




Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME
Focus on: International
cooperation & Development





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<http://ec.europa.eu/youth>**



FOREWORD BY JÁN FIGEL'

European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

In today's increasingly interconnected and interdependent world, global cooperation and solidarity are very important values. Promoting such values amongst young generations across the globe is a key step to pave the way for more open and cohesive societies.

Encouraging exchanges among young people and supporting the development of their skills and capacities as future leaders is fundamental to enhance mutual understanding and lay the basis for constructive dialogue and solid relationships with our partners around the world.

It is with this objective in mind that even in an internal policy field like youth, the EU has been promoting cooperation with its Partner Countries by encouraging youth mobility and exchanges also beyond its borders through its youth programmes. This dimension has been further enhanced in the current programme - Youth in Action (2007-2013) - which devotes a specific action to cooperation with the EU Partner Countries.

This action, called "Youth in the World", wants to be a response to the increasing need to establish closer ties between the world's different regions. This is a sign of the importance the EU attaches to developing good relationships with its partners beyond its borders as well as a way to acknowledge the role that young people can and should play in reaching this objective.

The Youth in Action Programme provides a variety of opportunities to concretely support mobility, cooperation and the development of solid partnerships between young people and youth organisations across the EU borders, thus contributing to fostering intercultural dialogue, mutual tolerance and solidarity as well as a sense of active citizenship and global commitment among the world's youth.

The projects collected in this booklet show the numerous creative ways that young people can find to express their commitment to global causes, in particular in relation with development issues. They have been chosen among the project proposals that were granted in 2007 and early 2008 for their focus on development and cooperation with developing countries.

The enclosed examples are meant to give a taste of the variety of opportunities that the Youth in Action Programme offers in order to encourage and support young people's active involvement in development cooperation. I hope this will motivate other organisations and young people to actively engage in many other original initiatives leading to the establishment of new partnerships and cooperation projects.

I wish you an inspiring reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Figel'". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YOUTH IN ACTION AT A GLANCE

A Programme for ALL young people!

- Duration:** 2007-2013
- Budget:** EUR 885 million for seven years
- Target group:** 15-28 years old (in some cases 13-30), youth workers and youth organisations

Geographic reach:

- Programme Countries: the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey
- Partner Countries: **Eastern Europe and Caucasus:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.
Mediterranean Partner Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Syria, Tunisia.
South East Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia.
- Other partner countries of the world** having signed an agreement with the EU relevant to the youth field.

5 OBJECTIVES:

- *promoting young people's active citizenship*
- *developing solidarity and tolerance*
- *fostering mutual understanding*
- *developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and youth organisations*
- *encouraging European co-operation in the youth field*

5 ACTIONS:

Action 1 – Youth for Europe

supporting youth exchanges, youth initiatives and youth democracy projects

Action 2 – European Voluntary Service

encouraging voluntary activities abroad to the benefit of local communities

Action 3 – Youth in the World

supporting exchanges, training, networking and cooperation with neighbouring countries and other partner countries of the world

Action 4 – Youth Support Systems

promoting the development of exchange, training, networking and information schemes

Action 5 – European Cooperation in the youth field

supporting youth policy cooperation development at European level

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH THE EU PARTNER COUNTRIES

The Youth in Action Programme offers various opportunities to support cooperation with the EU Partner Countries. The projects referred to in this booklet focus on those Partner Countries other than the neighbouring countries of the EU, which are more specifically covered by the European Voluntary Service (EVS, action 2) and Youth in the World (action 3, in particular sub-action 3.2).

The idea is to promote the establishment of a solid partnership between youth organisations based in the so-called Programme Countries and their counterparts from Partner Countries. In both cases, one of the organisations based in a Programme Country should take the lead in coordinating the project, submitting the project application and managing the grant.

More information on the rules, conditions and deadlines to submit an application for an EVS project can be found in the Youth in Action Programme Guide (available on the European Commission's youth website at: <http://ec.europa.eu/youth>).

All conditions and criteria to submit an application under sub-action 3.2 "Youth in the World – Cooperation with countries other than the Neighbouring Countries of the EU" are defined every year in a specific call for proposals, which is also published on the youth website.

In the following pages, you will find a series of examples of projects that received a grant under one of the two above-mentioned actions in 2007 and early 2008. Most projects being still underway at the time of preparing this publication, the information provided is based on the description submitted at application level by the applicant organisation and is meant to give a general but non exhaustive idea of the type of projects that could receive support under the Youth in Action Programme. Additional information on specific projects can be obtained by contacting the respective organisations.

THE EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

A unique chance for young people to express their personal commitment and solidarity and develop new skills by being actively involved in voluntary activities in a different country.

Who is it for?

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) is open to all young people aged 18 to 30 from a Programme or Partner Country. Special conditions apply to encourage the participation of young people with fewer opportunities, who can, for instance, participate as of the age of 16. Participation is free for the volunteers who also get board and lodging, insurance cover and an allowance for the duration of the project. EVS activities can be carried out both individually or in group. Up to 100 volunteers can participate in the same EVS activity!

What is it about?

The EVS spans a wide range of areas, such as culture, youth, sports, social care, cultural heritage, the arts, civil protection, the environment, development co-operation, etc. One thing all the activities have in common is a clear European and intercultural learning dimension. EVS is a mutually beneficial process, where everybody gains from getting to know the other's culture.

A learning service

EVS is a true 'learning service'. Beyond benefiting the local communities, by participating in voluntary activities, young volunteers can develop new skills and, therefore, improve their personal, educational and professional development. Volunteers can benefit from specific training throughout the activity and agree on their expected learning outcomes, processes and methods in advance. Their learning experience is formally recognised through a certificate called Youthpass.

How to participate?

A successful EVS project requires close co-operation among at least three key players: a sending organisation, a host organisation and the volunteer. One of the organisations involved in this partnership also plays the role of coordinating organisation and applies for an EU grant on behalf of the partnership. Organisations perform a number of roles: they identify volunteering opportunities and develop projects that benefit the local community. They also recruit and prepare the volunteers, host them, and ensure follow-up.

Where to get more information?

The Youth in Action Programme Guide lays down all the conditions and criteria on how to submit a project application. It also contains useful tips on how to develop a good project. The Programme Guide can be downloaded from: <http://ec.europa.eu/youth>

For projects involving Partner Countries other the neighbouring countries of the EU, additional information and support can also be obtained by contacting the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency at the following address:

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Get inspired to get involved!

The following selection of projects is aimed at giving you a taste of how your ideas can be turned into concrete projects.

PROJECT TITLE: **Jabusipho empowering youth and children in Barberton, Republic of South Africa**

A project aimed at exchanging best practices and at promoting the development of youth work in South Africa whilst fostering mutual understanding between different cultures. The objective is to provide 3 young persons from Slovakia with the opportunity of new intercultural experience and of developing new skills by working with youth and children in an African context whilst supporting youth and children in rural areas in developing skills and avoiding negative behaviour through non-formal education and alternative activities.

Who? 3 volunteers from Slovakia

Where? South Africa

Main activities: volunteering in an orphanage and in a centre for HIV-positive children; training sessions on youth work for the local youth (future group leaders) with a special focus on the development of a well-balanced program for local children; sharing European perspectives and approaches to work with children and best practices developed.

Main themes/priorities: participation of young people, cultural diversity, 2008 European year of Intercultural dialogue, urban/rural development, education through sports and outdoor activities.

Expected outcome: the project is expected to contribute to increasing the skills and potential of local youth and children in South Africa and to lowering the crime rate. The project shall also contribute to raising awareness about life in South Africa, working methods with children, extreme poverty, HIV/AIDS and racism in South Africa as well as about development cooperation and the opportunities offered by the EU to support similar projects. Upon their return, the volunteers will be involved in different follow-up activities such as seminars focusing on development education during which they will present their experience. Information about the project will be published on a website (www.dobranovina.sk) and exhibitions will be organised in Slovakia in order to disseminate information about the project and the Youth in Action Programme.

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PROJECT TITLE: **Sharing experiences together**

A project aimed at promoting young people's active citizenship and personal commitment and at improving their understanding of the value of community development and of cultural differences through voluntary work abroad.

Who? 12 volunteers from Germany and the Netherlands

Where? Ecuador, Uganda and China

Main activities: working with disadvantaged children in poor areas to provide them with a safe place to learn and play; promoting inclusion by supporting children with homework and extracurricular activities.

Main themes/priorities: participation of young people, cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, disability, education through sport and outdoor activities, community development through childcare activities.

Expected outcome: the project is expected to be a mutual learning experience for both the volunteers and the children in the host communities. By working with disadvantaged children in poor regions outside tourist areas, the volunteers will help young people facing difficult situations develop new skills, learn more about different cultures and fight stereotypes. The volunteers will in turn have a chance to further develop their personal skills and gain a better understanding and respect for different cultures.

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PROJECT TITLE: **Inclusion through cooperation**

The overarching aim of this group EVS project is to establish transnational voluntary service projects involving volunteers in various activities, which can be of benefit to both the volunteers and the local communities involved (many of which are disadvantaged). The project builds on previous EVS experiences and youth projects and on new partnerships with third countries established thanks to EVS projects funded by the Youth in Action Programme.

Who? 100 volunteers from the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Germany, Spain, Greece, Gambia, Mauritius, Uruguay, Nepal and Tanzania

Where? United Kingdom, Germany, Greece, Sweden, Romania, Ukraine, Portugal, Slovenia, Nepal, Tanzania and Uruguay

Main activities: different types of activities aimed at promoting citizenship and mutual respect. Most volunteers will work on short-term activities alongside long-term volunteers, thus promoting peer support of young volunteers with fewer opportunities.

Main themes/priorities: social inclusion, participation of young people, cultural diversity, European citizenship, 2008 European year of intercultural dialogue, European awareness.

Expected outcome: as the project targets young people with fewer opportunities, in particular young people not seeing themselves to fit in as citizens in any context, the project shall promote citizenship and respect for others. In particular, each EVS activity shall enable the volunteer and the host community to develop a better understanding of each other's culture and to challenge existing myths and stereotypes.

Considering the very specific target group of the project, follow-up activities will be developed, in particular an action plan will be completed for each volunteer to define future activities. In addition to this each volunteer will be encouraged to remain in contact with the host community and engage in other projects.

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PROJECT TITLE: **A future together**

A group EVS project promoting intercultural dialogue and social inclusion of people coming from different socio-economical environments and different personal backgrounds. The project aims at raising young people's awareness of the importance of respecting cultural, economical and personal diversity, based on common values. The idea is to help the creation of a society where all people feel valued, their differences are respected and their basic needs are met, so that as citizens they are empowered in their participation and contribution.

Who? 12 volunteers

Where? Italy, Spain, Portugal, Kenya, Ghana and Mozambique (both sending and hosting activities)

Main activities: support to centres dealing with assistance and integration of youngsters, children, people suffering from HIV/AIDS, people with disabilities and elderly people in society.

Main themes/priorities: participation of young people, cultural diversity, anti-discrimination, minorities.

Expected outcome: the project activities should contribute to promoting European values, opportunities and rights. As the project is based on dialogue between different entities, the applicant expects it to promote cultural and human development as well as to increase cooperation and participation between Europe and other Partner Countries of the world and to help in breaking the prejudices that exist between different cultures.

The participation in this EVS project shall also help the volunteers increase their understanding of values and practices in developing and European countries as well as contribute to build relationships and enhance intercultural understanding thanks to the contacts with other volunteers from different parts of the world and the host communities.

MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT:

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PROJECT TITLE: **Intercultural solidarity**

A project aimed at developing cooperation among EU and Latin America by raising international and intercultural awareness on human rights and social issues and by promoting young people's active participation and social inclusion.

The volunteer will be hosted by an organisation working with girls who have been living in the streets for years, helping them recover their self esteem and avoid violence, prostitution and delinquency by supporting them in achieving a healthy life and developing their skills.

Who? A volunteer from Poland

Where? Mexico City

Main activities: helping street girls reintegrate into society through a wide range of activities and workshops; mentoring, supporting and collaborating in classes; supervising and proposing leisure activities; sensitizing society about the problem of street children.

Main themes/priorities: urban/rural development, development cooperation, gender equality, anti-discrimination, youth policies.

Expected outcome: enhance the quality of Mexican girls' living with the help and involvement of EVS volunteers. The volunteer may assist in the development of new international projects in the framework of the Youth in Action Programme and support the intercultural exchange with the host organisation and local community.

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PROJECT TITLE: **CCC – Cross Continents through culture**

A project aimed at the exchange of cultures between Latin America and Europe and at fighting prejudice against foreigners among the inhabitants of the Kysuce region and other regions in the host countries through different educational projects for children and young people.

Who? 3 volunteers from Brazil and 3 volunteers from Slovakia

Where? Slovakia, Brazil and Uruguay

Main activities: organising activities for children and youth (theatre groups, guitar classes, conversation clubs, etc), and developing intercultural workshops for young people.

Main themes/priorities: European citizenship, tolerance, solidarity, mutual understanding, development of the quality of youth support systems.

Expected outcome: contribute to the personal and professional development of the volunteers as well as help the people from the local community, KERIC and all the other host organisations to become more open and tolerant towards foreigners.

MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT:

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PROJECT TITLE: **Jóvenes apoyando el desarrollo rural en zonas desfavorecidas de Latino America**

A project aimed at promoting young people's participation and development cooperation by involving young volunteers in different local projects to support rural and indigenous communities in disadvantaged areas of Latin America.

Who? 12 volunteers from Spain, Poland, Austria and France

Where? Nicaragua, Ecuador and Costa Rica

Main activities: support to farmers and producers, support to the production, treatment and commercialisation of dairy products and support to young pregnant women in a “mother's house” in Nicaragua; support to children and adolescents with study problems (school failure) in disadvantaged regions in Ecuador; support in training rural women, young people, schools, local associations and small producers in Costa Rica.

Main themes/priorities: participation of young people, improving young people's health through physical and outdoor activities and development cooperation.

Expected outcome: the project is expected to contribute to strengthening the local projects. Upon their return, the volunteers will propose follow-up activities in their sending countries. During the final evaluation they will also produce information material about their projects to the benefit of the sending, host and coordinating organisations.

MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT:

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PROJECT TITLE: **Agriculture and diversity in India & Belgium**

A project aimed at promoting social inclusion, participation and cultural diversity with a focus on sustainable farming and biodiversity protection. The volunteer will be hosted by an Indian NGO whose mission is to protect nature and people's right to biodiversity, water and food. The host organisation has its own organic research and demonstration farm and helps Indian farmers to escape rural poverty by assisting them in establishing seed banks and converting to organic farming.

Who? A volunteer from Belgium

Where? India

Main activities: learning about the practice of sustainable farming in different cultures; contributing to the host organisation's movement for the protection of small farmers and biodiversity; promotional and youth educational initiatives connected to the theme of healthy and diverse food; fair trade activities such as the host organisations' direct market outlets and its vegetable basket scheme.

Main themes/priorities: social inclusion and participation of young people, cultural diversity, 2007 European year of equal opportunities and 2008 European year of intercultural dialogue.

Expected outcome: the volunteer shall gain skills in organic farming and knowledge about broader sustainability issues as well as interpersonal and language skills. Both the volunteer and the sending and host organisations will benefit from the intercultural know-how exchange and possibly from the resulting lasting partnership.

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PROJECT TITLE: **Fair World** **Volunteers worldwide in fair trade & local development**

A project aimed at carrying out awareness-raising, educational and networking activities in relation to fair trade. In particular, the project aims at creating a bridge between Hungary, representing the North, and four countries of the South, by sensitising both sending and host organisations on the topic of fair trade. In addition, the idea of this group EVS project is to develop intercultural dialogue between the countries of the North and the South. The representation of European values, such as real solidarity towards those in a less advantaged situation, cross-cultural understanding, and active participation for the promotion of social cohesion on a global level are the pillars of this project. Moreover, a significant aim of the project is to provide information about fair trade, to enhance European solidarity in the South, and to educate the needy about the chances that fair trade offers to them.

Who? 7 young volunteers from Hungary, including young volunteers with fewer opportunities

Where? 5 host organisations based in India, Ghana, Guatemala and the Philippines

Main activities: the proposed EVS activities are embedded within a long-term co-operation between the applicant and their fair trade partners in Hungary and the other Partner Countries. The volunteers will be involved in local projects related to development education, local development, promoting fair trade, intercultural learning, handicrafts and agricultural products management, women empowerment, environmental issues and human rights.

Main themes/priorities: participation, urban/rural development, development cooperation, social inclusion, 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities.

Expected outcome: upon their return, the volunteers will carry out follow-up activities with the Hungarian fair trade network, acting as sending organisation in the project. The volunteers will also contribute to the production of a film and a publication about EVS in developing countries by collecting materials, shooting pictures and making interviews, which shall ensure good visibility to both the project and the Youth in Action Programme.

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YOUTH IN THE WORLD

COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Building bridges, developing lasting partnerships, engaging in concrete cooperation activities that can help make the world a better place to live in!

Who is it for?

Youth workers and leaders, young people as well as other people active in the youth field can benefit from a large variety of opportunities to develop projects in cooperation with their counterparts from those Partner Countries of the world that have signed an agreement with the EU relevant to the youth field.

What is it about?

A large variety of non-profit-making, non-formal activities can be supported, including youth exchanges, trainings, seminars, conferences, partnership-building activities, etc.

The underlying idea is to support cooperation in the youth sector between organisations from the EU and its Partner Countries in order to promote the exchange of experience and good practice in this field, to contribute to the development of youth policies, youth work and the voluntary sector, as well as to capacity-building and leadership development for youth organisations/structures, and to develop sustainable partnerships and networks between youth organisations across the globe.

Projects can embrace a variety of areas and themes, provided they reflect the permanent priorities of the Youth in Action Programme and the specific priorities of the call for proposals.

How to participate?

Projects should be based on a solid, balanced partnership between organisations based in Programme Countries and organisations based in Partner Countries. The coordination of the project must be ensured by an organisation based in a Programme Country, which takes the lead in submitting the application for funding and managing the grant. Organisations from Partner Countries can be involved as partners but cannot apply directly for funding.

Where to get more information?

A call for proposals is published every year to specify all the conditions, criteria and deadlines to submit a project application.

In order to find out about the next call for proposals, check out the following website regularly:

🔗 <http://ec.europa.eu/youth>

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PROJECT TITLE: **Global Dialog**

A project aimed at engaging young people in a one year global dialogue on youth participation as quintessence of active citizenship. The objective is to improve young people's competencies in certain fields of activities of interest to them so as to contribute to strengthening civil society, citizenship and democracy in their national context.

Countries involved: Germany, Austria, Bolivia, India and Senegal.

Main activities: a 1-year debate on youth participation including exchange of experiences and practice on different topics of interest to young people and youth workers/leaders such as 'participation of young people in political processes', 'democracy in the education process', 'inclusion of disadvantaged young people' and 'transition from school to gainful employment'; a series of regional conferences on identified topics; a 7-day global campus in Germany including meetings and exchanges with MEPs, politicians and NGOs leaders; an information collection final phase.

Main themes/priorities: strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy taking into consideration the participation of young people.

Expected outcome: the project should pave the way to a youth intercontinental dialogue. It is expected that young people will become more committed towards active citizenship and overcome inhibitions on the theme and that their civil and social actions will be of better quality thanks to the exchange of experience. They shall develop a statement on the contribution of the intercontinental youth dialogue to the north-south engagements of the EU.

MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT:

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PROJECT TITLE: **A different triangle...** **Youth empowerment under a rainbow of hope**

A project aimed at bringing together young people from the communities of the historic Slavery triangle: Europe, West Africa and the Caribbean/north coast of South America. A new triangle should be built to promote intercultural learning, youth participation in the fight against xenophobia and create opportunities for further activities.

Countries involved: Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Portugal, Spain, Jamaica, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Cape Verde and Ghana.

Main activities: workshops, study groups, role plays, discussion groups based on a learning-by-playing approach and interactive methods aimed at providing a suitable framework and environment for young people's participation. An initial "Training Preparatory Seminar" will help establish a common theme, sets of outputs and the respective skills and methodology for tri-continental exchange (including fundraising skills). Then, 60 young people and youth workers from the main points of the historic Atlantic Slavery triangle will be offered the opportunity to meet in Brazil to share experiences, develop friendship and network. Young people will be encouraged to develop their own arms to fight against racism and xenophobia, to rise up for their rights and to complete successfully their empowerment process. Finally, the follow-up stage will include initiatives to disseminate the results of the project at local, regional, national and international level.

Main themes/priorities: fight against racism and xenophobia, youth participation and inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Expected outcome: young people will be involved in the production of an e.p.a "empowerment tool", the format of which will be decided upon by themselves (it could be a web page, an interactive board game, an internet game, a blog, a video, an interactive cd or a T-kit). By being involved in this creative process, it is expected that they will become proactive multipliers to spread and use this tool in their local communities. This year long project shall also allow all partners and their communities to be actively involved in the network and share knowledge, skills and abilities in relation to the theme of this project.

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PROJECT TITLE: **Creating visibility, acceptance, social inclusion and equality for young people with intellectual disability in Africa**

A project aimed at fostering better inclusion of young people with intellectual disability into society through sport, while promoting a better understanding of the conditions of disabled people, contributing to building a leadership capacity in African Special Olympics national and local programmes as well as creating opportunities for long-term twinning projects between national and local Special Olympics Programmes and Europe.

Countries involved: Ireland, Austria, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Botswana, Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa and Uganda.

Main activities: the project work plan includes a research phase as well as an international conference on “knowledge sharing and partnership building” to be held in Ireland and follow-up activities in the African region to secure a sustainable framework for development of twinning projects and volunteers’ exchange between Africa and Europe.

Main themes/priorities: strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy, minority rights, taking into consideration the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Expected outcome: about 900 young people with fewer opportunities shall benefit from this project. The results will be shared with 20 African nations and with the Special Olympics conferences in Africa and in Europe. The results will be disseminated through a website.

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PROJECT TITLE: Youth local and peace actors: the creation of learning sites for a constructive conflict transformation

A project aimed at promoting cooperation between youth associations working for peace building and post conflict resolution as well as at fostering educational and non formal activities targeting young people. The ultimate goal is to contribute to empowering youth leaders and youth animators from Partner Countries in order to make them and young people have a say in conflict resolution, post-conflict reconciliation as well as the promotion of human rights, inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue.

Countries involved: Spain, Italy, Ethiopia and Burundi.

Main themes/priorities: strengthening of civil society, inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue, post-conflict resolution.

Main activities: activities focussing on participative identification of specific aspects of conflict management as well as on education and training of youth leaders through a strong methodical approach of peer education; establishing a network of best practices; awareness-raising activities.

Expected outcome: the project should allow the development of flexible devices to consider the specificity of different contexts of conflict as well as the identification of best practices.

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PROJECT TITLE: **New Vision of Minority Rights**

The project's objective is to give voice to organizations working with disadvantaged and marginalized young people, suffering from discrimination and violence due to family situations, cultural, religious or ethnic reasons, and to give them the possibility to share their experience in fighting for minority rights. The project wants to act as a catalyst for a debate on the protection of minority rights in order to convey youngsters and youth organisations to propose solutions and to take part in an open dialogue within their multicultural communities.

Countries involved: Italy, Czech Republic, India, Spain, Turkey and Ivory Coast.

Main themes/priorities: minority rights, taking into consideration European citizenship, participation of young people, and inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Main activities: international conferences addressed to youth workers/leaders and local seminars to share experience and best practices including through case studies and comparison on legislative procedures on minority rights in different countries, visibility activities such as an advertising campaign and the creation of a press-service.

Expected outcome: a bilingual handbook in Italian and English shall be produced to disseminate project results.

MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT:

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PROJECT TITLE: **Young Women Become Active Citizens in Europe and in the World**

Taking as starting point the Unicef report on women's condition, the project aims to promote an exchange of good practice related to the active role of women in society in order to reinforce the capacity of youth associations involved in the promotion of the role of women in society, develop new forms of partnership among youth organizations from different countries, and transform young people in active citizens.

Countries involved: France, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Togo and Burkina Faso.

Main themes/priorities: strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy, active role of women in society, taking into consideration European citizenship and participation of young people.

Main activities: a study visit and two youth exchanges, followed each time by a conference and a concert; an open competition for young people to create posters on the theme, which will be exhibited in all the Partner Countries.

Expected outcome: publication of a guide collecting all the best practices identified as well as the proposals from young people.

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PROJECT TITLE: **Ring a ring of roses**

This project aims to promote the exchange of experiences and good practice in the field of youth and non formal education among a group of educators and youth workers to improve the social inclusion of marginalized young people.

Countries involved: Italy, Latvia, Santo Domingo, Vietnam and Uganda.

Main themes/priorities: strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy taking into consideration the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Main activities: a work programme covering several activities: a preparatory meeting; the elaboration of a web page aimed at both strengthening the partners' network and advertising the project; the organisation of study visits whereby the partners will team up in groups according to their major points of concern (such as drug-addiction or HIV). During the study visits, young people hosted by the visited custody centre/ health centre, will have the opportunity to reflect about what society means to them in order to find their own way in society. A final event in Rome, featuring an outdoor youth village, the so-called "Ring of roses", will give all partners along with one policy-maker the opportunity to meet to exchange views on the project's results as well as to disseminate the projects' deliverables beyond the partnership.

Expected outcome: the project should attract the attention of both the public and the authorities in order to secure an impact on the development of youth policies. To this end, the partnership covers NGOs, youth organisations and governmental organisations.

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PROJECT TITLE: **The world is only one creature**

A project aimed at researching and reviewing good practices used by youth organizations from different countries in the field of fighting against racism and xenophobia in order to exchange views on collected data and on the possibility to apply or adapt success stories to other cultural contexts.

Countries involved: Italy, Spain, Germany, Malta, Pakistan, Indonesia, Liberia, India, Nepal and Colombia.

Main themes/priorities: fight against racism and xenophobia taking into consideration cultural diversity.

Main activities: research and analysis of good practices, exchanges of youth workers, job shadowing activities, local seminars.

Expected outcome: youth organisations informed of the project results should be more open to other ways of approaching youth work to achieve better results as regards fight against racism and xenophobia.

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PROJECT TITLE: **Youth in Action – Together for development**

The project's objective is to develop youth leadership in the targeted countries, to prepare and implement non-formal educational programmes as well as to encourage EU youth organisations to take more part in projects supporting developing countries within the scope of voluntary service.

Countries involved: Poland, Greece, Peru and Ghana.

Main themes/priorities: strengthening of civil society taking into consideration participation of young people.

Main activities: a preparation meeting; a 7-day training in Poland on the role of NGOs in civil society, leadership skills and project management schemes; workshops targeting volunteers from Partner Countries; dissemination activities such as information campaigns, conferences in universities, setting up of a website.

Expected outcome: developing a tool-kit for trainers to implement the activities in both Ghana and Peru.

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PROJECT TITLE: **On Youth Hands** **International programme of youth non-formal education for inclusion, equality and active citizenship**

The project's objective is to contribute to strengthening the role of youth in a more participatory European and world society, based on human and humanitarian values, to promote active citizenship of young people, particularly the less privileged ones or those with special needs, and to support the inclusion of this target group. The project also aims at developing an international sustainable network contributing to capacity-building and leadership development of young people and youth organisations.

Countries involved: Romania, Slovenia, Poland, Portugal, Cape Verde and Nepal.

Main themes/priorities: strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy, active role of women in society and minority rights, taking into consideration European citizenship, participation of young people, cultural diversity and inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Main activities: involving young people with fewer opportunities in a non-formal learning experience, following a participative, learner-centred and personal development approach and including a diversified set of activities (youth exchanges, voluntary work, training workshops, cultural and sports events, information and awareness campaigns).

Expected outcome: helping young participants acquire and develop their personal, social and professional skills and competences; contributing to improving social inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities and special needs and bringing about positive changes on young people's perception of the world and of their role in society.

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