Youth in Action Programme 2013 — Round 2

Description of the projects selected for funding

Programme Countries
Four groups of 4 Dutch participants are going to assist in "Matigol"; a sports development programme with poor (working) children and youngsters in the department of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Of each group 1 participant will have fewer possibilities due to physical problems or educational problems. Each group will stay in Guatemala for 3 months in a volunteer house of the project. The first 2 weeks will be used to learn Spanish and to learn more about the culture by attending workshops given by people of local NGO's. Matigol is a project that started in 2010 and aims at underprivileged mostly "working" children from poor neighbourhoods. The sports programme helps them to develop themselves in a personal and healthy way. For this EVS programme also local handicapped youngsters of the programme "Fundabien" will be involved in the project. The volunteers will organise discussions with these handicapped youngsters about having fewer possibilities, about possibilities and differences between Europe and Guatemala.

Contact: Mrs Yolande van Wijk

Contractor: Stichting Commundo

Grant amount: 45.160,00 €
The training course WORDS ARE STONES Youth participation against racism: online and offline will be 7 days long. It will be held in Zagarolo (RM), ITALY, and run in cooperation with No Border Line Onlus that will be the hosting association. The participants will be 30 and the countries involved are Italy, Greece, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Turkey, Germany and Spain. The theme of the project is the promotion of anti-discrimination and active citizenship paths among young people at risk of social exclusion, coming from EU suburbs, though ICT and non formal education tools. The aim of the training is to raise awareness on the daily growth of discriminations, xenophobia and racism in general and specifically on Internet, among and towards young people, in order to enable them in preventing those actions and in protecting victims. Furthermore the project goal is to create a wide and detailed mapping of the racism and the hate speech on online and to create new tools to set campaigns to raise awareness, to share information and to undertake concrete initiatives to promote equal opportunities and human rights. The implemented activities will be interactive workshops on: ICL-analysis of the multiple and individual identities; racism and hate speech on line: how to identify and intervene; setting of tools to ensure a permanent monitoring; good practices and working methods to promote the active participation of young people and youngsters coming from migratory backgrounds; development of new tools to ease their active participation and to set campaigns to raise awareness toward racism in general and specifically to the on-line racism and hate speech wide spread; the study visit and the final event. The working methods envisaged are based on the principles of the non formal education and ICT which promotes the active learning, the permanent interaction among trainees, trainers and facilitators and the peer exchange of knowledge.

Contact: Mrs. Annarita Di Mario

Contractor: LUNARIA Associazione di Promozione Sociale e I.S.

Grant amount: 22,405,00 €
**APPLICATIONS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF REFERENCE NUMBER**

**REFERENCE:** 546284-3.1-IT--2013-R2

**TITLE:** BLOOMING WASTE

**DESCRIPTION:**

The training course BLOOMING WASTE Environmental Awareness and Citizenship through E-Waste Prevention will be 8 days long. It will be held in Bagnoregio, (Viterbo), ITALY and run in cooperation with Re-ware, Non for Profit Cooperative that will be the hosting association. The participants will be 29 and the countries involved are Italy, France, Romania, Greece, Russia, Armenia, Moldova and Azerbaijan. The theme of the project is the promotion of sustainability actions and active citizenship paths among young people at risk of social exclusion, coming from EU suburbs, though non formal education tools. The aim of the training is to provide youth leaders, active citizens and volunteers with past experiences in the environmental field, with new tools and working methods to implement innovative local actions, in EU and EEC, specifically targeted to the e-waste prevention. The implemented activities will be interactive workshops on: ICL-analysis of the local backgrounds problems and needs and cultural differences in approaching the environmental sustainability issues, in perceiving and defining “waste” and in measuring the waste impact; e-waste consequences in terms of pollution spreading and health problems increasing; good practices and working methods to face the waste and e-waste management and to prevent it; designing and setting concrete active citizenship actions aimed to collect, re-use and distribute computers otherwise prematurely abandoned; communicative tools and campaigns, included the Crowdfunding to raise awareness on the importance to re-use waste and to promote the dissemination of alternative best practices; the study visit and the final event. The working methods envisaged are based on the combination of non formal education and technical sessions: both are based on the learning by doing and on the horizontal cooperation of experts and participants, in order to ensure the individual personal and professional development.

**Contact:** Mrs. Sara Mandozzi

**Contractor:** LUNARIA Associazione di Promozione Sociale e I.S.

**Grant amount:** 26,025.00 €
**TITLE:** Urban Outdoors: Youth Re:claiming Cities

**DESCRIPTION:**

The objective of this EVS project is to provide 2 young people with opportunity for a year of learning through voluntary work, personal development, exploring of various topics in field of youth work and environmental and outdoor education, the Czech culture, working towards their own learning goals, new experiences and abilities. The project will culminate with volunteers developing their own projects, such as informational or educational campaigns. The themes of the project are youth media and information, outdoor sports, urban outdoors, healthy sustainable lifestyles and environmental education.

The volunteers will perform their voluntary service in the office of International Young Naturefriends in Prague and may occasionally travel to activities abroad. This is a group EVS project, hosting 2 EVS volunteers for a 12 months long service. The sending organizations and volunteers are from Ireland and Russia and the hosting organization is based in Czech Republic.

In this project we will combine IYNF experience in hosting EVS volunteers with the needs and interests of the two volunteers that we will host. The project will positively contribute to development of those two young people, while being beneficial to IYNF as an organization.

One of the main educational methods of non-formal education used in IYNF is offering ‘learning-by-doing experiences’. Volunteers will be able to try out things and make mistakes in a safe environment, where the tasks they are trusted with are treated as a learning opportunity for a volunteer rather than their responsibilities. The staff of the organization sets the direction of the project, provides tools, knowledge, support and resources for it and gives the volunteers space and trust to learn and develop in the way that is suited to their needs. The volunteers will be involved in a meaningful, useful activity and programme and will be able to achieve important results and learning outcomes.

**Contact:** MS Ilze Jece

**Contractor:** International Young Naturefriends

**Grant amount:** 16.090,00 €
Radioactive EVS project will capitalise on the achievements of a 3.2 project of the same name which Everything Possible CIC will have coordinated over the previous year. Radioactive EVS will facilitate organisations active in the field of youth wishing to support young people through the medium of radio. We have already created local activities to support young people engaging in a non-formal education programme using radio as a tool for cooperation and intercultural dialogue. Radioactive EVS will allow us to move local radio activity to an international platform. Partners from UK, Sardinia, Indonesia and the Philippines will mobilise 30 volunteers with fewer opportunities within our network of community volunteering opportunities on projects with a duration of between 2 and 4 weeks. Radioactive 3.2 has been a building block for this project and allowed us to support eighty young people in a local context. Many of these young people have begun to communicate internationally through airwave and web radio and this has widened their horizons. We would like to capitalise on the success of this project, moving forward to offer opportunities for international youth mobility, allowing some of these beneficiaries the chance to experience an international radio project, helping volunteers gain key skills through non-formal learning offered by partners. The creative focus will remain and Radioactive EVS will allow partners to offer further opportunities in radio and other creative fields. Young people will undertake volunteering activities between 2 - 4 weeks on group activities. The diversity of activities will allow us to offer opportunities to skilled young people wishing to contribute to a local community activity as well as young people with fewer opportunities wanting to undertake their first international experience and gain new skills and experiences in this thematic field.

Contact: Mr Tanzeel Qureshi

Contractor: Everything Possible CIC

Grant amount: 71.831,00 €
El presente proyecto se ejecuta en la localidad de Ingeniero Maschwitz, una localidad argentina del partido de Escobar, provincia de Buenos Aires. Las actividades y acciones de la ONG Colectivo-Cultural se dirigen a toda la población de la comunidad local y especialmente a aquellos colectivos más vulnerables y desfavorecidos por situaciones de exclusión social como son infancia en situación de calle, mujeres, jóvenes y en general personas en situación de dependencia.

El Colectivo-Cultural tiene como objetivos promover la integración social; el respeto por los Derechos Humanos y el cuidado del medio ambiente, por medio de la cultura y el arte.

Los cuatro voluntarios/as desarrollarán sus actividades durante un período de nueve meses, apoyando y participando de manera directa en la coordinación, seguimiento y evaluación de los diferentes talleres y eventos, trabajando con diversos colectivos y promoviendo actitudes de respeto y no discriminación por etnia, género, religión u orientación sexual. Además fomentarán en los participantes una actitud positiva y crítica ante su realidad que les lleve a su empoderamiento y a tener una participación activa en su comunidad. En la misma línea, realizarán eventos de sensibilización, concienciación y promoción de buenas prácticas medioambientales así como de estilos de vida saludables mediante el deporte y actividades al aire libre.

Por otro lado, los/as jóvenes llevarán a cabo un programa de radio semanal y una proyección cinematográfica mensual en la que se dará a conocer la realidad europea mediante su folklore, política y sociedad.

Además, los voluntarios/as, formarán parte de la asamblea de la organización, la cual se realiza para programar y evaluar, realizar propuestas y debatir cuestiones de fondo que afecten al conjunto de la comunidad. Este sistema asambleario no excluye sino que propicia la colaboración y participación de toda la comunidad, creando de esta forma un espacio abierto que evite la mera participación pasiva.

Contact: Mrs Silvia Arias Careaga
Contractor: Oficina de Acción Solidaria y Cooperación - UAM
Grant amount: 25.540,00 €
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<td>“Diversity to improve my skills” is a follow up coming from another TC ARCI Strauss has done last September in Sicily. The participants have realized how fundamental are the multicultural skills for youth workers and youth leaders in making their work more incisive. So, has been decided to make a project where the main theme is diversity and intercultural dialogue. The international meeting of countries will help the participants to understand diversity as a key to positive change of the society and prepared them to successful work in multicultural teams. The project is a training course that aims to support the professional development of young leaders and workers and to raise the quality of their projects concerning diversity. The training course uses methods of experiential learning as role plays, simulations and drama methods and group sharing methods as small and large group discussions. Together, we will be working out and improving ‘method toolkit’ on how to motivate youngsters for participation in their community and beyond using multicultural approaches. The project is designed to take place in Nicolosi – (in the east cost side of Sicily) having the length of 8 days (April, 03rd - 10th 2014), 36 participants from 18 different countries (Italy, Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Estonia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Poland, Serbia, Turkey, Greece, Country, Spain, Portugal).</td>
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**APPLICATIONS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF REFERENCE NUMBER**

**REFERENCE:** 546446-2-IT--2013-R2

**TITLE:** CHILDREN: RIGHT TO FUTURE!

**DESCRIPTION:** "CHILDREN: Right to future!" is an international cooperation and awareness-raising EVS group project launched by FOCSIV - Italian Coordinator and Sending NGO - and 4 other Sending Organizations. The main themes are the rise of European awareness, Children rights and the Cooperation with Developing Countries. FOCSIV aims at spreading a culture of solidarity among young people in order to promote active citizenship for the creation of a new welcoming society based on peace, human dignity, respect and nonviolence. The project also tackles the annual priority of Youth unemployment, a real social pathology in this day and age, which leads to social exclusion. Through this experience, promoters want to help the unemployed youth to re-discover their active and important role in society. The project involves 23 volunteers for a 12-month period of support activities in Peru, India, Tanzania, Guinea Bissau and Madagascar. The objective is to better children and youth conditions, strengthening the Hosting Organizations activities in the field of Children care and Youth. According to their attitudes and personal interests, European volunteers will be involved in school and vocational training support, play and recreational activities, awareness-raising actions on children rights and right to education, home care and family support. The approach is based on a non-formal education methodology and relies on the volunteers in all the creative project stages. FOCSIV will assist volunteers in discovering the intercultural content of the experience and becoming aware during their self-learning process. Volunteers will acquire skills and competences attested by the Youthpass and will enrich their cultural background, giving young beneficiaries hope for the future.

**Contact:** Mr. Gianfranco Cattai

**Contractor:** FOCSIV

**Grant amount:** 216,213,88 €
**TITLE:** Solid-Air 3: Youth on Board

**DESCRIPTION:** The "Solid-Air 3: Youth on Board" project intends to promote global citizenship among young people through the implementation of European Voluntary Service (EVS) activities in Venezuela (Mérida) and Italy (Cagliari).

The project involves 4 partners (2 from Italy, 2 from Venezuela) and 3 actions for 30 volunteers in all:

- **Action 1:** two EVS groups with 11 young Italian people each (9 from CISV and 2 from TDM2000) to Cátedra de la Paz (Mérida, Venezuela) for 5 weeks for the organization of a “Plan Vacacional” in August 2014 and in August 2015
- **Action 2:** an EVS project for 4 young people (2 at time), 3 from CISV and 1 from TDM2000, to Fundacion Don Bosco (Mérida, Venezuela) for 9 months for the implementation of educational and recreational activities with children living in a residential community for minors
- **Action 3:** two individual EVS from Catedra de la Paz and two others from Fundacion Don Bosco will go to TDM2000 for six months (2 at time, one for each organisation) for the implementation of activities of non formal education in secondary schools of Cagliari.

Main topics of the project are children, urban development and global citizenship education. In Venezuela volunteers will support the animation of educational spaces to promote the inclusion of children from disadvantaged families in problematic contexts. In Italy, volunteers will support actions with young people to facilitate their integration in the local context and to fight the drop out from school.

The project involve young people with less opportunities as young immigrants in Italy, young people living in the Italian island Sardinia (suffering from a geographic disadvantage) or young people living in neighborhoods at risk in Venezuela.

**Contact:** MR FEDERICO PEROTTI

**Contractor:** COMUNITA’ IMPEGNO SERVIZIO VOLONTARIATO

**Grant amount:** 112,739,50 €
Today’s world is challenging for young people: different ways of living, loving, believing - as such - being often trigger misunderstanding and exclusion. Youth workers play an important role in supporting young people in coping with personal, social and intercultural conflicts. They can facilitate constructive learning outcomes and stimulate reflective perspectives, supporting young people in recognizing conflicts as part of an important learning process. The training course „BE THE KEY - Empowering European Youth Workers through Conflict Management Skills“ aims to equip those working for and with young people (youth workers, leaders, facilitators, coaches, trainers) with practical skills to intervene and to deal with conflicts in their local community in a way that brings out positive outcomes for learning and change. The TC intends to develop youth workers’ competences that contribute to a spirit of mutual understanding and respect on a local, national and European level. 25 participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia, Spain and Ukraine will come together for nine days in Sajan, Serbia. Objectives of the TC are:
- to deepen participants understanding on nature and different types of conflict
- to exchange experiences, expertise and good practices on conflict management
- to develop participants skills and knowledge on tools, strategies and methods of conflict management
- to develop common strategies to be used within the local environment in educating young people as peer mediators
- to foster a European network on conflict management
The use of non-formal methods as inputs and discussions in plenary sessions, exercises and simulations, thematic working groups, workshops and the use of open space will provide the platform to be trained with specific conflict management skills and relevant background knowledge. CGE Erfurt e.V. will be acting as sending organisation.
**European Voluntary Service project "Voices of Creativity - From Youth to Youth"**

will send a total of 12 volunteers from Estonia, Turkey and Spain to volunteer in youth work in Indonesia, Nepal or Mozambique. The Service will last for 6 months and volunteers will work with children and young people with fewer opportunities. They will work in orphanages and youth centers to encourage young people to express themselves through art, and by doing that - gain confidence on themselves. Volunteers will encourage the young to be active in their local society and to create opportunities for themselves and for the people around them. Volunteers will aim to use non-formal methods to develop the youth in orphanages and schools as in Indonesia, Nepal and Mozambique the main education system is based on formal education. This will bring a new dimension to children’s development and enables them to talk about globally important topics and offers youth a chance for personal and social development. Volunteers will arrange various non-formal workshops and activities in the youth centers and organize events with children outside the orphanages/youth centers as well. Volunteers will learn how to develop themselves personally, how to work with children and youth from culturally different background, learn new language, acquire skills to hold non-formal workshops and live and work in an unknown environment with different customs and traditions from their home country.

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In this project, 8 young Red Cross volunteers will get the chance to go on an EVS exchange to another continent. First, 4 Belgian volunteers will go to Uganda (06/01/2014 - 21/03/2014, hosted by Uganda Red Cross Society). Afterwards, 4 Ugandan volunteers will come to Belgium (09/07/2014 - 11/09/2014, hosted by Red Cross Youth Belgium-Flanders). The theme of this project is youth leadership.

The objectives of the project are: exchanging best practices on youth leadership between youth movements - promoting of international understanding among young Red Cross volunteers - create and implement a platform of volunteers on international topics and creating international awareness within RCYB-F.

The methods applied are: informal learning in the activities and leisure time: learning by doing - non-formal learning in the activities: learning by doing, reading and thinking and by observing. We want to stimulate youngsters to go into dialogue, share experiences and learn from each other. By getting to know another Red Cross Federation, and working with other volunteers on local, regional and national level, the volunteers will learn a lot of different lessons.

The activities for the Belgian volunteers are: participating in the youth groups, organize activities for children and youngsters (music, dance, drama, games, sports,...), spread the Red Cross ideas amongst the local population, give first aid training, work on improving the skills of the leaders of the youth groups, work on specific projects concerning youth leadership and putting youth leadership into practice.

The activities for the Ugandan volunteers are: participating in activities and camps of local branches, participate in a camp for children in asylum centers, preparing and participating in the annual kick-off event, contribute to starting up the platform of volunteers on international topics and awareness and by doing so showing youth leadership, participating in our training for youth leaders and first aid.
The Oratory as School for Life

“The Oratory as School for Life” is a seminar which explores a key concept in the educational style of Don Bosco: The ‘Oratory model’ defines how to build a strong peer-to-peer learning environment based on participative and inclusive learning, within a non-formal educational setting. The “oratory model” has a long tradition of bringing youth at risk (back) into the educational system. The main aim of the seminar is to identify ways how non-formal youth work can contribute in reducing youth at risk dropping out of school, or facilitating them to re-enter. As such we see it as a tool for ensuring the inclusive growth which the Europe 2020 strategy is aiming at.

The seminar includes an introduction to the educational targets of the European 2020 strategy, a study visit to “Borgo Ragazzi” (which is an oratory with a long tradition in catering for youth at risk through a diversity of approaches), the exchange of good practices amongst the partner promoters, reflection on the use of the oratory model in other fields of education (formal & sports) and a exchange market to initiate future European youth projects based on the oratory model. After the seminar we will make a publication with good practices to disseminate the outcomes towards the wider European youth work sector.

The seminar will take place 13-16/03/2014 at the ‘Instituto Salesiano Sacro Cuore’, bringing together 24 young people from 12 EU member states (AT, BE, CR, CZ, DE, ES, IRE, IT, MT, PL, SK, SI, UK). The seminar is coordinated by DBYN, and hosted by our Italian member organisation ‘Federazione SCS’.

Contact: Mr Rein Meus
Contractor: Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw
Grant amount: 9,926,50 €
The EVS project 'Children for a better environment' will be a bilateral project and was conceived by UNA Exchange and Vimex in order to fulfill the following objectives:
to work together on a long term voluntary service dealing with environment and sustainable development;
to reinforce the partnership between the two organizations;
to exchange and share good practices on these subjects in their respective countries.

The project would be a unique opportunity for 2 volunteers coming from Wales to take part for 6 months in an EVS project in Mexico and for a Mexican volunteer to come to Wales.

Stage 1, Mexico: This project will allow them to be active promoters of volunteering and active citizenship in the local area whilst also crucially contributing in raising awareness about environmental and sustainable development issues. The volunteers will participate in two different projects all along their voluntary service in Mexico:

1. In the first project, the volunteers will undertake activities aimed at improving and maintaining a botanical garden (garden of epiphytes and greenhouse).
2. In the second project, the volunteers will support the activities with children in a schoolhouse located in a natural reserve. The activities will mainly deal with organizing workshops about gardening, crafts with recycled materials, alternative energy as well as English classes during the school period.

We hope that this EVS project will contribute to the promotion of the voluntary service in Mexico, where it is not well known at institutional level. Through our partnership and by the impact of the project on the children and youngsters of the local communities, the voluntary service may be more known and attractive.

Stage 2, Wales: In this phase of the project a Mexican volunteer will come to Wales and be hosted with UNA Exchange in Cardiff. Here they will take part in activities in the 'Peace Garden' and look at engaging the local community with environmental work and issues of sustainability.
Y-MoDE aims at motivating young people to feel a sense of European belonging by creating a constructive dialogue with their peers and with local disadvantaged communities in Palermo. The volunteers’ active involvement will be achieved through a double-edged metaphorical sword swung to defeat European skepticism by approaching the following themes: European awareness; fight against discrimination and protection of minorities; gender equality; non-discrimination based on sexual orientation; children. Activities will hence be of two types: on one hand, volunteers will work on the field in the receiving local communities; on the other hand, they will be given the chance to contribute to the changes they want to bring about by being involved in writing and realising European projects supported by CESIE. The methods applied will be non-formal and active learning, as well as active participation. While CESIE builds upon its extensive experience of both types of activities involving European volunteers, it is the first time that the both appear and coexist in the same project. The novelty will be complemented by a very original element, that of "talks" addressing the abovementioned themes, that will be recorded and made available online for the wider public. CESIE will host 24 volunteers in two arrays of 12 volunteers for the duration of 9 months for each service period. The sending countries will be: Ukraine, Moldova, France, Hungary and Austria. Based on their CVs and skills, candidates will be able to join the activities with the local communities or to develop applications for new European projects. 50% of the volunteers will be selected among young people with fewer opportunities. The project aims at addressing the following objectives: (i) promoting a sense of European citizenship fulfilled through dialogue and work with people at risk of social exclusion; (ii) encouraging social cohesion; (iii) empowering young people through their active involvement in society.
## Applications presented by order of reference number

**REFERENCE:** 546671-3.1-DE--2013-R2

### TITLE: Learning the Language of Democracy II - Betzavta


### Contact:
Frau Nina Lüders

### Contractor:
Kreisau-Initiative e.V.

### Grant amount: 19.974,00 €
CIGLO is linked to UN Millennium Development Goals and ataca's goal to mobilize Quelimane's community to foster Development. Firstly, regarding the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, it assures all supported children have at least one meal per day. As for the achievement of universal primary education, the organization makes sure all children living in the same household, without exception, are enrolled in school. Thirdly, the project addresses gender disparities by giving priority to girls attending school. It contributes towards the human development of Mozambican underprivileged children, aged 2 to 18 years old, by mobilizing Portuguese citizens to financially contribute towards children's survival needs - such as education, food and health. In return, donors receive regular information about the child: specific family background information, photos, videos, drawings, reports on what the donated money is being spent on, etc, but can also exchange letters with the child, thus fostering mutual understanding between the Portuguese and Mozambican cultures. We aim that contributors/donors have access to more precise information regarding the impact of their support in children's lives and development, but also empower those living in extreme poverty. Volunteers will thus gather data that will allow them to evaluate the type and magnitude of poverty in each family; will improve the use of nutritional data; will collect the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) from the UN Development Programme and analyse indicators on education, health and life conditions of supported families. CIGLO has also the important goal of building a network among several organizations in Mozambique that strive against poverty. Volunteers will have an important role in it, as in identifying the community's urgent needs. The bottom line is to foster more partnerships between all organizations, to share resources and empower local people so they may be the leaders for change and better social inclusion.
Given immigrants’ growing numbers and their expanding role in the economic, social, and cultural life of nations across the globe and in Europe, HERE I AM Evs project aims at promoting, through volunteering, social integration and active citizenship of a particular vulnerable group represented by youngsters with migrant background.

The project will reach its goal by tackling the migration issue from different points of view. On one hand, sending organizations have been asked to give priority, in the selection process, to youngsters with migrant background: at least 14 out of 25 volunteers should belong to the migrants target group. On the other hand, all volunteers will be engaged in a wide variety of activities, lasting 9 months, dealing in general with marginalized people (unemployed youngsters, people living in rural or poor areas, disabled or elderly people, orphans) and some of them will offer a particular focus on migrants or refugees.

Also the geographic scope of the project has been determined by the main project’s goal. HERE I AM project has been planned to engage EU countries (Italy, Spain, Portugal, Estonia, France, Greece) at different levels, destinations of immigrants, as well as SEE (Macedonia) and Northern African Countries (Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt) from where the EU quite often receives immigrants or asylum seekers. The idea behind the project is also the one of making young migrants volunteering within the European borders, by offering them the chance of developing a stronger sense of belonging to the EU and, at the same time, to make non migrant volunteers getting to know in a deeper way the particular socio-political conditions in which are living Northern African countries.

We believe that in 2013, European Year of Citizenships, it is not possible to avoid dealing with young immigrants, who should be seen as new citizens whose social inclusion is fundamental for a successful social growth and a new identity of the whole Union.
The MM-EVS service will take place over ten months (start January to end October 2014) in Siaya, Western Kenya, a beautiful rural region close to Lake Victoria and the border with Uganda. Siaya Town is 74km northwest of Kisumu and 8 hours by coach from Nairobi. Four EVS volunteers (young people with fewer opportunities, facing economic obstacles) will be hosted by MMK at Ulamba Children's Home and carry out their service at Wagwer School and Ulamba.

Ulamba provides a loving home, food and care to 38 orphaned children. The friendly local MMK staff will welcome the EVS volunteers into the Ulamba family and volunteers will stay on-site in the guest-house located on the grounds. Ulamba also houses a vegetable garden and hen house, a nursery, dormitories, kitchen and dining hall, community hall, a small playground and open grounds where the children play.

The service aspect involves the planning and running of extra-curricular activities at nearby Wagwer School with whom MMK has an established and successful working partnership. Volunteers will design and run extra-curricular activities at Wagwer for both Kenyan Primary and Secondary School students (age 5-18), using and developing their existing skills and experience and fostering mutual understanding, peer learning and intercultural friendships and links. They will be supported to use creativity and initiative to develop activities which may include reading clubs, homework clubs, sports, music, arts, games, theatre and other workshops. Volunteers will also have the chance to get involved with games and activities at Ulamba.

EVS volunteers will fulfill a highly beneficial service, making a lasting contribution to developing extra-curricular education for disadvantaged young Kenyans. They will enjoy a deeply enriching personal learning experience, enhancing their confidence, skills and employability and gaining a fantastic insight into a new culture and their place in the world as European and global citizens.

Contact: Mr Andrew MacDonald
Contractor: Moving Mountains Trust
Grant amount: 25,752,57 €
**TITLE:** KNOW, a call to develop Youth skills

**DESCRIPTION:**

“KNOW – a call for Youth skills” is a Training Course (TC) under the Action 4.3 of the YiA Program. The TC will be organised in Palermo, Italy, during 8 days and it will involve 40 youth/social workers, youth leaders, volunteers from 20 European countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Turkey, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain & Italy. CESIE is the hosting organisation of the TC.

Themes of the project are: Youth employment and employability/ Capacity building & Skills development/ Youth Guarantee Scheme/Active citizenship & youth participation. The themes will be promoted through active learning, exchange of good practices and elaboration of common strategies towards youth unemployment reduction. Participants, through non-formal education methods, will acquire tools and techniques to promote and develop youth employability and encourage youth to be active promoters for skills acquisition. Objectives: 1) to analyze & map the youth unemployment situation at local and EU level; 2) to spread awareness about the need for skills to improve employability; 3) to foster the sense of initiative and allow the development of an active citizenship; 4) to stimulate the knowledge about EU programmes and opportunities for youth; 5) to promote the use of creativity and non-formal education methods to foster intercultural knowledge & development of key competences; 6) to acquire new competences in mainstreaming & digital strategies; 7) to build new projects & foster new partnerships at EU level.

TC activities are divided into parts:

I - Mapping youth unemployment - local & EU levels/ common challenges and possible solutions;
II - Skills required in the labour market/ EU opportunities for youth/ focus on Youth Guarantee scheme;
III - Skills to advocate good practices/ mainstreaming at local and EU level;
IV – Project drafting in groups related to Youth Guarantee scheme.

**Contact:** Mrs Maja Brkusanin

**Contractor:** CESIE - Centro Studi ed Iniziative Europeo

**Grant amount:** 36.484,00 €
**TITLE:** Young NEET Women: Towards Inclusion & Participation

**DESCRIPTION:**
Recent European research points out a serious rise of the numbers of young women who are not in employment, education, and training (NEET). Youth work rarely addresses the problems of inclusion and participation of young NEET women in Europe.

The project for a 7-days TC seeks to apply a multidimensional approach to tackle the intersectionality between age, gender, and employability and examine methodologies, learning principles, and desired outcomes in empowering young NEET women to participate meaningfully in social life and decision-making.

Hosted by the applicant, EMCCCD, the TC will bring in Perea, Greece, 40 youth workers from Bulgaria, Greece, Portugal, Italy, Romania, Armenia, Tunisia, Egypt, Georgia, and FYROM in order to discuss and learn about the role of youth work in promoting inclusion, participation, and active citizenship of young NEET women.

Project methodology will be based on interactive NFE methods, seeking to empower participants’ knowledge and skills to design and implement international youth projects, tackling the issues of gender and employability and looking into the factors that cause young NEET women’s vulnerability to social and economic exclusion.

Participants will benefit from non-formal training sessions on creative methods for youth social entrepreneurship and will have the opportunity to develop a Bank of Youth Entrepreneur’s Ideas for inclusion of young NEET women in Europe and the neighboring countries.

Using the methods of human rights education and intercultural dialogue, the TC will contribute to the personal development of participants; improve their social skills, intercultural communication and project writing and deepen their knowledge on the opportunities that the “Youth in Action” program offers to young people.

**Contact:** Mrs. Katerina Robova

**Contractor:** EURO-MED SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

**Grant amount:** 38,219.00 €
The project "New Europe 4 New Europe" will involve 32 young people from 6 countries (Italy, Iceland, Estonia, Armenia, Ukraine and Georgia. The youth exchange will take place in Palermo, capital of Sicily and will last 8 days plus travel days. YE aims to promote active citizenship and European awareness with special focus on know new EU programme for Youth Erasmus for All/YES programme and to reflect on the benefits and impact of the YiA programmes on young people's life and EU perception. Young participants will meet in Palermo to discuss and exchange past experience with projects of EU involving youth and to deepen they knowledge about new programmes from 2014 on. They will also exchange ideas and perceptions about EU, discussing and drafting concrete proposals for youth in the view forthcoming European elections in 2014 to be presented to future EMP and to be shared among youth. Concrete result of the youth exchange will be a video created by participants in which will contain their suggestions and proposals for new European youth policies. By means of meetings, discussions, creative workshops, meeting with local NGOs in the city, intercultural moments and pooling of each others experience themes of the YE will be developed together. Workshops will be always aimed at foster local participation. Methodological approach for activities will be in the frame of non-formal education, being inclusive and oriented to use peer to peer interaction, open exchange of ideas and contributions in order to enrich and stimulate mutually involved participants. Intercultural dialogue will be encouraged through thematic national evenings interaction with Italian environment and its traditions, in particular focusing on Christmas, which will allow participants to recognize and value reciprocal diversity. The youth exchange will also involve youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds from all the involved countries in mixed groups.

Contact: Ms. Alexandra Filecakova
Contractor: Associazione InformaGiovani
Grant amount: 30.587,00 €
### Title: Young Volunteers for Rural Action

### Description:

The "YVRA" project is an EVS group project which involves 12 volunteers (6 girls and 6 boys) coming from Europe and South America. The voluntary stage will be held in the period May 1st 2014 – May 1st 2015 in Romania, South – Ouest Oltenia region, especially in rural areas inhabited by rromas from Valcea county. The project theme is the active involvement of youth in rural development of rroma communities from Valcea county.

The project objectives are:
- To promote the active citizenship within 12 volunteers with fewer opportunities from rroma rural communities.
- To develop sense of solidarity and tolerance between young people coming from different environments and cultures.
- To identify and adapt new non formal education methods used in the work with young people with fewer opportunities from Rroma and rural communities.
- To improve the quality of supporting youth activities specific to rural and Rroma communities.
- To form a network of organizations active in the domain of voluntary which will link 2 continents: Europe and South America.

The countries involved in this project are: Romania, Portugal, Turkey, Spain, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

The main activities implemented within the project will be:
- specific activities of spending the free time, outdoor activities, sport games and ecological education activities for young people from the rural and Rroma communities (workshops of: painting, music, photo, video, foreign languages, IT)
- organizing a festival of rural and Rroma communities
- organizing workshops in the schools from rural communities on the development of creative competencies among students
- organizing a rural youth camp, camp which will use innovative concepts developed during the implementation of EVS stage

Within the activities will be used non formal methods as: forum theatre, photovoice, flashmob, structured dialogue, energizers, role plays, street animation, open space etc.

### Contact:

Mrs Elena Mureanu

### Contractor:

As. Tinerilor Formatori pentru Promovarea Dezvoltarii Rurale

### Grant amount:

131.800,00 €
**Application presented by order of reference number**

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**Title:** Opportunities for people with less opportunities

**Description:**

Project “Opportunities for people with less opportunities” is specially designed for disabled volunteers and volunteers with less opportunities. These volunteers would require a special support person to facilitate them during their EVS. We decided to write the special sending project for these 3 disabled volunteers, because they are looking for the project for a long time and nobody wants to take them. It is the same situation with 3 disadvantaged volunteers, who are orphans, or having a criminal record, coming from the rural areas and are long time unemployed. These volunteers can’t compete against healthy, nice looking and well educated youngsters who are looking for the EVS projects. They are always left out.

Therefore, our organization spoke to the hosting organizations which we know very well and which have the experience with handicapped and disadvantaged volunteers. We have met in person with the representatives of the organizations and the support persons of the volunteers. We have seen the project sights in Poland and in Lithuania. We have discussed volunteer tasks. Organizations know the disabilities and the disadvantages of the volunteers. The volunteers are introduced with the project.

Disabled girl Agija and disadvantaged young man Reinis would go to EFM (Poland) and join the activities with children and young people. Project will last 10 months from 01.01.2014 to 31.10.2014.

Disabled girl Baiba and disadvantaged young orphan Patricija will go for the short term EVS to Lithuania to Grazute Regional Park from 01.04.2014- 31.05.2014. During the spring time there are many things to get busy in order to prepare the Regional Park for the season.

Disabled young man Roberts and disadvantaged young man Janis would help the International volunteering organization in Bogota, Colombia from 01.01.2014 to 31.10.2014. Since, we cooperate the first time, we would like to see the project sight and discuss the tasks in Advance Planing Visit.

**Contact:** Ms Sarma Brauna

**Contractor:** Jaunatne par iesaistīsanos

**Grant amount:** 29,290,00 €
The project “Sport for tolerance” has as main purpose to aware the young people about the benefits of sport, as way for a healthy lifestyle. This will be done using practical methods of non formal education. The project aims to highlight the importance of associating the sport with spending the free time and to encourage the active participation of young people in society. Through the project activities, we aim to promote healthy behaviors by promoting the practice of outdoor activities as a means for a healthy lifestyle. Also, through the project activities, we aim to encourage the young people to participate actively in the community in which they live through activities based on voluntary.

The project encourages also the social inclusion of young people with disabilities, by the fact that two members of the implementation team are facing sight deficiencies and one is facing social problems. It will be encouraged the participation of young people with medical problems and of those with economic problems because they, being disadvantaged, do not have access in the everyday life to education and training programs for a healthy lifestyle. The places of project activities implementation will be local communities in Dragasani and Ramnicu Valcea (Romania). "Sport for tolerance" is an EVS group project, which will involve eight volunteers from Brazil, India, Turkey and France.

The specific objectives of the project are:
- promoting sense of tolerance and respect for diversity through sport activities.
- promoting social inclusion, active participation and a healthy lifestyle through sports and outdoor activities.
- establishment of a network of organizations from Europe-Asia and South America, which will provide examples of good practices in the implementation of sport activities for young people.

The 8 volunteers will implement for 12 months activities as: making promotional materials, media campaign, sports workshops, intercultural evenings.
### Applications presented by order of reference number

**REFERENCE :** 547391-3.1-FR--2013-R2

**TITLE:** Forum of good practices on youth participation and

| DESCRIPTION: | Le séminaire d'échanges de bonnes pratiques sur l'e-participation active des jeunes défavorisés à la vie publique, sera organisé avec 8 associations partenaires représentées par 40 jeunes, travailleurs de jeunesse, éducateurs, acteurs institutionnels, décideurs, élus, issus de France, Espagne, Italie, Bulgarie, Jordanie, Maroc, Algérie et Tunisie, durant 8 jours, du 3 au 11 mai 2014, à Strasbourg. Le projet vise à une ouverture des horizons des jeunes participants et de leurs associations vers d'autres bonnes pratiques en découvrant et analysant de nouveaux outils d'e-participation des jeunes défavorisés à la vie publique, dans le cadre de l'année de la citoyenneté de l'UE. Ils utiliseront de nouvelles techniques numériques et interactives pour la démocratie participative en matière de participation physique ou virtuel et de maîtrise de nouveaux outils interactifs (le théâtre forum) en tant qu'outils de sensibilisation et d’éducation non formelle. Les jeunes participants cerneront la notion de l’e-participation via divers outils virtuels et interactifs, notamment le rôle des réseaux sociaux dans l’expression démocratique et la participation des jeunes défavorisés à l’ère du printemps arabe, via des ateliers interactifs, tables rondes avec experts, témoignages de jeunes participants engagés, visites et débats avec élus autour d'expériences locales dans la ville de Strasbourg. Les participants proposeront également des recommandations pour agir en tant que multiplicateurs dans leur contexte local en utilisant les méthodes d’éducation non formelle et sensibiliseront la population locale aux droits et devoirs afférents à la citoyenneté européenne, notamment aux élections européennes 2014 via la soirée théâtre forum, la diffusion et le partage des résultats du séminaire dans les contexte locaux des participants et ce en utilisant la technique du théâtre forum. |

| Contact: | Mademoiselle Myriam BRAHMI |
| Contractor: | Développe |
| Grant amount: | 39.133,20 € |
The project "DO EVS" – “Dynamical & Overseas EVS” gives to 30 young people (24 with less opportunities) between the age 18 – 30, an opportunity to go abroad in a group or as an individual person for a period from 3 to 10 months to another country.

EFM is going to cooperate in a frame of the "DO EVS" project with 12 EU countries: Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, UK, Italy, Spain, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, France (New Caledonia) & Greece and also 10 Other Partner Countries of the World like: India, Indonesia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Vietnam, China & Argentina.

In general the project aims on the inclusion and integration of people to the community. Against social exclusion especially youngsters with fewer opportunities and with a difficult social background, will have the possibility to participate in the project and get in contact with a new cultures. The work in inter-cultural groups in a non-formal way will reduce prejudices and raise the awareness and sensitivity for different cultures, nationalities, religions and orientations in general. The volunteers will work together with youngsters in different institutions like youth & social help centers, schools, kindergartens or orphanages.

The project will mainly take part in less developed regions and where the people have to face several problems like extremely high unemployment and the consequences of poverty like crime or drug- and alcohol abuse. In these regions the life is especially problematic for young people because the desperation makes them frustrated, unmotivated and excluded from the local community.

The main objectives of the "DO EVS" project are: - fighting against unemployment, poverty and social exclusion; - promotion of young people’s active citizenship; - developing solidarity and promotion of tolerance among young people and fostering mutual understanding between young people in different countries across continents; - involving youngsters with less opportunities.

Contact: Ms Marzena Pitus
Contractor: Europejskie Forum Młodzieży
Grant amount: 175,324,00 €
### DESCRIPTION:

“Training for trainers: Active Europeans” is a 7-days training course taking place in Nicosia, Cyprus in March 2014. The project targets the recently established YEU’s pool of trainers (PET- People for Education and Training) underlining the need to ensure a European dimension in all youth projects implemented by the network and its member organizations. In years of instability, European identity can keep pieces of Europe together and drive E.U. towards sustainability. YEU argues that all youth projects should include a European dimension and that youth trainers must have the relevant competences to achieve it. Competences in this case refer to the thematic of Non-Formal Learning and active European citizenship. In this context, the project aims at enhancing the competences of the PET in implementing youth projects, ensuring a strong active European citizenship dimension in them. There will be 11 countries involved; Belgium, Cyprus, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Turkey, bringing together 21 participants; including current members of the PET with limited experience, as well as potential future members. The objectives of the project are:

- To enhance trainer’s competences in NFL
- To explore the sense of active European citizenship
- To provide them with instruments that promote active European citizenship during their youth projects

The training course will use a diverse range of activities and the methodology will be based on experiential, self-directed and NFL. YEU will have the role of the coordinator for this project, taking the responsibility of its organization and implementation. The activity will be hosted by YEU Cyprus, a very experienced member organization of YEU. YEU Cyprus is thrilled to host this project, considering this as an opportunity to disseminate the sense of European citizenship amongst local people who lack of this knowledge.

### Contact:

Ms Eleni Michail

### Contractor:

Youth for Exchange and Understanding

### Grant amount:

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| YEAH involve 24 volunteers coming from 11 sending organizations throughout all Europe in 6 hosting organizations in South America (El Salvador), Africa (Ghana, Uganda, Gambia, Malawi) and Asia (India). Both countries that joined EU before 2004 (Italy/Germany/France/Spain/Portugal) and after it (Romania/Poland/Slovakia) are involved in YEAH helping the process of shaping and foster sense of European citizenship in a context that being so wide helps to find and appreciate the similarities among Europeans.

Each service will last 12 months with 4 services starting the 1st of May 2014, 8 services the 1st of June 2014 and the last 12 services starting the 1st of July 2014.

The main themes of the project are the following: health, social inclusion, education through outdoor and sport activities, environment, children and youth.

YEAH aims to contribute to shape a more intercultural, more caring and more tolerant generation. For this reason the target of all the service are youth and kids thus involving not only the 24 volunteers but many more of them. The focus is on stimulate more active and healthier lifestyles starting from sport, outdoor and environmental activities.

YEAH has a strong and wide intercultural dimension involving 4 continents and many backgrounds fostering tolerance and appreciation of diversity.

Through environmental and educational volunteering and active involvement of volunteers YEAH aims to foster a more aware and motivated participation of youths in the society using the positive experience of the EVS and sport as a lever. Social inclusion is at the top of the YEAH’s aims. Education (through outdoor activities) and health are the two tools chosen to fight poverty and marginalization and YEAH aims to have a long-lasting impact both on the volunteers and on the youth and kids. |

| Contact: | Mr Savino Di Noia |
| Contractor: | YouNet |
| Grant amount: | 189,700,00 € |
“Green Life” is a follow up of another EVS project, which was concluded in April 2013. Green Life is a group EVS project which will be implemented by 7 youth organizations active in the domain of environment protection and environmental education, with expertise in working in national natural parks. The promoters represent the following countries: Romania, Spain, France, Turkey, Argentina, China and Zambia. All the promoters have experience in working with young people in national natural parks.

The themes of the project are “environment” and “Roma communities”.

The specific objectives of the project are:
- Improving and acquiring new competencies by 12 volunteers, in the field of environment protection
- Combating poverty and marginalization among Roma communities by involving volunteers in solving some environmental issues
- Promoting the volunteerism among the local communities of the promoters.
- Promoting the active citizenship of the 12 volunteers by their involvement in all project stages
- Establishing of an Europe-Asia-Africa-South America network of organizations which will offer a exchange of good practices for voluntary activities in natural parks.

The project activities will be attended by 12 volunteers within a stage of 12 months. Among the project activities, we mention: making environmental patrols in Cozia National Park, making of touristic trials in the park, making topometric measurements in Cozia Park, workshops of environmental education in schools and Roma communities. The project activities will be implemented using a range of non formal education methods as: games, outdoor activities, treasure hunt in Roma communities, Forum Theater, flash mob, photo voice and film voice.

Contact: Mr Catalin Soare

Contractor: Forumul Cetatenesc pentru Actiune Sociala si Educatie Civica

Grant amount: 130,690,00 €
This project connects 4 European, 1 Asian, 1 African and 2 Latin American EVS organisations with whom KERIC has previously cooperated within EVS as well as within a 3.2. project. By cooperating with partner organisations whom we know, we are able to provide a good base for high-quality and successful EVS projects involving mainly youth with fewer opportunities. The objective of the project is to enable young people aged 18 to 30 to do EVS abroad for 3 to 12 months with the aim to gain intercultural experience, raise European awareness and fight against prejudice against foreigners. The project will contribute to personal and professional development of the volunteers with the aim to find a job in the future as well as help the people from local communities to become more open and tolerant towards foreigners, or people different from them. The activities of the volunteers vary depending on the host organisation. Generally, the volunteers will support the local community, work with children and youth - organise workshops, awareness activities, cultural and sport clubs, information and presentation activities about EVS. The methods of work follow the principles of non-formal education.

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All sending organisations will select volunteers with fewer opportunities.

**Contact:** Ms. Ivana Hrušková

**Contractor:** KERIC, občianske združenie

**Grant amount:** 164,650,00 €
The project “Citizens of Tomorrow-European Election 2014” will engage young people from 9 European countries (Luxembourg, Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic, UK, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Belgium) who will discuss with experts and decision makers about how to promote youth participation in social life of Europe and how we can find innovative ways to overcome barriers of youth participation and to achieve inclusion. The highlight of the project will be empowerment of young people for European election in 2014: it will bring the background of the discussions and debates between young people and politicians.

The project will last for 9 months and Together Luxembourg will be the coordinating organization and it will also host and implement the main activity, a five-day conference in Luxembourg in March 2014. The programme will combine various non-formal education activities in a culturally diverse environment. Young people will give presentations about good practices of youth participation in their countries (some of them with focus on contacts with MEP), and they will participate in open space workshops and discussion groups and debates focused on European elections. The learning activities will be complemented with visits and meetings with representatives at the Parliament, Ministry of Education and local municipalities. This will create an effective space for dialogue and exchange of opinions on a variety of themes.

During the preparation and follow up, young people will try to obtain patronages from politicians and Members of the European Parliament in their country and will present and discuss the outcomes of the project with them. In this way, the project will implement the Structured Dialogue where participants will share their views on innovative participation and will discuss them with experts to formulate concrete recommendations for youth policy.

Contact: Mr Ilja Gorohhov
Contractor: Together Luxembourg asbl
Grant amount: 43.707,00 €
The youth exchange THE PERFECT MATCH - Sharing Skills to face Boundaries, will be held in the small village of Bagnoregio (VT), in Italy and will last 8 days. The project will host 28 participants from Italy, Belgium, Spain and Switzerland. The main aim of the project is to overcome the exclusion of young people from having effective access to trans-national mobility, active citizenship, empowerment and inclusion in society. The specific aim is to tackle, from the perspective of young people with and without disability, the topic of disability and to find new interactive ways to activate forms of participation and active citizenship using artistic methodology. We foresee to create a mixed ability group, where part of the group will be composed by youth with visual impairments. Participants will share positive experiences of working, playing and simply being together, breaking down barriers and taking on challenges. The theme of disability will be touched not in a directly way, but in the sense of experimenting the obstacles, both for able and disabled participants. Music and dance will be the tools used during the exchange to focus on youth skills linked to creativity and entrepreneurship. At the end of the week is foreseen a final event where participants will be able to presents the results of the week with a special exhibition. An interactive methodology, based on non-formal education, will be proposed for the whole duration of the project: participants will exchange information and knowledge horizontally, with a peer to peer approach.

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"Engage to Shape!" is a 4 days structured-dialogue seminar bringing together 30 young people from Belgium, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland and Turkey. It will take place in Athens, Greece. It aims at engaging its participants into structured dialogue with Greek policy makers/stakeholders and developing a policy paper about youth social entrepreneurship as a mean to combat unemployment and social exclusion. Taking into consideration that Europe is currently threatened by various social challenges, very much related to the economic circumstances, unemployment, inactive participation and social exclusion are influencing the life of European youth. In this context, youth must take the lead and shape Europe’s future! Taking advantage of the fact that Greece will hold the Presidency of the Council of the EU in the first half of 2014, the need to respond to youth problems is growing. The seminar “Engage to Shape!” will enable youth to express their own solutions to address the problems and take an active role as European citizens. During the seminar, participants will be using the methods of non-formal learning and structured dialogue. The objectives of the project are:

- To increase competencies of participants concerning social entrepreneurship and youth inclusion
- To share knowledge on local problems in participating countries
- To share best practices when approaching policy makers and policy making in local realities
- To develop knowledge of participants on European policy making and how it affects their daily life
- To develop a list of proposals for the development of youth social entrepreneurship and youth social inclusion to be communicated with policy makers and relevant stakeholders

The recommendations will be collected and published in a policy paper format. At the same time, it is expected that youth and their NGOs will endorse the policy paper in their lobbying campaigns and their local actions.

Contact: Ms Michail Eleni

Contractor: Youth for Exchange and Understanding International

Grant amount: 17.894,00 €
**TITLE:** Y Vote convention: More Europe but Which Europe?

**DESCRIPTION:**

YVote 2014 is an EU-wide campaign aiming to turn first-time voters and students into actors of the European Parliamentary Elections 2014 by informing them and encouraging them to participate. With this campaign, we want to enable young people to:
- Take stands on the most important social issues in Europe,
- Exchange and develop their positions together
- Effectively spread them by taking active role in democratic processes of different settings and structures with central focus on:

The campaign is designed and planned by young people for young people. The issue of a European democratic deficit and the political apathy of the youngest citizens is of paramount importance for young people themselves in the first place. One of the main activities of this campaign is the organisation of 10 European youth conventions on different topics, which aim at enabling young people to contribute directly to the European Parliamentary Elections 2014, by exchanging their ideas and making recommendations which will be gathered in a youth manifesto, which will present what young people want to ask to their future representatives in the European Parliament. This convention will take place in Brussels, from 19 to 23rd of March 2014, and will focus on the following topic "More Europe, but which Europe?", giving space for the 25 young people coming from different European countries, to discuss their views on the building of Europe, the direction this political construction is taking and drafting recommendation on how young people want to see Europe develop, as a political, geographical and social model. Additionally, participants will be able to discuss with candidates MEP during the convention, as well as organise and animate activities in the city, to increase their fellows' young people's participation.

**Contact:** Mr Pavel Zbornik

**Contractor:** Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe

**Grant amount:** 12.636,00 €
**El Ratatouille**

**Description:**
El Ratatouille is an EVS Project involving 11 partners and 7 EVS group activities: 2 in Peru, 1 in Italy, 1 in Mexico, 1 in Romania, 1 in Bolivia and 1 in Nepal. In total it involves 30 vols, 24 from Programme Countries and 6 from Other Partner Countries, of which several with fewer opportunities. The services will be implemented from 01/2014 till 04/2015.

The theme of the project are children and youth policies. The objectives are to offer the vols an intercultural experience and a unique opportunity of discovering diverse realities of social disadvantage with special attention on children and youth. Vols will acquire skills and knowledge regarding challenges of social disadvantage and marginalisation of children and youth, various pedagogical approaches applied and various local policies developed. Vols will be carrying out activities that will benefit mostly disadvantaged children and youth, their communities and the volunteers themselves. The activities will vary. The services in Peru are split between 2 partners: 2 groups of 4 vols (ES, IT and FR) will work for 6 months with children forced to work to support their families. Another group of 2 vols from FR and IT will work for the benefit of disabled children. Volunteers activities: homework assistance, accompanying to schools, organising leisure activities and assisting in various workshops.

The service in Italy (4 vols from MX, RO, BR and SP for 7 months in 2 shifts) and Romania (1 MX, 1 BR for 8 months) will regard NFL, work for social inclusion and European awareness activities for youth and children. In Bolivia 2 vols from Italy will work 12 months with young girls at risk or victims of sexual abuse or juvenile prostitution. In Mexico 4 vols (2 IT, 2 RO) will work 12 months with disabled children, street children, and on educational activities at a botanical garden. In Nepal 8 vols (4 IT, 2 ES, 2 FR) will work in two shifts for 5 months to provide support to orphans and homeless children.

**Contact:**
Mr Tommaso Pescetto Cosentino

**Contractor:**
Associazione di promozione sociale Joint

**Grant amount:**
168,329,00 €
Title: Avatars of Nógrád

Description: Egyesek Youth Association organizes its yearly short-term EVS project which we address only to youngsters with multiple challenges since 2010. Our intention is to develop the project and create learning opportunities for the international volunteers as well as for the local community. We invite 30 volunteers from 10 countries (GR, PL, FR, LV, HR, UA, RUS, Mexico, India, Vietnam) to a community center called Creative Space which is located in Nógrád county, one of the poorest region in Hungary. The volunteers plan, organize, realize and evaluate action-based learning activities for disadvantaged rural children and youngsters in English language. The programme consists of 3 days on-arrival training, 2 weeks of non-formal learning activities (playsessions) in 5 villages, 1 environmental action day, open event, closing and evaluation. The volunteers are responsible for running the group accommodation and documenting the camp in films, photos, writing and promote it in diverse ways. These complex tasks enable youngsters with different backgrounds, to be active citizen and realize what can they learn from volunteering. It gives them deeper understanding of life and what they want from it. At the same time our activity aims to involve local youngsters and to show them example by the EVSers how to be responsible for themselves and take action for their communities. The methods we use are experimental learning which is supported by professional mentors living and working together with the volunteers, and enable them to take initiative in their own lives to implement what they learnt during the service. According to the feedback of the ex-volunteers and local stakeholders our activity is highly appreciated and essential: we bring international experience to their life and create unique opportunities for everyone who is involved in the project. The diversity of the people and the activities we do in this project creates high energy on both individual and collective level.

Contact: Ms Krisztina Győry

Contractor: Egyesek Ifjúsági Egyesület

Grant amount: 57.112,00 €
The objectives of this project are multiple. The core aim is to re-attract approx. 10 youngsters whom for various reasons (social, pedagogical, etc.) are less interested in mainstream education and training. Some of them even are candidates to drop-out of education. It is clear that these types of learning experiences not only engage and motivate more but that the overall learning outcomes increase considerably. In addition, these youngsters will work collaboratively with youngsters of Gambia in a multicultural environment. This provides them with essential life skills such as active citizenship, development aid and working with others. Often these horizontal skills are appreciated by the future employers and help these youngsters to find easier a future job.

Research has also revealed that next to learning basic skills, the more soft competencies of for example capacity of interacting and collaborating with others, identity building, self-trust, expression of feelings and emotions in group are being enhanced. During their 2-week stay in The Gambia, various problems and conflict may appear and be solved with and through the others (and of course the coaches). The confrontation with another culture, but especially for the Belgian youngsters the confrontation with the poor social conditions of the Gambian citizens leads to a better understanding of other cultures and their identities. The dimension of physically travelling towards another country is very important in a world wherein mobility is normal.

While linking this project on humanitarian assistance in a development country, namely renovating a Health Center, to make it more operational, and renovating class rooms in a Lower Basic School, it will confront these youngsters with - and make them aware about - the great need of humanitarian aid to the South.

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# Social volunteering for youth empowerment

**DESCRIPTION:**

- The project "Social volunteering for youth empowerment" aims to promote long and mid term EVS as tools for social action, involving 22 volunteers from 8 different countries of the world (EE, ES, GR, IS, IT, LV, PT, UA).
- The project will have a social profile connected in some cases to the actual aim of the actions carried out by volunteers and in some cases to the actual socially disadvantaged backgrounds of the volunteers themselves.
- Bringing together volunteers from extremely different cultural and social background, the project will promote mutual understanding and share of knowledge, creating simultaneously an extremely enriching learning environment for the volunteers and for the local communities affected.
- Volunteers will be involved in several different hosting projects connected with local voluntary actions: assistance in communities for people with disabilities, promotion of antimafia culture and activities, environmental protection, support to socialization and recreational activities for deprived kids, refugees or vulnerable groups in deprived urban areas, support to the implementation of local international voluntary projects, etc.
- 8 over 22 volunteers will come from disadvantaged background (social, economical, geographical). The project will last 24 months.

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