



**“Learning through life, learning for life -
The European funded educational
programmes”**

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European Union Programmes Unit - The History

- ❑ Malta was eligible to participate in a number of EU Community Programmes and Initiatives, including: Socrates, Leonardo, Youth, FP5 and Culture 2000
- ❑ EUPU was set up to cater for these programmes in 2000 within the Ministry of Education
- ❑ EUPA was established on the 4th of May, 2007 through Legal Notice 128 EDUCATION ACT
- ❑ (CAP. 327)



European Union Programmes Unit - The Mission

- It shall be the mission of the National Agency to promote, implement and manage programmes and initiatives of the European Union.



European Union Programmes Agency - The Objective

- **The objective of the National Agency shall be to ensure that in those European Union Programmes having an educational nature, contents or objectives, its activities are consonant with the educational policies and strategies of the Ministry responsible for education.**



European Union Programmes Agency - The Programmes

Lifelong Learning Programme

- Comenius
- Erasmus
- Grundtvig
- Leonardo da Vinci



European Union Programmes Agency - The Programmes

Youth in Action Programme

- ❑ Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges
- ❑ Action 1.2 - Youth Initiatives
- ❑ Action 1.3 - Youth Democracy Projects
- ❑ Action 2 - European Voluntary Service
- ❑ Action 3.1 - Youth in the World
- ❑ Action 5.1 - Meetings of Young People and those responsible for youth policy



European Union Programmes Agency - The Programmes

Other Programmes

- ❑ Euromed Youth Platform
- ❑ Eurodesk
- ❑ Euroguidance
- ❑ Integration Fund for Third Country Nationals
- ❑ Europe for Citizens



Comenius Sectoral Programme

Aims:

□ "To involve at least three million pupils in joint educational activities, over the period of the programme. It aims to enhance the quality of teaching, strengthen its European dimension and promote language learning and mobility. COMENIUS also emphasises certain important issues: learning in a multi-cultural framework, which is the cornerstone of European citizenship, support for disadvantaged groups, countering under-achievement at school and preventing exclusion.

Who can apply?

- COMENIUS focuses on the first phase of education, from pre-school and primary to secondary school, and it is aimed towards all members of the education community in the broad sense - pupils, teachers and other education staff .
- COMENIUS supports school partnerships, projects for the training of school education staff, and school education networks





Comenius Sectoral Programme

Comenius Regio

- The aim of the Comenius Regio Partnerships is to enhance the European dimension of education by promoting joint co-operation activities between local and regional authorities with a role in school education in Europe.
- Comenius Regio Partnerships help the participating regions to develop and exchange best practise, to develop tools for sustainable cooperation across borders, to strengthen the European dimension in school education.
- In this partnership two regions can apply comprising a local or regional authority, a school, and another relevant partner.





Grundtvig Sectoral Programme

Aims:

- Improving the quality of adult education by promoting the development of a European dimension in this field.
- This is done through both formal, informal and non formal ways of education.

Who can apply?

- The Grundtvig Sectoral Programme is open to every organisation, working in the field of Adult learning and development, within the formal or non formal systems of education for adults, or in more informal ways such as autonomous learning by being involved in community organisations or simply through the learning process that goes on in everyday life.





Grundtvig Sectoral Programme

Types of activities

Learning Partnerships- which involve three or more organizations from different countries within the EU.

In-service training Courses-which involve professionals and trainers going abroad to undertake a course in another country.

Preparatory visits to the coordinating or participating institution.



Leonardo da Vinci Sectoral Programme

Aims:

- To support improvement in quality and innovation
- To support participants in training
- Enhance vocational education and training and mobility

Who can apply?

- The Leonardo da Vinci Sectoral Programme is open to every organisation and institution operating in the labour market.



Leonardo da Vinci Sectoral Programme

Types of activities

IVT - Mobility of persons in initial vocational training

Training placements at the workplace or within a training organisation

PLM - Mobility of People in the labour market

Training placements at the workplace or within a training organisation

Preparatory visits to the coordinating or participating institution.





Youth in Action Programme

Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges

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 total 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)



Youth in Action Programme

Action 1.2 - Youth Initiatives

- Group of at least 4 young people aged between 18 and 30 who identify a need... (exception 15-17)
- Project duration from 3 months up to 18 months
- Based on a theme and with a well-structured programme of activities
- Maximum grant allocation:
 - €8,000 for national youth initiatives
 - €10,000 for trans-national youth initiatives



Youth in Action Programme

Action 1.3 - Youth Democracy Projects

- 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





Youth in Action Programme

Action 1.3 - Youth Democracy Projects...

- ❑ Involving young people aged between 13 and 30 with a minimum of 16 participants
- ❑ 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.



Youth in Action Programme

Action 2 – European Voluntary Service (EVS)

- ❑ 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
 - Long-term – between 2 months and a year
 - Short-term – between 2 weeks and 2 months



EUPA - Our Commitment

To reinforce and promote lifelong learning, linguistic and cultural diversity, mobility and the engagement of European citizens, in particular the young.

To support projects by providing the full support to beneficiaries in the quest to have the successful implementation of their project, maximising the use of the EU funds available.



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