

Call for proposal 2009 — Youth in Action Programme 2007-2013

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Introduction

This call for proposals is based on Decision No 1719/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006, establishing the Youth in Action programme for the period 2007 to 2013 ⁽¹⁾, hereinafter referred to as 'Youth in Action Programme'. The detailed conditions of this call for proposals can be found in the Programme Guide for the Youth in Action Programme (2007-2013) published on the Europa website (see point VIII). The Programme Guide constitutes an integral part of this call for proposals.

I. Objectives and priorities

The general objectives stated in the Decision establishing of the Youth in Action Programme are the following:

- promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular,
- develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union,
- 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.

These general objectives shall be implemented at project level taking into consideration the following permanent priorities:

- European citizenship,
- participation of young people,
- cultural diversity,
- inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

In addition to the abovementioned permanent priorities, the 2009 annual priorities are:

- European Year of Creativity and Innovation,
- young people's active participation in the European Parliament elections,
- combating violence against women,
- sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of young people,
- promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport,
- promoting the inclusion of young people with disabilities,
- awareness-raising to global challenges (such as sustainable development and climate change),
- young people's involvement in the revision of the European framework of cooperation in the field of youth policy,
- intercultural dialogue.

⁽¹⁾ OJL 327, 24.11.2006, p. 30.

II. Structure of the Youth in Action Programme

In order to achieve its objectives, the Youth in Action Programme foresees five operational Actions.

This call for proposal concerns the support to the following Actions and sub-Actions listed below:

Action 1 — Youth for Europe

- sub-Action 1.1 — Youth Exchanges (lasting up to 15 months): Youth Exchanges offer an opportunity for groups of young people from different countries to meet and learn about each other's cultures. The groups plan together their Youth Exchange around a theme of mutual interest,
- sub-Action 1.2 — Youth Initiatives (lasting from 3 to 18 months): Youth Initiatives support group projects designed at local, regional and national level. They also support the networking of similar projects between different countries, in order to strengthen their European aspect and to enhance cooperation and exchanges of experiences between young people,
- sub-Action 1.3 — Youth Democracy Projects (lasting from 3 to 18 months): Youth Democracy Projects support young people's participation in the democratic life of their local, regional or national community, and at international level.

Action 2 — European Voluntary Service

The Action supports young people's participation in various forms of voluntary activities, both within and outside the European Union. Under this Action, young people take part individually or in groups in non-profit, unpaid voluntary activities abroad (lasting up to 24 months).

Action 3 — Youth in the World

- sub-Action 3.1 — Cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries of the European Union (lasting up to 15 months): this sub-Action supports projects with Neighbouring Partner Countries, namely Youth Exchanges and Training and Networking Projects in the youth field.

Action 4 — Youth Support Systems

- sub-Action 4.3 — Training and networking of those active in youth work and youth organisations (lasting from 3 to 18 months): this sub-Action supports in particular the exchange of experiences, expertise and good practice as well as activities which may lead to long-lasting quality projects, partnerships and networks.

Action 5 — Support for European cooperation in the youth field

- sub-Action 5.1 — Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy (lasting from 3 to 9 months): this sub-Action supports cooperation, seminars and structured dialogue between young people, those active in youth work and those responsible for youth policy.

III. Eligible applicants

Applications shall be submitted by:

- non-profit or non-governmental organisations,
- local, regional public bodies,
- informal groups of young people,
- bodies active at European level in the youth field,
- international non-profit organisations,
- profit-making organisations organising an event in the area of youth, sport or culture.

Applicants have to be legally established in one of the Programme or in Neighbouring Partner Countries in the Western Balkans.

Some Actions of the Programme are however targeting a more limited range of promoters. The eligibility of applicant promoters is therefore defined in the Programme Guide specifically for each Action/sub-Action.

IV. Eligible countries

The Programme is open to the following countries:

- (a) the EU Member States;
- (b) the EFTA States that are party to the EEA Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of that Agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway);
- (c) the candidate countries benefiting from a pre-accession strategy, pursuant to the general principles and the general conditions and arrangements laid down in the framework agreements concluded with these countries for their participation in Community programmes (Turkey);
- (d) third countries that have signed agreements with the Community relevant to the youth field.

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V. Award criteria

- (i) sub-Actions 1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 4.3 and Action 2:
 - the relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Programme (30b %),
 - the quality of the project and methods proposed (50 %),
 - the profile of participants and promoters (20 %);
- (ii) sub-Action 1.3:
 - the relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Programme (30 %),
 - the quality of the thematic concept (20 %),
 - the quality of the project and methods proposed (30 %),
 - the profile and number of participants and promoters (20 %);
- (iii) sub-Action 5.1:
 - the relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Programme (20 %),
 - the relevance to EU youth policy objectives (20 %),
 - the quality of the project and methods proposed (40 %),
 - the profile and number of participants and promoters (20 %).

VI. Budget and duration

The Programme has an overall budget of EUR 885 million for the period 2007-2013. The annual budget is subject to a decision of the budgetary authorities.

Foreseen budget 2009 for the following Actions and sub-Actions:

Sub-Action 1.1	Youth Exchanges	29 319 000
Sub-Action 1.2	Youth Initiatives	10 165 000
Sub-Action 1.3	Youth Democracy Projects	7 346 000
Action 2	European Voluntary Service	42 436 000
Sub-Action 3.1	Cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries of the European Union	8 121 000
Sub-Action 4.3	Training and networking of those active in youth work and youth organisations	13 389 000
Sub-Action 5.1	Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy	4 367 000

VII. Deadlines for applications

The application must be submitted for the deadline corresponding to the start date of the project. For projects submitted to a National Agency there are five application *deadlines* per year:

Projects starting between	Application deadline
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

For projects submitted to the Executive Agency there are three application deadlines a year:

Projects starting between	Application deadline
1 August and 31 December	1 February
1 December and 30 April	1 June
1 March and 31 July	1 September

VIII. Further information

Further information may be found in the Youth in Action Programme Guide on the following websites:

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

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm
