

**LET'S MEET OUR NEIGHBOURS AND THE WORLD**

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## **Action 2**

# **European Voluntary Service**



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# DEFINITION OF EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE (EVS)

## What is a European Voluntary Service?

### EVS :

- is a non-formal learning “service”
- is a possibility for young people to improve and/or acquire competences for their personal, educational and professional development, facilitating their social integration and improving ultimately their employability
- takes place in a variety of areas: culture, youth, sports, social care, cultural heritage, arts, civil protection, environment, development cooperation



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## Specificities of the European Voluntary service :

### ➤ Learning objectives:

- Participation of the volunteer in a training cycle
- Pedagogical accompaniment and personal support of the volunteer
- Linguistic support
- A mechanism for risk prevention and crisis management

### ➤ Age limits: 18-30 years (16-17 years for young people with fewer opportunities)

### ➤ Duration of activities: between 2 and 12 months, with the possibility of two weeks to two months for young people with fewer opportunities and group EVS



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# ACTORS IN AN EVS PROJECT

- At least one sending organisation
- At least one host organisation
- At least one volunteer (not necessarily identified at application stage)
  
- A coordinating organisation that submits the grant application (can be either the sending or the host organisation or an organisation that does not send or host volunteers)
  
- All organisations involved in an EVS project have to be accredited, this rule applies to organisations located in Programme countries and in SEE countries
  
- Principle: either all sending organisations or all host organisations have to be located in the country where the grant application is submitted (no reciprocity of sending and hosting in one project, except for projects submitted at centralised level to the Executive Agency)



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## CONCEPTS TO BE DEFINED

**EVS Project** : An EVS project is the framework for one or several EVS activities, clustered in one grant application. It can last a maximum of 24 months.

**EVS Activity** : Concretely, an activity is what the volunteer is going to do in his host organisation. It can last a maximum of 12 months.

**Individual Activity** : It involves only one volunteer, one sending organisation and one host organisation.

**Group EVS Activity** : It allows volunteers (at least 2, maximum 100) to take part collectively in a voluntary activity at local, regional, national, European or international level, altogether in one host organisation or several different host organisations. Thus, they can benefit from individual and group learning experiences.

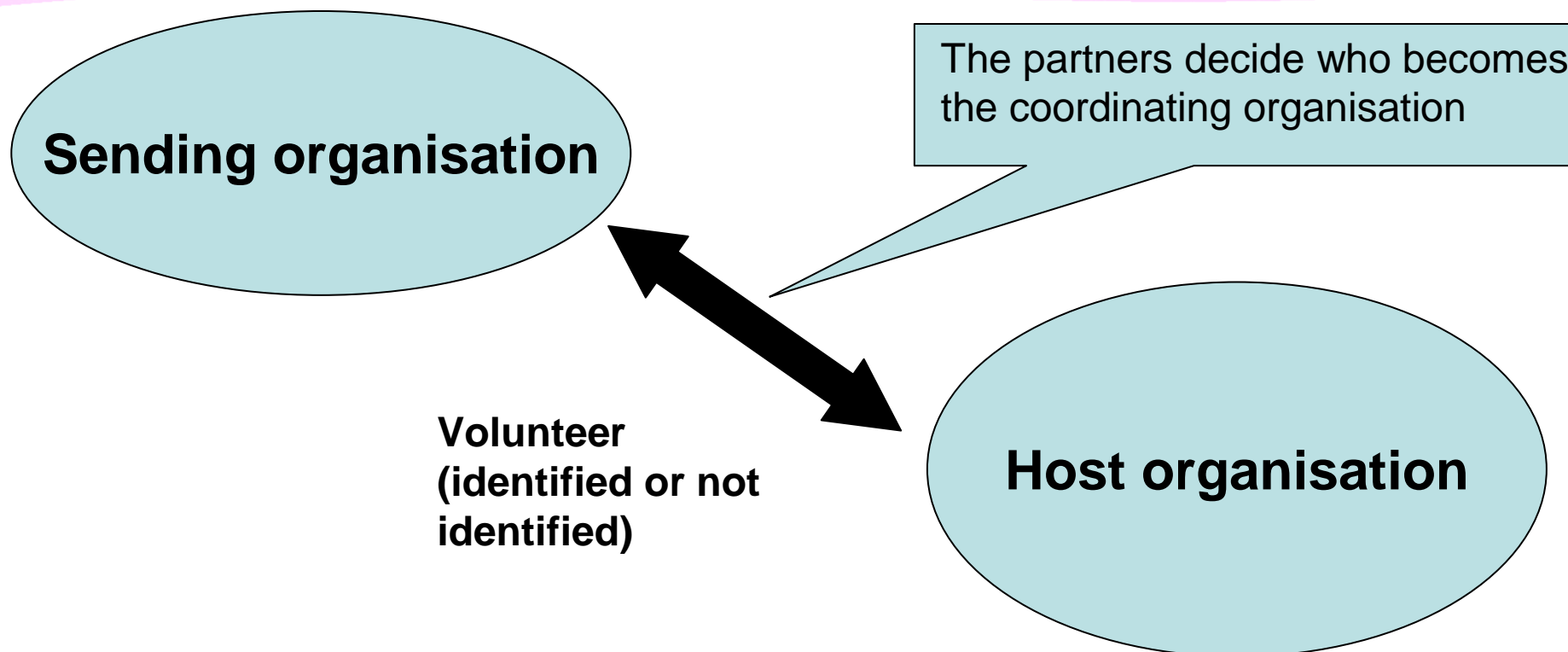


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## EVS PROJECT ONE-TO-ONE (TWO PARTNERS)



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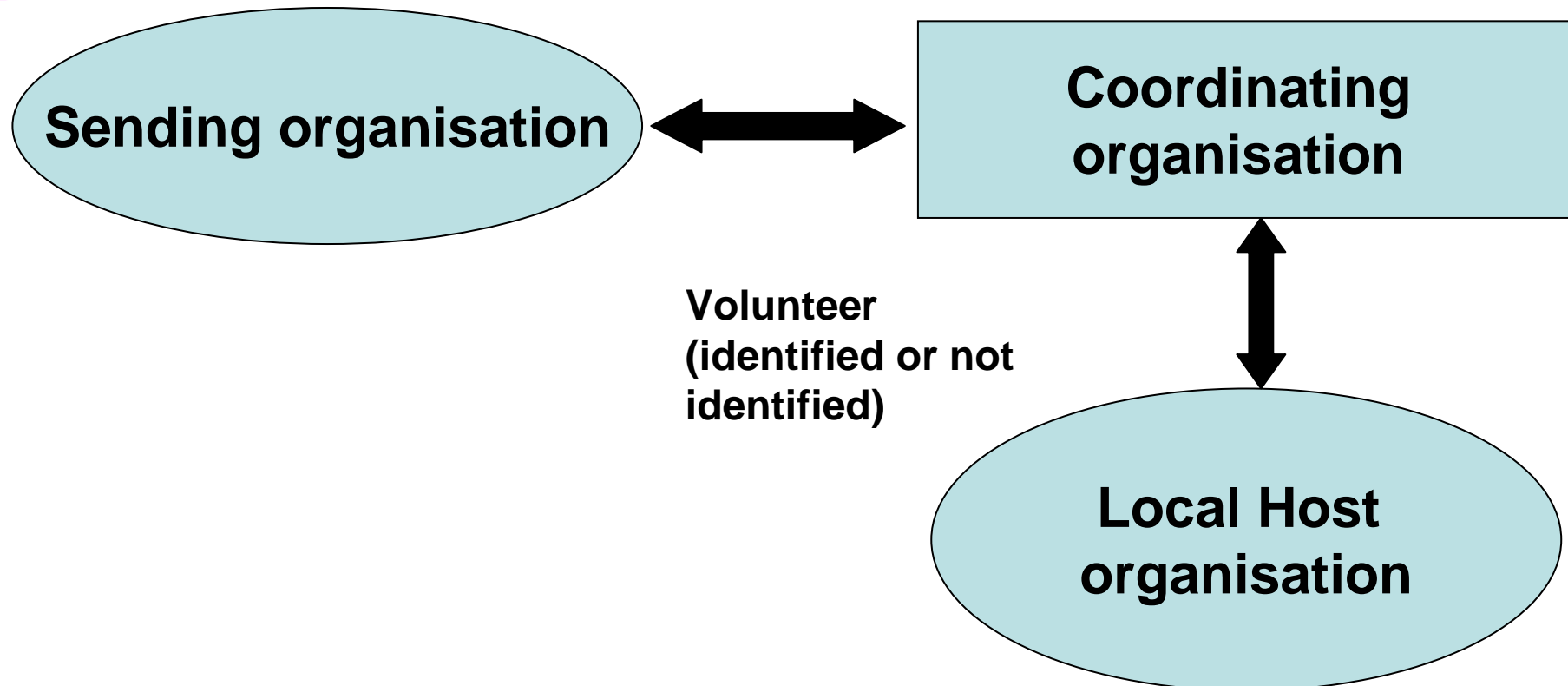
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## **EVS PROJECT ONE TO ONE (THREE PARTNERS)**

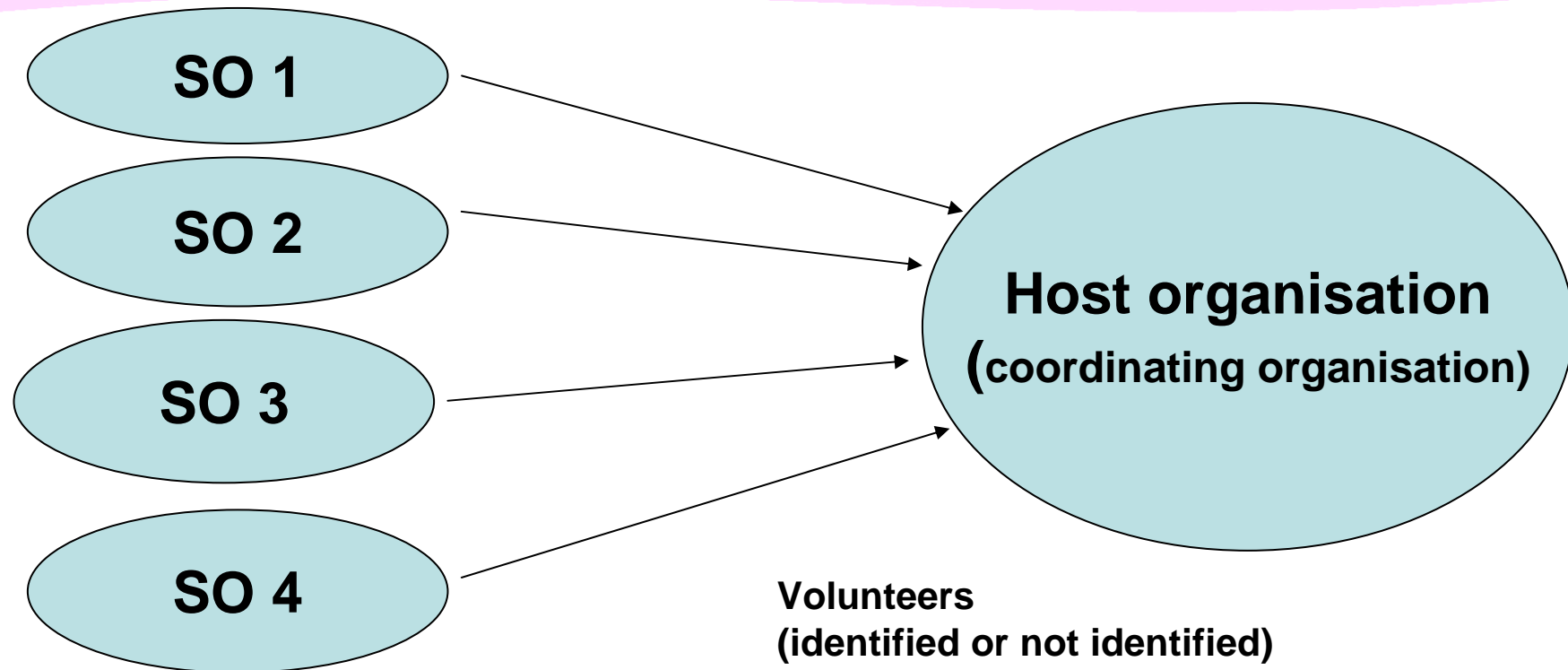


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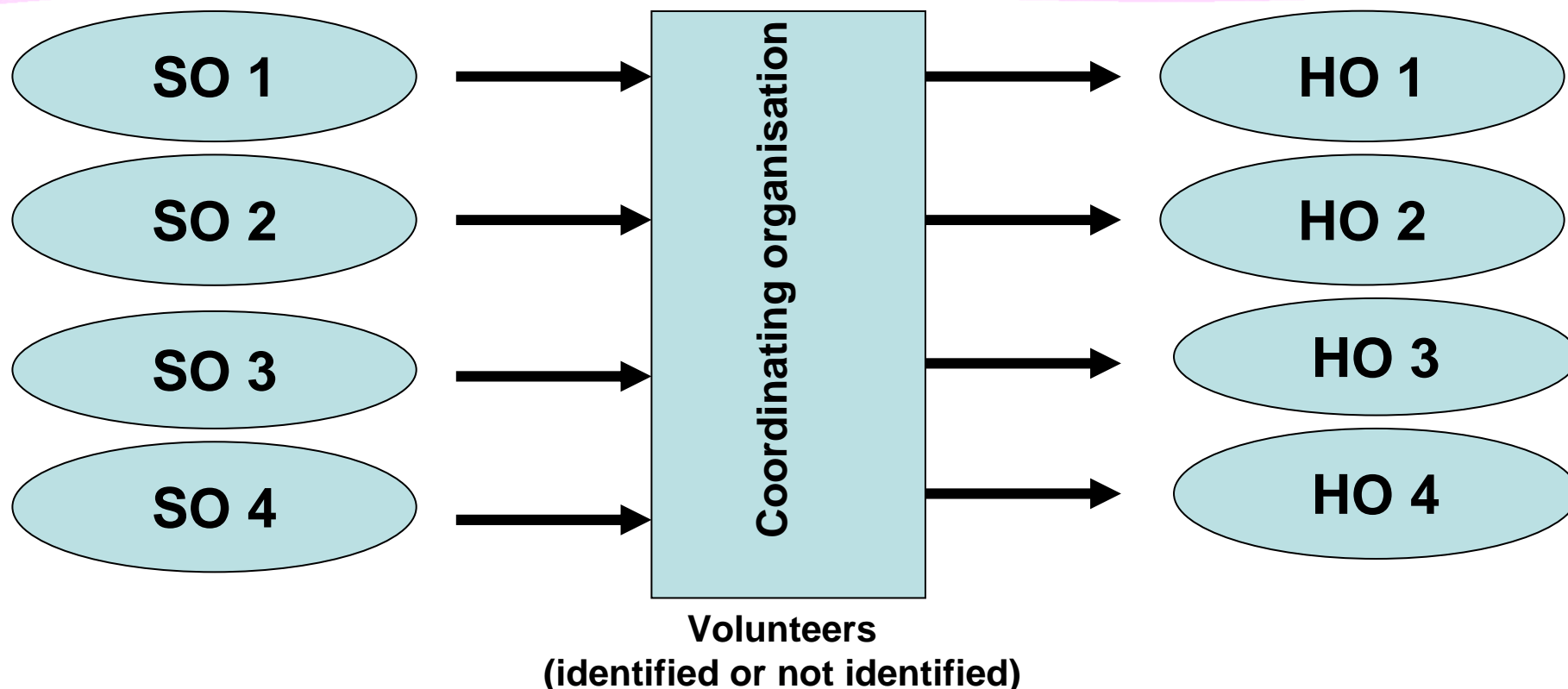


## **EVS PROJECT WITH A GROUP ACTIVITY (MULTIPLE PARTNERS)**





## GROUPED EVS PROJECT WITH **INDIVIDUAL** ACTIVITIES (MULTIPLE PARTNERS)



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## ELIGIBLE COSTS

### ➤ Financial support granted by the European Commission (co-financing of material aspects)

- 100% of the travel costs
- Accommodation and food
- Insurance
- Volunteer's allowance
- 100% of the visa costs, visa related costs, vaccination
- Up to 10% of the project grant for visibility and valorisation activities
- 100% of the exceptional costs (for youngsters with fewer opportunities, must be duly justified in the application form)



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# EVS PROJECTS WITH NEIGHBOURING PARTNER COUNTRIES

## Three geographical areas:

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

## Specificity of these projects:

Principle of balance of origin of volunteers and organisations in the project: the number of volunteers and organisations coming from programme countries has to be equal or superior to the number of volunteers or organisations coming from neighbouring countries.

e.g: Sending of a single volunteer from a programme country to a neighbouring country is possible

**Hosting of one single volunteer from a neighbouring country in a programme country is IMPOSSIBLE.**



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# EVS PROJECTS WITH NEIGHBOURING PARTNER COUNTRIES

## Particularities of regions (part.1) :

### ➤ South East European countries:

- organisations involved in EVS have to be **ACCREDITED** according to their activity as sending and/or hosting and/or coordinating organisation (accreditation procedure is supervised by SALTO SEE),
- possibility for organisations to submit a grant application to the Executive Agency in Brussels



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# EVS PROJECTS WITH NEIGHBOURING PARTNER COUNTRIES

## Particularities of regions (part.2) :

### ➤ Mediterranean Partner countries

- **Possibility of hosting** volunteers from Mediterranean Partner countries in the context of the Youth in Action programme
- **No sending** of volunteers to Mediterranean Partner countries in the context of YiA (this is the French National Agency's position). Financing of sending is possible under the programme **Euromed Youth III**: local organisations submit a grant application to the Euromed Youth Unit of their country on three deadlines: 1st June 2007, 1st November 2007, 1st February 2008



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# **EVS PROJECTS WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD**

- List of eligible partner countries in the addendum to the Programme Guide
- Grant applications have to be submitted to the Executive Agency in Brussels
- Principle of balance to be respected in the project, but: possibility of reciprocity (sending and hosting) in one single project
- Three deadlines: 01/02, 01/06, 01/09 (projects starting five months later)



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