

YOUTH IN ACTION Programme

Period: 2007-2013

Objectives

- Promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular;
- Develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people;
- Foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries;
- Contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field;
- Promote European cooperation in the youth field.

Priorities

- European Citizenship;
- Participation of young people;
- Cultural Diversity;
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Structure (table in annex)

- 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

- European Commission
- Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
- National Authorities
- National Agencies
- Other structures: SALTO Resource centres, Eurodesk network, Partnership EC / Council of Europe

Participation

- **Programme Countries**

27 EU Member States

Participating countries of the EFTA members of the EEA: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

Candidate country for accession to the EU: Turkey

- **Neighbouring Partner countries** (under Actions 2, 3.1 and 5.1)

South –East Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

Mediterranean Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Syria and Tunisia

Eastern Europe and Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine

- **Other Partner Countries of the World** (under Actions 2 and 3.2.)

Application deadlines

- At centralised level: 3 application deadlines a year

Projects starting between	Application deadline
1 July and 30 November	1 February
1 November and 30 March	1 June
1 January and 31 July	1 September

- At national level: 5 application deadlines a year:

Projects starting between	Application deadline ¹
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

Structure

ACTION	AIMS AND DESCRIPTION	Age	Implementation	Ref.
Action 1 YOUTH FOR EUROPE	Aims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase mobility of young people • To develop young people's citizenship and mutual understanding 			
1.1 Youth Exchanges	Groups projects of young people from different countries who meet and learn about each other's cultures and explore common themes.	13-25	NA/EACEA (ENGYO)	User's Guide
1.2. Youth initiatives	Group projects designed at local, regional and national level and networking of similar projects in different countries.	18-30	NA	User's Guide
1.3. Youth Democracy Projects	Young people's participation in the democratic life of their local, regional or national community.	13-30	NA/EACEA (ENGYO)	User's Guide
Call for pilot projects on thematic networking	Call aiming to link the projects thematically; to pool the experience in a specific thematic field; to increase the links between Actions 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3; to disseminate the project results.		EACEA	Call for proposals
Action 2 EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE	Aims To support young people's participation (individually or in groups) in various forms of voluntary activities, both within and outside the European Union. The service may last up to twelve months.	18-30	NA/EACEA (ENGYO + SEE + projects linked to European and international events + "Other countries of the World"+ intergover. org)	User's Guide
Action 3 YOUTH IN THE WORLD	Aims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support projects with Partner countries, in particular exchanges of young people, youth workers, youth organisations, and development of partnerships and networks of youth organisations. 			
3.1. Cooperation with the "Neighbouring Countries" of the Programme countries	Support to exchanges, training and networking in the field of youth.		NA/EACEA (ENGYO + projects taking place in SEE)	User's Guide
3.2. Cooperation with "Other Partner Countries of the World"	Exchange of good practices with Partner countries from other parts of the world, through exchanges and training of youth workers, partnerships and networks of organisations. Priority will be given to projects involving countries from Latin America, ACP and Asia.		EACEA	Call for proposals

Action 4 YOUTH SUPPORT SYSTEMS	Aims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support bodies active at European level in the field of youth • To support training and networking of youth workers and youth organisations • To encourage innovation and quality • To provide young people, youth workers and youth organisations with information • To encourage partnerships with local and regional authorities • To support the structures of the Programme • To add the value of the Programme 			
4.1. Support to bodies active at European level in the field of youth	Operational grants to ENGOs active in the field of youth		EACEA	Call for proposals
4.2. Support to the European Youth Forum	Operational grant to support the activities of the Youth Forum		EAC	Specific
4.3. Training and networking of those active in youth work and youth organisations	Exchange of experiences, expertise and good practice, activities leading to long-lasting quality projects, partnerships and networks.		NA/EACEA (ENGYO)	User's Guide
4.4. Projects encouraging innovation and quality	Projects aimed at introducing, implementing and promoting innovative approaches in the youth field.		EACEA	Call for proposals
4.5. Information activities for young people and those active in youth work and youth organisations	European or national activities improving young people's access to information and communication services and involving young people in the preparation and dissemination of information products. Development of youth portals.			To be defined
4.6. Partnerships	Partnerships with regional or local bodies in order to develop long-term projects which combine various measures in the Programme.		EACEA	Call for proposals
4.7. Support for the structures of the Programme	Funding of the management structures of the Programme, in particular the National Agencies.		EAC	Specific
4.8. Adding the value of the Programme	Funding of seminars, colloquia and meetings to facilitate the implementation of the Programme and the valorisation of its results.		EAC/EACEA	To be defined

Action 5 SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE YOUTH FIELD	Aims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To organise structured dialogue between the actors in the field of youth • To support seminars on social, cultural and political issues of interest for young people • To contribute to the development of policy cooperation in the youth field <p>To facilitate the development of the networks for a better understanding of youth</p>			
5.1. Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy	Cooperation, seminars and dialogue between young people, youth workers and youth policymakers. Including: Youth Presidency conferences, Youth Seminars and European Youth Week.	15-30	NA/EACEA (ENGYO)	User's Guide
5.2. Support for activities to bring about better understanding and knowledge of the field of youth	Projects involving the identification of knowledge relating to the priorities in the field of youth, established under the open method of coordination.		EAC	specific
5.3. Cooperation with international organisations	European Union's cooperation with international organisations working in the youth field, (Council of Europe, United Nations)		EAC	specific