



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

„Youth Meeting Place reloaded“

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***Action 3.1 - Cooperation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries
of the European Union***

Project proposal

Introduction

It is a common understanding that there is a great interest on the side of both EU and Neighbouring Partner Countries youth organizations for common projects but there is a lack of knowledge and possibilities where and how to meet and plan projects. Therefore our partnership of youth organizations from EU and Neighbouring Partner Countries has build capacity and motivation to organize a Partnership Building Activity aiming to increase the number of youth projects and spread out our good practice in YOUTH IN ACTION program wider between the new interested partners. This initiative will allow experienced with Youth in Action program partners from EU and Neighbouring Partner Countries to get to know youth workers from new to the YOUTH IN ACTION partner organizations.

This Partnership Building Activity is planned to be focused especially on aspects of the non-formal education development and wants to encourage potential partners to set up projects and future cooperation in forms of youth exchanges, EVS, job shadowing, training courses, etc. The project will aim to enhance the cooperation between organizations from represented regions and wants to stimulate the creation of project ideas within Actions open for cooperation with Neighboring Partner countries.

This project will bring together youth activists and youth workers from different parts of the world and with different backgrounds to create an environment of diverse cultures, understanding of democracy and universal values like freedom of expression, tolerance to cultural and racial differences, peace among different ideas and perspectives, European awareness, and intercultural learning through interaction and dialogue. Through organizations' fair, project matching, partner finding, cultural activities and traditional presentations and discussions, young people and youth leaders will realize a project in which they will also experience respect to national diversities, and will form a common idea about how to practice tolerance.

Additional aim of this activity will be to find potential YOUTH IN ACTION Program multipliers, who are ready to promote and to inform about the YOUTH IN ACTION Program as well as to co-operate on this issue with organizers of the project.

Aim of the project:

The main aim of the project is **to increase the cooperation within the Youth in Action Programme between Programme and Neighboring Partner Countries**

In concrete, the project objectives are:

Objective 1: "To motivate participants to establish partnerships through exploring and learning about the Youth in Action Programme (especially Actions 2 - EVS and 3.1 - Youth in the World) and Neighbouring Partner Countries."

Objective 2: "To explore quality aspects of the Youth in Action Programme: Youth in Action Programme priorities, in relation with actions and youth work reality; regional procedures; good project practices; expected results;

Objective 3: "To support participants to identify and develop concrete bi- and/or cross-regional projects in the frame of the cooperation with neighboring countries."

Methodology:

The Partnership Building Seminar is planned using a wide range of methodological approaches. Mainly it is based on the toolbox of non-formal education/learning and the activities are learner-centered giving space for participants to mobilize the potential that is available in the group and work on the issues together with the trainers and resource persons.

To animate the process number of quizzes and simulations will be used, alongside with frontal presentations from various experts.

Before starting the actual work on project ideas the priorities of youth in Action Programme in relation to the quality of the projects will be investigated by participants in general, as well as Priorities of YiA are going to be tackled through Workshops, where participants have to choose two of the priorities which match their personal and organizational interests.

As the PBS is mainly project-development oriented, from the starting point a range of methods will be used to facilitate partner matching, sharing of potential project interests and raising the motivation of participants to work on possible



project ideas from the first day. Besides the last one and half of days are especially dedicated to the project identification and development until the stage of semi-cooked application form.

Participants will be invited, since the preparation phase before the event, where they will be asked to present their expectations, and contributions, good practices as well as a questionnaire will be sent to them to prepare personal/organizational/project theme presentations to be circulated to all of them before the event. Participants are going to be empowered to feel the ownership of the space and of the Seminar wherever it was possible.

At the end of the activity an overall evaluation of the project will be realized using various methods for gathering feedback from all the participants on a huge questionnaire over the whole plenary hall, with specific questions on various project components and stages of the Partnership building activity.

Time plan and venue:

September 1th 2011, submission of the application form

Dates of project implementation: December 1th 2011-July 30th 2012

Dates of the Partnership Building Activity itself: March 4th 2012 (arrivals)- March 11th 2012 (departures)

Venue: Drobeta Turnu Severin, Romania

Partner organizations

Right now we are looking for youth organizations based in Programme Countries and Neighboring partner countries as well that share an interest about this issue and are strongly motivated to cooperate with us in the framework of this project. Eligible countries are:

Programme countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey

Neighbouring partner countries:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine
Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Syria, Tunisia

As we need to apply in September 1st deadline, please be as fast as possible in being our partner and send us attached Partnership agreement. Deadline for documents submission by e-mail: August 6th 2011.

We are looking forward to your positive answers... ☺

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