



Education and Culture DG



# YOUTH IN ACTION 2007-2013

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# A new Programme for all young people...



## Youth in Action

- promotes **non formal** education (outside the education or vocational training systems)
- promotes the young people's **active citizenship** (such as Europe for the citizens, Culture, Media...)



... with a strong ambition



## Youth in Action

- supports **numerous** concrete projects, while taking care of the **structuring effect** of these initiatives
- supports the development - more recent - of a European **youth policy**





# Background



## A new Programme...



... which is not the first one:

- Youth for Europe I: 1989 – 6 MioEUR
- Youth for Europe II: 1992 – 10 MioEUR
- Youth for Europe III: 1995 – 24 MioEUR
- Youth: 2000 – 79 MioEUR
- Youth in Action: 2007 – 120 MioEUR



## Lessons from the past



- Preserve a Programme **specific** to the field of youth
- Guarantee **continuity** with the Youth Programme (actions and access)
- Take into account the priorities of the **White Paper**
- Contribute to the development of the youth organisations and support the "**youth workers**"
- Be more open to **third countries**
- Contribute to the **recognition** of the activities supported by the Programme
- Propose **simple and flexible** procedures in view of the target public



## A single legal basis for:



- Actions existing in the **Youth** Programme
- Support to **NGOs** active in the field of youth and to the European Youth Forum
- New actions, previously tested as **pilot projects**



## Some figures:



- Global envelope:  
885 MioEUR 2007-2013
- More than 110 000 beneficiaries per year
- Through 10 000 projects per year







# Content



# What changes in Youth in Action?



- Instrument for the implementation of the White Paper on Youth and the **European cooperation** in the field of youth
- **New** actions and sub-actions
- **Enlarged** geographical scope
- **Enlarged** age access (13 to 30 years)
- Strong focus on the **visibility** of the Programme and on the dissemination and **exploitation** of the results



# Objectives of the Programme



- Active European citizenship
- Solidarity among young people
- Mutual understanding
- Quality of support systems for youth activities
- Cooperation in youth policies



# Priorities of the Programme



## Permanent priorities

- European Citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Cultural Diversity
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

## Annual priorities



# Who can participate?



## Programme Countries:

- EU Member States
- EFTA/EEA countries
- Candidate country: Turkey
- (Western Balkans, Switzerland)

## Neighbouring Partner Countries:

- South East Europe countries
- Eastern Europe and Caucasus countries
- Mediterranean Partner countries

## Other Partner Countries of the world



# Age limits



- General target group:  
Young people between 13 and 30 years
- Core target group:  
Young people between 15 and 28 years



## Access without discrimination



- *"The Commission and the participating countries shall ensure that particular efforts are made with regard to young people who have particular difficulties taking part in the Programme for educational, social, physical, psychological, economic or cultural reasons or because they live in remote areas."*
- => Inclusion strategy



# Important Features of the Programme



- Non-formal learning
- Recognition of non-formal learning
- Anti-discrimination
- Equality between women and men
- Child protection and safety
- Supportive approach





# Important Features of the Programme



Dissemination and exploitation of results:

- micro level (targeting young people, project participants, partner organisations, local communities...)
- meso level (targeting youth organisations and other bodies active in the field of youth, youth workers and other multipliers...)
- macro level (national and European decision makers...) – feed policy developments with project results



# Actions of the Programme



- Action 1 - Youth for Europe
- Action 2 - European Voluntary Service
- Action 3 - Youth in the World
- Action 4 - Youth support systems
- Action 5 - Support for policy cooperation



# Actions of the Programme



Action 1 is divided in 3 sub-actions

- 1.1 Youth Exchanges
- 1.2 Youth Initiatives
- 1.3 Youth Democracy Projects (**new**)



## Action 2: European Voluntary Service



- One single EVS (independent of individual or group character, application level or geography)
- One project can include individual and/or group EVS activities
- International cooperation with Partner Countries is possible within EVS



## Action 3 - Youth in the World



- 3.1 Cooperation with the neighbouring countries of the enlarged Europe
  - Youth Exchanges
  - Training and Networking Projects
- 3.2 Cooperation with countries not covered by the neighbouring policy



## Action 4 - Youth support systems



- 4.1 Support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth
- 4.2 Support for the European Youth Forum
- 4.3 Training and networking of youth workers
- 4.4 Projects encouraging innovation and quality
- 4.5 Information activities for young people and youth workers (**New**)
- 4.6 Partnerships (**New**)
- 4.7 Support for the structures of the Programme (NAs, SALTO, EuroDesk)
- 4.8 Adding to the value of the Programme (**New**)



## Action 4.3: Training, Exchange, Networking in the youth field



Two general objectives:

- Promoting exchanges, cooperation and training in European youth work
- Supporting project-development under the Youth in Action Programme



## Action 4.3: Eligible Activities



- Job shadowing
- Feasibility visits
- Evaluation meetings
- Study visits
- Partnership-building activities
- Seminars
- Training courses
- Networking





## Action 5 - Support for policy cooperation



- 5.1 Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy
  - Transnational Youth Seminars
  - National Youth Seminars
- 5.2 Support for activities to bring about better understanding and knowledge of the field of youth
- 5.3 Co-operation with international organisations





# Management



# Programme Management



- Executive Agency : 15%
- National Agencies : 85%
- Permanent Call for proposals (Programme Guide) : Executive Agency and National Agencies
- Calls for proposals : Executive Agency
- Fixed amounts and lump sums largely used



# Application deadlines



## Deadline

- 1 February
- 1 April
- 1 June
- 1 September
- 1 November

## Projects start between

- 1 May and 30 September\*
- 1 July and 30 November
- 1 September and 31 January\*
- 1 December and 30 April\*
- 1 February and 31 July

\* also for projects selected at European level



# Programme Guide



- Large consultation launched in 2005
- Consultative Group:
  - Representatives of DG EAC and EACEA
  - 12 National Agencies
  - European Youth Forum
- Stakeholder Meetings



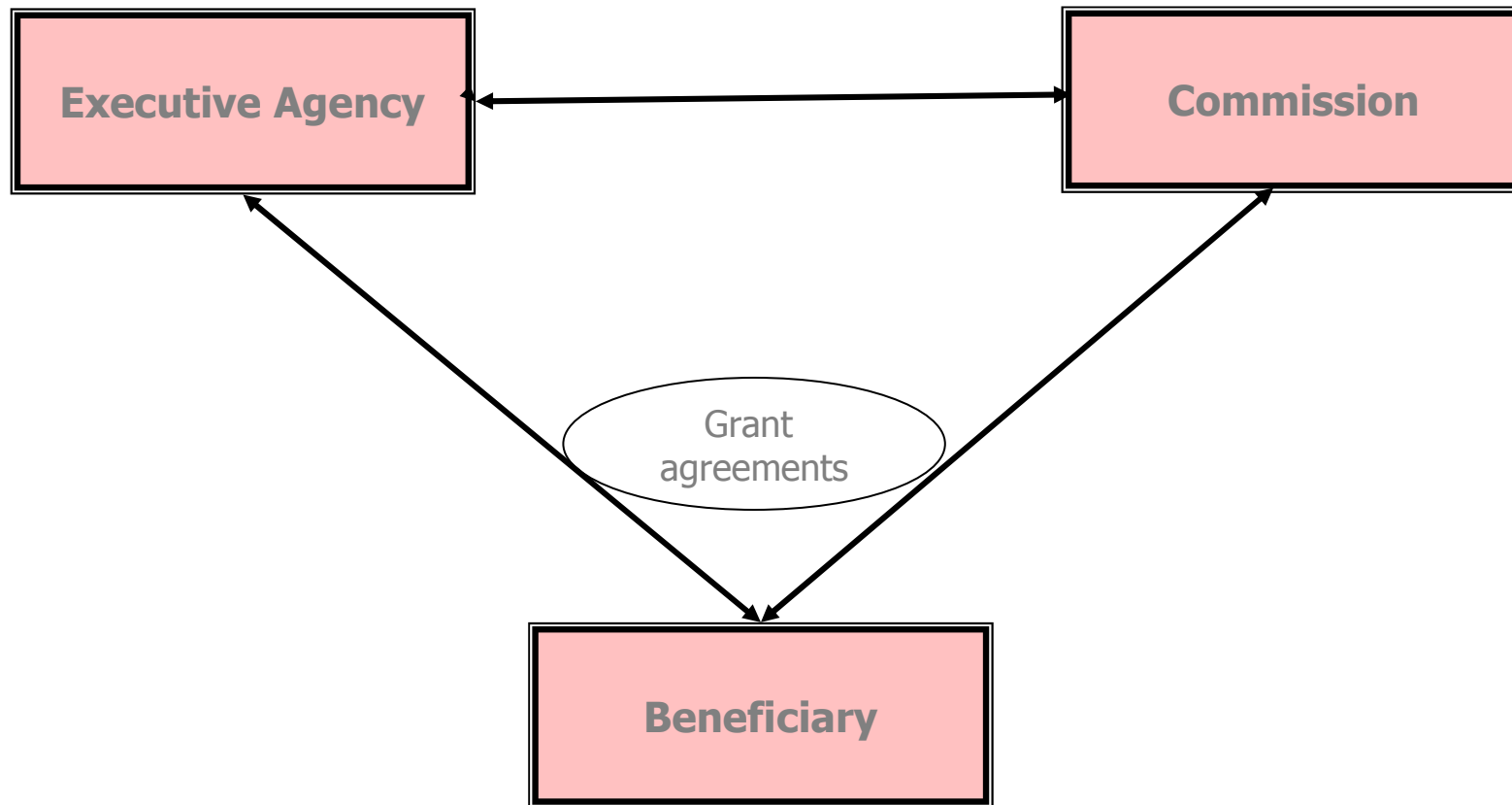
# Implementation



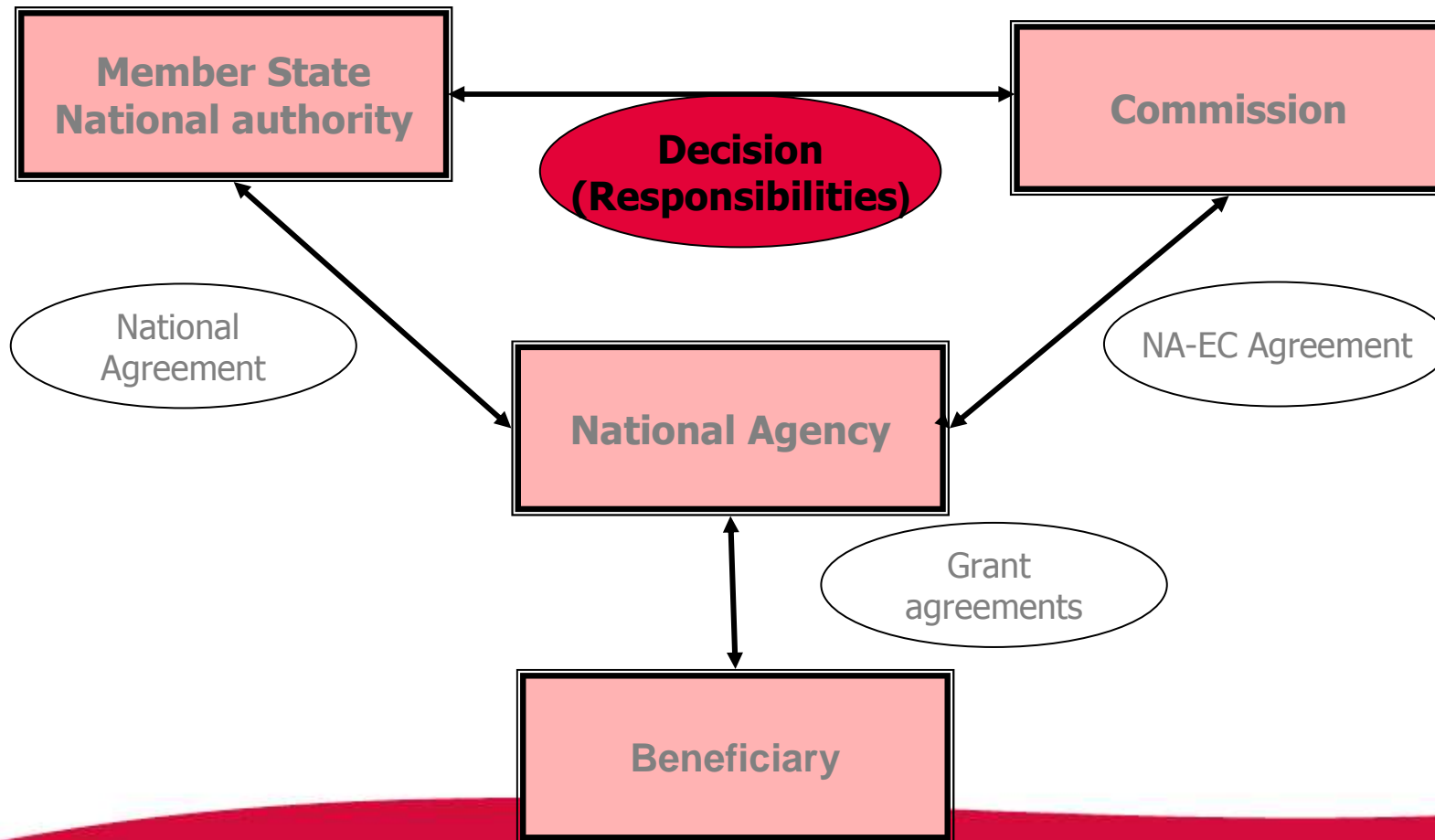
- Most of the actions are implemented at both centralised (EACEA) and decentralised levels (National Agencies)
- The centralised level is dealing with applications from organisations represented in at least 8 Programme Countries
- The decentralised level is dealing with more « national-based » organisations
- In addition to the Executive Agency and to the 33 national Agencies, the Programme also has two other types of structures with more targeted objectives:
  - SALTO-Resources centres (thematic training and support to NAs)
  - Eurodesk information centres (information to Young people and Youth stakeholders)



# Centralised actions



# Decentralised actions





# Youth in Action...



... a new Programme for all young people  
to meet their Neighbours and the World !

