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European Year of Citizens 2013

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European Year of Citizens 2013 (EY2013)

- 2013 is the European Year of Citizens and will focus on what has already been achieved for citizens and how citizen's expectations of their rights, and opportunities, will be met in the future.





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- This programme supports a wide range of activities and organisations promoting “active European citizenship”, especially the involvement of citizens and civil society organisations in the process of European integration.





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Specific objectives

The Programme has the following specific objectives, which shall be implemented on a transnational basis:

- **bringing together people from local communities across Europe** to share and exchange experiences, opinions and values, to learn from history and to build for the future;
- fostering action, debate and reflection related to European citizenship and democracy, shared values, **common history and culture through cooperation** within civil society organisations at European level;
- **bringing Europe closer to its citizens** by **promoting** Europe's **values and achievements**, while preserving the memory of its past;
- **encouraging interaction between citizens and civil society organisations** from all participating countries, contributing to intercultural dialogue and bringing to the fore both Europe's diversity and unity, with particular attention to activities aimed at developing closer ties between citizens from Member States of the European Union as constituted on 30 April 2004 and those from Member States which have acceded since that date





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Direct beneficiaries of grants

- The Programme is open to all stakeholders promoting active European citizenship. For example:
- local authorities and organisations
- European public policy research organisations (think-tanks)
- citizens' groups
- civil society organisations
- **non-governmental organisations**
- trade unions
- educational institutions
- organisations active in the field of voluntary work
- organisations active in the field of amateur sport, etc.
- Some actions of the Programme are however targeting a more limited range of organisations. The eligibility of applicant organisations is therefore defined in this guide specifically for each measure/submeasure.

Target group

- The Programme is targeting 'European' citizens, which includes for the purpose of this Programme citizens of EU-Member States, citizens of other participating countries as well as legal residents in the participating countries.

Participating countries

- Member States





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It supports four main types of actions:

- [Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe](#): involving citizens either through activities linked to town-twinning or through other kinds of citizens' projects.
- [Action 2 - Active civil society in Europe](#): targeted to civil society organisations either through structural support on the basis of their European level work programme or through support to projects.
- [Action 3 - Together for Europe](#): including high visibility events, studies and information tools.
- [Action 4 - Active European Remembrance](#): support to projects aiming at preserving the sites and archives associated with de deportations as well as the commemorating of victims of Nazism and Stalinism.



Life Long Learning Programme & Youth in Action



Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo is for organisations involved in vocational education and training.

Examples of people taking part in the Leonardo programme include:

- Employees looking for professional development opportunities
- Trainees and apprentices seeking a unique experience working abroad
- Managers involved in developing training provision in their company or organisation
- Organisations can apply for funding to offer opportunities to their staff and learners



Leonardo da Vinci

If you are interested in improving the quality of training in a particular area, Leonardo can fund you to:

- **Visit potential partners in Europe** to discuss possible areas for collaboration
- Set up a small-scale partnership with other European vocational education and training providers to share expertise and experience on issues of mutual interest
- Share successful approaches and develop new training courses as part of a large-scale Co-operation project
- Alternatively, if you're looking to offer your employees or trainees, apprentices or learners exciting new development opportunities, you could set up a work experience programme.

How to apply

Leonardo offers a range of activities (also referred to as 'actions'), which allow you to develop different types of European projects.

- **Mobility Projects** – Enhance skills through exchange and placement programmes
- **Partnerships** – Share knowledge and improve training provisions
- **Transfer of Innovation** – Share innovative approaches to training within a specific area



Grundtvig

Grundtvig is for adult education staff and adult learners who are over 25 years of age and are involved in non-vocational adult education.

Examples of the people taking part in the Grundtvig programme at the moment include:

- Learners involved in non-vocational adult education courses or projects
- Staff, volunteers, teachers and managers working in the field of adult education
- Freelancers, or those intending to work in adult education



Grundtvig

If you are responsible for planning, managing or delivering adult education provision you can:

- Set up a partnership with other European adult education organisations to improve outcomes for your learners (and potentially thousands of others)
- Organise an exchange programme for senior volunteers across Europe
- Run workshops that bring together adult educators from across Europe and share your expertise

If you work directly with adult learners, or are planning to work in adult education you can:

- Go on a training course or attend a seminar or conference in another European country
- Attend a short job-shadowing placement or undertake a longer assistantship

How to apply

Grundtvig offers a range of activities (also referred to as 'actions'), which allow you to undertake different types of projects throughout Europe:

- **Partnerships** – Share knowledge and improve adult education provisions
- **Senior Volunteering Projects** – Provide learning opportunities for senior volunteers
- **Workshops** – Run training on literacy issues for adult educators from across Europe
- If you work directly with adult learners, then you can take part in the following activities as an individual:
 - **In-Service Training** – Participate in work-related training courses
 - **Visits and Exchanges** – Attend a conference or undertake job-shadowing
 - **Assistantships** – Gain work experience in another European country



Youth in Action

The Youth in Action programme provides young people from all educational, social and cultural backgrounds and those working in the youth sector with a variety of opportunities for non-formal learning.

Youth in Action gives funding to:

- support young people to develop new skills to boost their CVs;
- engage and include young people in non-formal learning to encourage active participation in society;
- build the capacity of your organisation, through the exchange of practice and expertise with international partners.



Youth in Action

If you are a young person aged between 13 and 30 or working with this age group, a local or regional public body or a not for profit organisation, you can apply to run a Youth in Action project.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

There are a number of opportunities you can get involved in:

- [Youth Exchanges](#)
- Youth Exchanges bring together groups of young people (supported by youth workers/leaders) from two or more countries. They provide groups with the opportunity to meet, discuss and explore themes such as racism, gender equality and the environment, whilst learning about each other's countries and cultures.
- [Youth Initiatives](#)
- A Youth Initiative is a community project run by and for young people themselves to develop their skills and employability. Project ideas should come from and be developed by the participating young people, although coaching support can be funded.
- [Youth Democracy Projects](#)
- Youth Democracy Projects aim to increase the active participation of young people within their local, regional or national communities or at international level, by supporting their participation in democratic life.



Youth in Action

Volunteering

- Young people can volunteer in another country for periods of between two weeks and 12 months, learning new skills and a new language, in projects that benefit the community. Organisations can host volunteers from other countries or send UK volunteers abroad, enhancing the European and international level of their work.

Co-operation with the Neighbouring Countries of the European Union

- Youth in Action also supports Youth Exchanges and Training and Networking projects between the Youth in Action programme countries and the neighbouring countries of South-East Europe (SEE), Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (EECA) and the Mediterranean area (Euro-Med).

Training and Networking

- For those involved in youth activities, Training and Networking offers the opportunity to prepare and develop projects for Youth in Action and learn more about youth work in other countries.

Transnational Youth Seminars and National Youth Meetings

- Transnational Youth Seminars and National Youth Meetings aim to facilitate structured dialogue between young people, youth workers and youth organisations and those responsible for youth policy.

HOW TO APPLY

The number of application deadlines for Youth in Action has reduced from five to three in 2012:

- 1 February 2012 (for projects starting between 1 May 2012 and 31 October 2012)
- 1 May 2012 (for projects starting between 1 August 2012 and 31 January 2013)
- 1 October 2012 (for projects starting between 1 January 2013 and 30 June 2013)

