



Advocacy Statement

The "YOUTH IN ACTION" programme will follow the current EU Youth Programme which ends in 2006. The new programme to receive funding will run from 2007 to 2013.

The importance and effect of the "YOUTH IN ACTION" programme is currently being jeopardized by the cuts to the overall EU budget for the period of 2007-2013.

Supported by the European Parliament report from October 2005, organisations active in the youth field and young people across Europe, we urge national governments and MEPs to seriously consider the impact of the budget cut to the Youth programme. Such a decrease to the budget will not allow maintaining all foreseen actions and their quality.

Therefore, we strongly demand to maintain the Youth budget at a level, at which the previous standards of the actions can be continued, supplementing with innovative elements, offering more possibilities to more beneficiaries of the programme.

We believe that the objectives of the programme cannot be achieved under 915 million EUR. However we endorse and support the proposal of the European Parliament to allocate 1,128 billion EUR to the "YOUTH IN ACTION" programme.

The "YOUTH IN ACTION" contributes to the future of Europe by investing in young people, by enhancing the mobility of young people thus strengthening cohesion and contributing to the overall objectives of the European Union.

The general aims of the new "YOUTH IN ACTION" programme are to promote the active citizenship of young people in general and their European awareness in particular, to develop solidarity among young people in order to strengthen the EU's social cohesion and to encourage European cooperation in the field of youth policy. This will contribute towards enhancing the quality of work in the youth field and empowering youth organisations.

The following actions are required in order to carry out the programme:

- "Youth for Europe": is aimed at facilitating youth exchanges and, therefore, the mobility of young people and supporting youth initiatives and projects designed to encourage young people to participate in democratic life
- "European Volunteer Service": aims at strengthening the participation of young people in various kinds of volunteer activities both within and outside the EU
- "Youth in the World": is designed to support projects and initiatives in partner countries which foster the exchange of young people and/or those active in the field of youth
- youth work support system: the aim of this action is to support organisations active in the area of youth at European level and to organise networks of those active in the youth field
- Support for political cooperation: the aim is to promote cooperation and dialogue between the actors and institutions in the area of youth

The following organisations support this campaign:

The Association of Voluntary Service Organisations - AVSO represents around 110 organisations across Europe, who benefit from the current EU Youth programme for projects sending and receiving volunteers, partnership building seminars, trainings and other projects funded by the programme.

The European Youth Forum is made up of more than 90 National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations, which are federations of youth organisations in themselves. It brings together tens of millions of young people from all over Europe, organised in order to represent their.

Member organisations of the European Youth Forum supporting the campaign:

Full members

National Youth Councils (NYCs)

Suomen Nuorisoyhteistyö Allianssi ry - Allianssi (Finland); Belarusian Union of Youth and Children's Public Associations – BUYCPA RADA (Belarus); British Youth Council - BYC (Great Britain); Conférence Générale de la Jeunesse Luxembourgeoise - CGJL (Luxembourg); Consejo de la Juventud de España - CJE (Spain); Comité pour les Relations Nationales et Internationales des Associations de Jeunesse et d'Éducation Populaire - CNAJEP (France); Conselho Nacional de Juventude - CNJ (Portugal); Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya - CNJC (Spain-Catalonia); Consiliul National Al Tineretului Din Moldova – CNTM (Moldova); Comité pour les Relations Internationales de Jeunesse - CRIJ (Belgium, French-speaking Community); National Youth Council of Switzerland - SAJV/CSAJ (Switzerland); Cyprus Youth Council– CYC (Cyprus); Deutsches Nationalkomitee für Internationale Jugendarbeit - DNK (Germany); Dansk Ungdoms Fællesråd - DUF (Denmark); National Council of Hellas - ESYN (Greece); Nemzetközi Ifjúsági Koordinációs Iroda – GYIK- NIKI (Hungary); Nationale Jeugdraad – JEUGDRAAD (Netherlands); Kunsill Nazzjonali Taz-Zghazagh - KNZ-Malta (Malta); Lietuvos Jaunimo Organizacija Taryba - LIJOT (Lithuania); Latvijas Jaunatnes Padome - LJP (Latvia); Landsrådet for Norges barne - og ungdomsorganisasjoner - LNU (Norway); Landsrådet för Sveriges ungdomsorganisationer - LSU (Sweden); Landssamband æskulýðsfélaga - LÆF (Iceland); Mladinski Svet Slovenije - MSS (Slovenia); National Assembly of Youth Organisations of the Republic of Azerbaijan – NAYORA (Azerbaijan); National Council of Youth Organisations of Georgia – NCYOG (Georgia); National Youth Council of Armenia – NYCA (Armenia); National Youth Council of Ireland - NYCI (Ireland); National Youth Council of Russia - NYCR (Russia); Österreichische Kinder- und Jugendvertretung - ÖJV (Austria); Rada Mládeže Slovenska - RMS (Slovakia); Vlaamse Jeugdraad - VJR (Belgium, Flemish-speaking Community).

International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations (INGYOs)

Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe – AEGEE Europe; Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations - ALLIANCE; International ATD Fourth World Movement - ATD-Quart Monde; Democrat Youth Community of Europe - DEMYC; European Bureau of Conscientious Objection - EBCO/BEOC; EC Organisation of Socialist Youth - ECOSY; European Confederation of Youth Clubs - ECYC; European Democrat Students - EDS; European Educational Exchanges - Youth for Understanding - EEE-YFU; European Federation for Intercultural Learning - EFIL; European Federation of Youth Service Organisations - EFYSO; European Good Templars Youth Federation - EGTYF; The National Unions of Students in Europe - ESIB; European Trade Union Confederation - ETUC Youth; EU Federation of Youth Hostel Associations - EUFED; European Union of Jewish Students - EUJS/UEEJ; Experiment in Europe - EXPERIMENT; Ecumenical Youth Council

in Europe - EYCE; International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Movements - FIMCAP; Federation of the Young European Greens - FYEG; International Cultural Youth Exchange in Europe - ICYE; International Federation of Liberal Youth - IFLRY; International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International - IFM/SEI; International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth and Student Organisation - IGLYO; International Union of Socialist Youth - IUSY; International Young Naturefriends - IYNF; International Young Catholic Students - International Movement of Catholic Students - JECI-MIEC; Young European Federalists - JEF; Union of Jeunesses Musicales of Europe - Jeunesses Musicales; European Young Christian Workers - JOC-Europe; European Liberal Youth - LYMEC; International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth - MIJARC-Europe; Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions - OBESSU; Rural Youth Europe – RYEurope; Service Civil International - SCI; World Organisation of Young Esperantists - TEJO; World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts - WAGGGS; World Organisation of the Scout Movement (European office) - WOSM; European Region of the World Student Christian Federation - WSCF-Europe Region; Youth Action for Peace - YAP; Youth for Development and Co-operation - YDC; Youth and Environment Europe - YEE; Youth of the European People's Party - YEPP; Youth for Exchange and Understanding - YEU; European Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations - YMCA; Young Women's Christian Association - YWCA.

Candidate members

National Youth Councils

Eesti Noorteühenduste Liit - ENL (Estonia), Forum Nazionale dei Giovani - FNG (Italy)

International Non Governmental Youth Organisations

International Federation of Medical Students' Association – IFMSA; Youth of European Nationalities - YEN.

Observer members

National Youth Councils

Consiliul Tineretului Din Romania - CTR (Romania); Rat der Deutschsprachigen Jugend - RDJ (Belgium, German-speaking Community).

International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations

European Council of Young Farmers – CEJA; European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions – CESI-Youth; Don Bosco Youth Net; European Council of Conscripts Organisations - ECCO; International Federation of Training Centres for the Promotion of Progressive Education - FICEMEA; International Federation for Educational Exchanges of Children and Adolescents – FIEEA; Nordic Centre Youth - NCY; Pax Christi International - Pax Christi; Red Cross Youth – RCY.

Member organisations of AVSO supporting the campaign:

Full members

Aktionsgemeinschaft Dienst für den Frieden (AGDF)
Aktion Sühnezeichen / Friedensdienste (ASF)
Associazione per la Formazione, gli Scambi e le Attività Interculturali (AFSAI)
Compagnons Bâisseurs
Eirene
EIP
European Diaconal Year Network (EDYN)
European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL)
Experiment in Europe
ICJA - Freiwilligenaustausch weltweit
International Cultural Youth Exchange in Europe (ICYE)
Internationale Jugendgemeinschaftsdienste Gesellschaft für internationale und politische Bildung Gemeinnütziger Verein (IJGD)
Youth Action for Peace / Action Jeunesse pour la Paix (YAP/AJP)
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