



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme



Partnerships between the European Commission and local and regional public bodies or European NGOs active in the field of youth

Developing or reinforcing long-term actions, strategies and programmes in the field of non-formal learning and youth

What is it about? The Directorate General Education and Culture of the European Commission has launched - under the framework of the Youth in Action Programme - a call for proposals aiming at supporting **the establishment of partnership with regions, municipalities and civil society actors.**

The main objectives are to:

- **pool resources and practices** with a view to foster non-formal learning opportunities in favour of young people and youth workers in Europe;
- **provide inspiration and capacity-building** - through models and practices developed under the Youth in Action Programme - to those bodies and organisations which aim to **increase their investment in youth** through non-formal learning activities and the development of skills and competences;
- **add value to initiatives carried out at regional and local level** by fostering their **European dimension**;
- **transfer lessons learned** from the implementation of successful initiatives in the area of non-formal learning and youth;
- **encourage synergies and cooperation** between the **public sector and non-governmental organisations** working in the field of youth;
- encourage the **raising of overall skills** levels among young people, giving priority to education and training of **young people with fewer opportunities**;
- foster the **recognition of youth work** and the validation non-formal learning activities in the European Union.

Who can enter into a partnership with the Commission? Any local or regional body (or European NGO active in the youth field) established in the Youth in Action Programme Countries (**27 EU Member States, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Turkey**).

Who is it for? The final beneficiaries of these projects are young people aged 13 to 30 and youth workers who can take part in trans-national activities which foster non-formal learning.

What are the supported activities? Interested actors can submit an **Activity Programme** for a period of **up to 2 years** combining several of the following activities:

- **Transnational Youth Exchanges** offering an opportunity for groups of young people from different countries to meet and learn from their peers about different cultures, habits, lifestyles, values and interests.
- **Youth Initiatives** giving young people the chance to become inventive in their daily life, to speak out on their needs and interests, and to realise initiatives for the benefit of their local community/environment.
- **European Voluntary Service** enabling young people to carry out a voluntary service in a country other than their country of residence for up to one year.
- **Training and networking activities** supporting youth work and youth organisations, 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.

What are the strengths of this call?

- **Strategic planning:** 2 years planning based on shared objectives, taking into account local and regional contexts.
- **Simplification:** combination of series of activities, simplification of eligibility criteria and funding rules.
- **Visibility:** opportunity for regions, municipalities, ENGOs to give more resonance to their actions.
- **Recognition of competences:** reinforcing tools and processes aimed at giving recognition of competences and skills acquired through non-formal learning experiences.
- **Shared financial support:** partnerships co-financed 50%-50%, joining financial resources with a view to increase the impact of programmes in the field of youth (**maximum EU grant: 100 000 EUR**).

How to participate? Interested actors may submit their proposals to the **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency** in Brussels. The **deadline** for submitting proposals is **1st of December 2009**.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS?

To download the text of the call, relevant documentation and applications forms please visit:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_4_6_en.php