

EC Programme “Youth in Action”

The Programme “Youth in Action” is the successor of the Programme “Youth”. Its main objective is to develop cooperation between youth in the European Union by providing opportunities for young people in 31 countries to participate in group exchanges and voluntary work and by providing support for a wide range of activities and cooperation on youth. The Programme is created by resolution 1719/2006 on 15th November 2006 by the European Parliament and Council of the European Union.

Main objectives:

Objective 1- Facilitating the development of active citizenship among young people in general and specifically European consciousness through:

- Involvement of youth and youth organizations in the development of society and in particular the EU
- Help young people develop a sense of belonging to the EU
- Involvement of young people in the democratic life of Europe
- Promote the mobility of young people in Europe
- Transmission of the EU's fundamental values in young people most of all respect for human dignity, equality, human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination
- Encourage enterprise, entrepreneurship and creativity
- Facilitate the participation of people with disabilities
- Offering formal and informal learning opportunities with a European focus and opening up innovative initiatives related to active citizenship.

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Objective 2 - Development and support of solidarity and tolerance in / among young people, especially to strengthen social cohesion / unity in the EU by:

- Enabling young people to express their personal commitment through voluntary activities at European and international levels
- Involving young people in activities promoting solidarity among citizens in the EU.

Objective 3 - Promoting mutual understanding between young people in various countries:

- Development of exchanges and intercultural dialogue among young Europeans and young people in neighbouring countries
- Supporting the development of quality facilities for young people and the active role of these structures in youth work and youth organizations
- Development of thematic cooperation projects with other countries, including young people.

Objective 4 - Contribution to the development of quality support programs for youth activities and experiences of civil society organizations in the field of youth:

- Network linking the participating organizations
- Developing training and cooperation among employees in youth organizations
- Contribute to improving the awareness of young people, special attention is given to young people with disabilities
- Support for long-term projects and initiatives of regional and local authorities
- Facilitate the recognition of informal knowledge and skills of young people that were obtained from the programme

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- Exchange of best practices.

Objective 5 - support for European cooperation in the field of youth (taking into account local and regional disparities)

- Encourage best practice and cooperation between administrations and people responsible for the policy at all levels
- Encourage structured dialogue between young people and the responsible factors in politics
- improve knowledge and understanding of youth
- Contribution to the development of cooperation between government and voluntary international youth activities.

Beneficiaries:

- Member States
- The countries of the European Free Trade Area which are part of the European Economic Area - Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and 27 members of the EU
- Candidate countries that benefit from pre-following basic principles, conditions and agreements set out in framework agreements concluded with these countries for their participation in the Community
- Western Balkans countries, in accordance with the agreements that are to be concluded with those countries establishing their participation in the Community
- Switzerland - on the basis of a bilateral agreement with that country
- Third countries which have signed agreements with the EC in the field of youth.

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Budget:

Total amount of the budget of this Programme is 885 million euro.

Information:

Additional information for Programme “Youth in Action” can be found on:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc74_en.htm

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