries
    - At least 1 volunteer, 1 sending organisation, 1 host organisation, 1 coordinating organisation (applicant - can be one of the sending/host organisations)
    - Up to 100 volunteers in one single activity (in 1 or more host organisations)
- N.B. - sending / host partner: established in a Programme or Partner country.  
- coordinating partner (applicant): established in a Programme or SEE country.





### ELIGIBILITY

- **EVS accreditation** of Programme and SEE coordinating / sending / host partners  
→ Expression of interest to NA, SALTO SEE, EACEA
- **Place:** Programme or Partner country different from the country of residence of the volunteer(s)  
(excluding preparation and follow-up activities)  
→ Projects with Neighbouring Partner Countries: volunteers can be sent and hosted between these countries, provided that at least 1 EU MS is involved + balance  
→ Projects with Other Partner Countries of the World: volunteers from these countries can only be sent to a Programme country.
- **Open and transparent recruitment process** of the volunteers: no previous skills/competences required
- **Mentor** in the host placement
- **Theme and tasks** (common thematic approach of group EVS activities; European / international added-value; contacts with the local community)





### AWARD

- Youth in Action Programme priorities (general and annual)
- «Inclusion» activities\*
- Involvement of partners participating for the first time in an EVS activity
- Development of established partnerships (to improve the quality of EVS)
- Partner countries: ACP, Latin America and Asia
  
- EVS Charter
- Planning, preparation, training, support and follow-up
- Non-formal learning and working methods
- Impact
- Evaluation
- Valorisation of results
- Follow-up activity of the volunteer to highlight and disseminate results (within 6 months; duration 1 month; residence or host country; fixed amount.)
- Visibility



\* flexible application deadline by NAs for activities lasting 2 weeks-2 months / APV, reinforced mentorship, exceptional costs





- Occasional, unstructured, part-time volunteering
- Internship in an enterprise, NGO etc.
- Paid job or substitution
- Recreation or tourist activity
- Language course
- Exploitation of cheap work force
- Period of study or vocational training





## Aims:

- To develop the quality of support structures, the role of youth workers and organisations
- To develop the quality of the Programme
- To promote civil participation by supporting ENGOS

## Sub-actions:

- 4.1. Support for bodies active at European level (call for proposals)**
- 4.2. Support for the European Youth Forum (specific support by EC)
- 4.3. Training and networking of youth workers and organisations**
- 4.4. Projects encouraging innovation and quality (call for proposals)**
- 4.5. Information activities for young people, youth workers and organisations
- 4.6. Partnerships
- 4.7. Support to the structures of the Programme (specific support by EC)
- 4.8. Adding the value of the Programme





### *Financial contribution to operating costs of NGOs active at European level in the field of youth.*

- **Publication:** call for proposals  
<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/youth/calls2007/action41/index.htm>
- **Implementation:** EACEA
- **Eligibility/ Selection/ Award/ Funding rules:** laid down in the call





*Cooperation, partnerships, training measures and exchange of good practice for the development of youth organisations and civil society actors involved in youth work.*

### Aims

- 1) Promoting exchanges, cooperation and training in European youth work
- 2) Supporting project-development under the Youth in Action Programme

- **Activities**
  - ✓ Job shadowing (practical learning experience)
  - ✓ Feasibility visit
  - ✓ Evaluation meeting
  - ✓ Study visit
  - ✓ Partnership-Building Activity
  - ✓ Seminar
  - ✓ Training course
  - ✓ Networking

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**Warning: Multi-measures agreement :**

1 project proposal = combination of 2-5 projects Action 4.3 over a period of 18 months





### ELIGIBILITY

- **Participants:** all actors involved in non-formal education and youth, in a Programme Country
- **Place:** country of the applicant (exception: networking: any of the countries of the partners)
- **Programme**
- **Partners / Participants / Duration**
  - **Job shadowing:** at least 2 partners/2 Programme countries (1 EU MS); up to 2 participants; 10-20 working days.
  - **Feasibility visit:** at least 2 partners/2 Programme countries (1 EU MS); up to 2 participants per partner; up to 10 days.
  - **Evaluation meeting, study visits, partnership activities, seminars and training courses:** at least 4 partners/4 Programme countries (1 EU MS); up to 50 participants (balance); up to 10 days.
  - **Networking:** at least 6 partners/6 Programme countries (1 EU MS); up to 18 months.





### AWARD

- Projects related to European youth work: themes related to political priorities in the field of European youth policy
- Projects related to Youth in Action: general and annual priorities of the programme
- Methodology
- Learning objectives
- Programme
- Preparation and evaluation
- Impact/Valorisation
- Visibility





### ***Projects targeting the introduction, implementation and promotion of innovative and qualitative elements in non-formal education and youth work***

- **Innovative aspects:**
  - To the content and objectives, in line with the development of the framework of the European cooperation in the youth field and the priorities of the programme;
  - To the methodology applied, bringing new ideas and approaches to the field of non-formal education and youth.
- **Publication:** call for proposals
- **Implementation:** EACEA
- **Eligibility/ Selection / Award criteria / Funding rules:** laid down in the call





### Aims:

- encouraging the exchange of good practice and cooperation between administrations and policymakers at all levels;
- encouraging structured dialogue between policymakers and young people;
- improving knowledge and understanding of youth;
- contributing to the cooperation with international organisations active in the field of youth.

### Sub-actions:

#### **5.1. Meetings of young people and youth policymakers**

5.2. Support for activities to bring about better understanding and knowledge in the field of youth (EC/Open Method of Coordination)

5.3. Cooperation with international organisations (EC – Council of Europe, UN)



## 5.1. Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy



*Cooperation, seminars and structured dialogue between young people, youth workers, youth organisations and policymakers.*

- **Aims**
  - 1) Promoting European cooperation and structured dialogue in the youth field between policymakers and young people;
  - 2) Including youth events organised by the MS holding the Presidency of EU and youth events at local, regional and national level preparing these Presidency events.
  
- **Activities**
  - ✓ **Transnational Youth Seminars**

Exchange of practice and ideas; debates between young people, youth workers, organisations, reflecting topics in the field of European Youth Policy, priority themes of the programme and structured dialogue.
  - ✓ **National Youth Seminars**

Aiming at ensuring timely and effective input from young people to EU debates and youth policy making at EU level, NYS set up structured spaces for dialogue and debate in accordance with the European political agenda.





### ELIGIBILITY

- **Participants:** minimum of 60 participants
- **Age:** 15-30
- **Partners:**

Transnational Youth Seminars : partners from at least 5

Programme countries / open to Neighbouring Partner countries

National Youth Seminars: at least 1 organisation from 1 EU MS

- **Project duration:** up to 9 months / **Activity duration:** 3-6 days





### AWARD

#### Transnational Youth Seminars (NA/EACEA):

- General and annual priorities of the programme
- Future of Europe and political priorities in the field of European youth policy

#### National Youth Seminars (NA/EC):

- General priorities of the structured dialogue (2007: social inclusion & diversity; 2008: intercultural dialogue)
- Non-formal learning experience
- Programme and working methods
- Child protection and safety
- Impact
- Visibility





- Statutory meetings
- Academic study trips
- Holiday travel
- Language courses
- Performance tours
- Seminars with financial profit
- School class exchanges
- Work camps
- Competitions
- Festivals and other cultural activities





- To support projects with Partner countries, in particular exchanges of young people, youth workers, youth organisations
- To develop partnerships and network of youth organisations

### Sub-actions:

**3.1 « Neighbouring Partner Countries »**

**3.2 « Other Partner Countries of the World »**





*Support to Youth exchanges (Action 1.1) and  
Training and Networking projects (Action 4.3),*

*based on the same pattern, with some particularities...*

### 1.1. YOUTH EXCHANGES

#### ELIGIBILITY

- **Age:** 13-25
- **Project duration:** up to 15 months / **Activity duration:** 6-21 days
- **Size:** Bi\*-, tri\*- or multilateral exchange
- **Participation:**
  - **At least 1 NPC / Multilateral exchanges: at least 2 NPC**
  - 16-60 participants (at least 8 per partner group of a bi; 6 for a tri-lateral project; 4 for a multilateral project)
  - **Applicant:** partner established in a Programme country (NA, EACEA) **or in SEE (EACEA)**





### ELIGIBILITY

- Theme
- Preparation and follow-up
- **Place: Programme Country or NPC**  
Exception: Mediterranean Partner countries: cfr AIDCO / MEDA funds
- Youth leader / Child protection and safety

### AWARD

- Youth in Action Programme priorities (general and annual)
- **Thematic subjects:** strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy, fight against racism and xenophobia, inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue, post-conflict resolution and reconstruction, active role of women in society, minority rights, regional cooperation, heritage and environmental protection.
- Multilateral exchanges (priority)/ balance
- **Regional cooperation**





# 4.3. TRAINING AND NETWORKING PROJECTS

## ELIGIBILITY

- **Participants:** All actors involved in non-formal education and youth, **in a Programme Country or in a NPC**
- **Place:** **Programme Country or NPC (exception: Mediterranean Partner Country: MEDA funds/AIDCO)**
- **Programme**
- **Partners / Participants / Duration**
  - **General: At least 2 partners from NPC + 2 partners from Programme countries; at least 1 EU MS**
  - **Job shadowing: 1 partner from NPC + 1 partner from EU MS; up to 2 participants; 10-20 working days**
  - **Feasibility visits: 1 partner from NPC + 1 partner from EU MS; up to 10 days**
  - **Evaluation meeting, study visits, partnership activities, seminars and training courses: up to 50 participants (balance between partners); up to 10 days**
  - **Networking: At least 6 partners/6 countries; up to 18 months**





### AWARD

- Projects related to Youth in Action: general and annual priorities of the programme
- **Thematic subjects:** strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy, fight against racism and xenophobia, inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue, post-conflict resolution and reconstruction, active role of women in society, minority rights, regional cooperation, heritage and environmental protection.
- Geographical balance
- Regional cooperation
  
- Methodology
- Learning objectives
- Programme
- Preparation and evaluation
- Impact/Valorisation
- Visibility





### *Projects promoting cooperation between Programme countries and all other countries of the world not neighbouring the European Union*

#### **Aims:**

- exchanging experience and good practice in the field of youth and non-formal education;
- supporting training and development of youth organisations and individuals involved in youth and non formal education;
- developing/strengthening partnerships and networks among youth organisations;
- supporting thematic youth cooperation through multilateral and bilateral exchanges.

**Priority:** involvement of countries from Latin America, Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) and Asia

**Publication:** call for proposals

**Implementation:** EACEA

**Eligibility/ Selection/ Award/ Funding rules:** laid down in the call





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- Volunteers Helpdesk (volunteers, EVS organisations):  
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### Internet links:

- **EACEA:**  
[http://eacea.cec.eu.int/static/en/overview/Youth\\_overview.htm](http://eacea.cec.eu.int/static/en/overview/Youth_overview.htm)
- **Europa:**  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/index_en.html)
- **National Agencies:**  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/natage\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/natage_en.html)
- **SALTOS:**  
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