



Education and Culture



Youth in Action Programme

The Maltese National Agency

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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

Objectives

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

Five Actions

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Participating countries (1/2)

Programme Countries

- EU Member States
- EFTA/EEA countries
 - *(Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) – no agreement is yet present*
- Candidate countries *(Turkey)*

Participating countries (2/2)

Partner countries

- South East Europe
 - *Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Montenegro, Serbia*
- Eastern Europe and Caucasus
 - *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine*
- Mediterranean Partner Countries
 - *Algeria , Egypt (no agreement is yet present), Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Syria, Tunisia*
- Other Partners in the World
 - *Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, Latin America, Asia*



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Action 1.1

Youth Exchanges

Youth Exchanges (1/3)

- 3 types of exchanges
 - Bilateral (2 countries)
 - Trilateral (3 countries)
 - Multilateral (4 or more countries)

Youth Exchanges (2/3)

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- Age of Participants excluding leaders
 - 13 - 25 (*exception 26 – 30*)
- Minimum number of participants 16 and the maximum number of participants 60
 - Bilateral at least 8 participants per partner group
 - Trilateral at least 6 participants per partner group
 - Multilateral at least 4 participants per partner group
- Duration of the Activity between 6 to 21 days (travel days included)
 - Whole project may last up to 15 months (preparation, implementation, evaluation)

Youth Exchanges (3/3)

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- Financing of the Activities
 - Through co-funding
 - Community grant is based on a combination of:
 - Fixed amounts
 - Flat rate amounts
 - Amounts based on scales of unit costs



Action 1.2

Youth Initiatives

Youth Initiatives (1/3)

- Group of at least 4 young people
- Youth initiatives
 - 18 - 30 (*exception 15 – 17*)
- Project duration from 3 months up to 18 months (including preparation, implementation, evaluation and follow up)
- Based on a theme
- Having a well-structured programme of activities

Youth Initiatives (2/3)

National youth initiatives

- projects developed by a single group in their country of residence

Youth Initiatives (3/3)

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Trans-national youth initiatives

- projects realized in common by two or more groups from different countries
 - Establishing a common website
 - Producing a CD-ROM
 - Producing a book / catalogue by the contribution of young people from different countries
 - Producing a common video



Action 1.3

Youth Democracy Projects

Youth Democracy Projects (1/2)

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- Projects developing 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 – either national or transnational networking
- Having the involvement of at least 2 partners

Youth Democracy Projects (2/2)

- Involving young people aged between 13 and 30 with a minimum of 16 participants
- The project may last from 6 to 18 months
- European non-governmental organisations based in 1 programme country and have member branches in at least 8 programme countries apply with the Executive agency
- Projects get 60% funding of eligible costs but not exceeding 25 000 euros



Action 2

European Voluntary Service

European Voluntary Service (1/5)

- International activities which are not profit-making but carry an added value for the community
- An experience built up by the volunteer, sending and hosting organisation
- Encouraging social integration
- Prepare youth volunteers for employment

European Voluntary Service (2/5)

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- Voluntary period
 - Long-term – between 2 months and a year
 - Short-term – between 2 weeks and 2 months
- Individual project or amalgamated with youths from other countries or same country
- Young people aged between 18 and 30

European Voluntary Service (3/5)

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

European Voluntary Service (4/5)

- An EVS **does not** mean:
 - A job substitution
 - A language course
 - Only administrative work
 - Occasional, unstructured, part-time volunteering
 - A recreation or tourist activity
 - Exploitation of cheap work force

European Voluntary Service (5/5)

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- 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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Action 4.3

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

Training and Networking (1/2)

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- To get training measures, exchange good practice and to form partnerships
- Various activities:
 - Job Shadowing
 - Feasibility Visits
 - Evaluation Meeting
 - Study Visit
 - Partnership-Building Activity
 - Seminar
 - Training Course
 - Networking

Training and Networking (2/2)

- Job Shadowing (at least 2 partners, involving at least 2 countries)
- Feasibility Visits (at least 2 partners, involving at least 2 countries)
- Evaluation meetings (at least 4 partners, involving at least 4 countries)
- Study visits (at least 4 partners, involving at least 4 countries)
- Partnership – building activities (at least 4 partners, involving at least 4 countries)
- Seminars (at least 4 partners, involving at least 4 countries)
- Training Courses (at least 4 partners, involving at least 4 countries)
- Networking (at least 6 partners, involving at least 6 countries)



More information

Deadlines

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- 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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