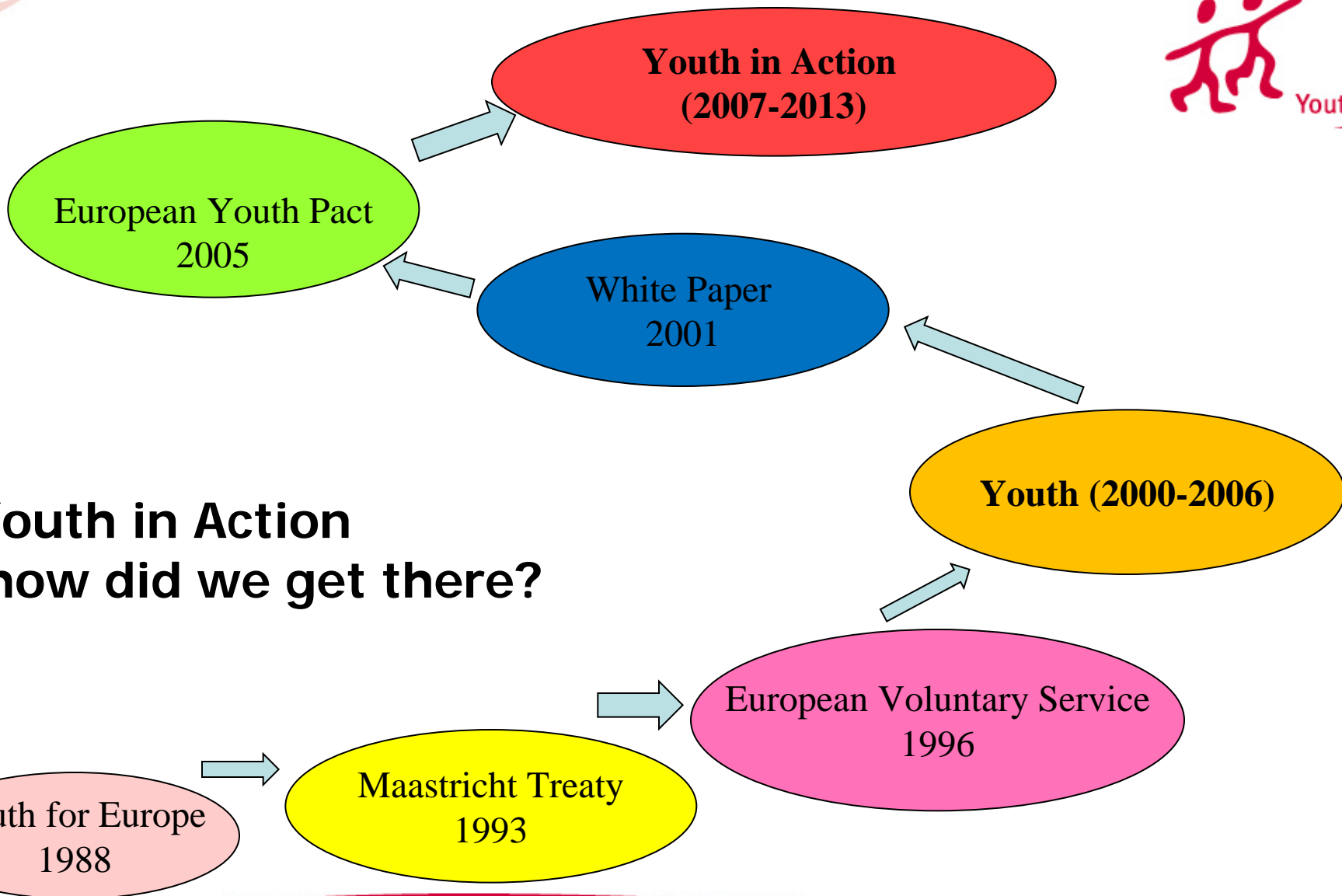


Youth in Action Programme 2007-2013

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Youth in Action how did we get there?



Learning from the past

YOUTH programme (2000-2006)

- 380.000 participants in youth exchanges
- 20.000 EVS volunteers
- 8.000 Youth initiatives
- ...

Total: **700.000** participants in **70.000** projects!

Youth in Action 2007-2013

- Budget: 885 millions €
- Decision of the Council of Ministers and European Parliament 15 November 2006: Programme officially adopted



Objectives of the programme

- Promoting young people's active citizenship;
- Developing solidarity to reinforce social cohesion in the European Union;
- Fostering mutual understanding
- Contributing to developing the quality of support systems and the capabilities of civil society in the youth field;
- Promoting European cooperation in youth policy.

Cultural
diversity

European
citizenship

Youth in Action priorities

Inclusion of young
people with fewer
opportunities

Active
participation

Annual priorities

- **2007 = European Year of Equal Opportunities**
(fight against discrimination)
- **2008 = European Year of Intercultural Dialogue**
- **2009 = European Year of innovation and creativity**
 - **2010 = European Year of**
 - **2011 = European Year of**
- **2012 = European Year of Intergenerational Dialogue**

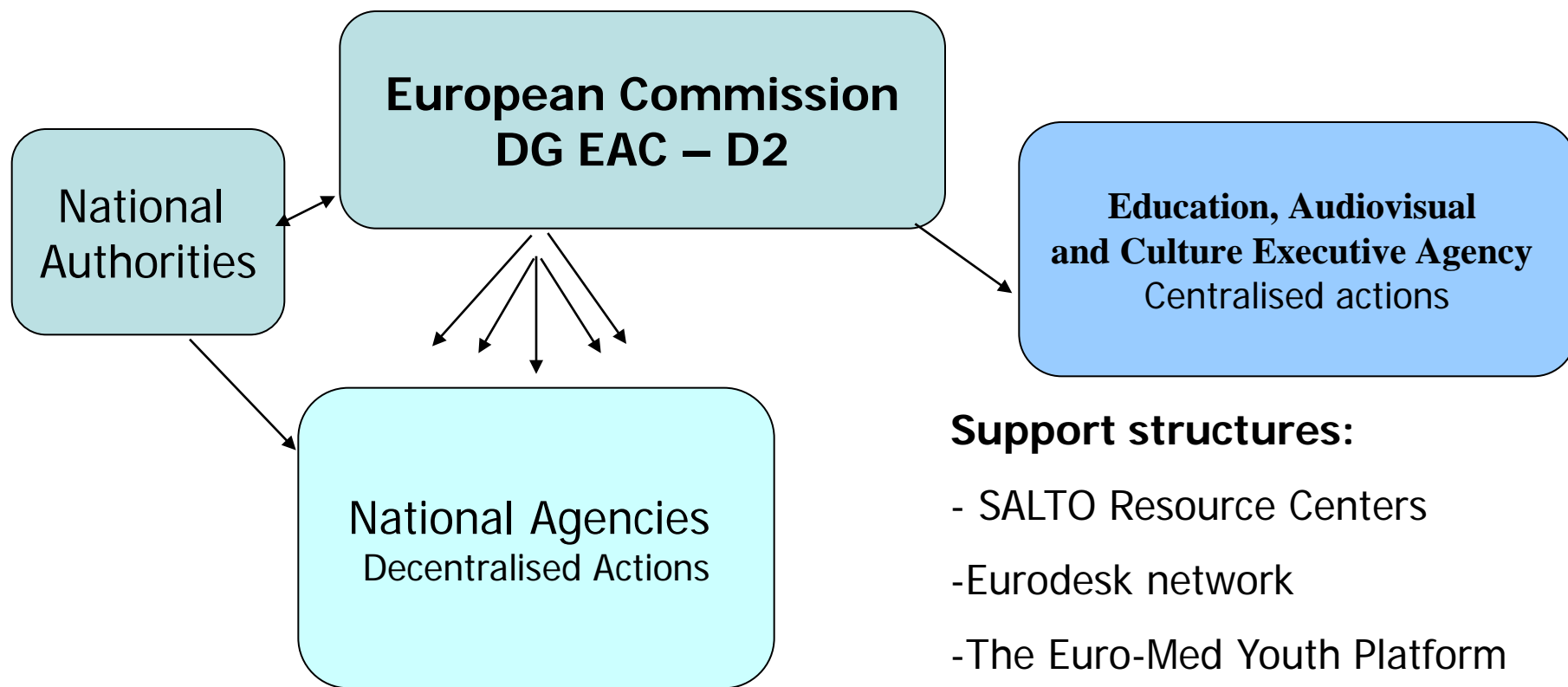


Non-formal and informal learning

YOUTHPASS

Every person who has taken part in a Youth in Action project under Action 1.1, Action 2, and Action 4.3 receive a Youthpass certificate, which describes and validates the non-formal and informal learning experience acquired during the project.

How is the programme implemented?



Support structures:

- SALTO Resource Centers
- Eurodesk network
- The Euro-Med Youth Platform
- Former EVS volunteer structures

Who can participate?

In general: young people from 15 to 28

But:

-Youth exchanges: 13-25 (exception: 26-30)

-Youth initiatives: 18-30 (exception: 15-17)

-Youth Democracy Projects: 13-30

-European Voluntary Service: 18-30 (exception: 16-17)

-Training and cooperation: no age limit, and includes **other actors involved in the field of youth and non-formal education**

Participants and target groups

Youth in Action projects are submitted and, if selected, managed by *promoters* representing the participants.

Eligible promoters

- non-profit or non-governmental organisation
- local, regional public body
- informal group of young people
- body active at European level in the youth field (ENGO), having member branches in at least 8 Programme Countries
- international governmental non-profit organisation
- a profit-making organisation (only when it organises an event in the area of youth, sport or culture).

legally established in one of the Programme or Partner Countries



Eligible countries

Programme Countries

- 27 Member States
- EEA/EFTA countries
(Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland)
- Turkey

Partner Countries

- Neighbouring Partner Countries
- Other Partner Countries of the World

Neighbouring Partner Countries



South East Europe	Eastern Europe and Caucasus	Mediterranean Partner Countries
Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) Montenegro Serbia	Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Georgia Moldova Russian Federation Ukraine	Algeria Egypt Israel Jordan Lebanon Morocco Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip Syria Tunisia



How to participate?

Programme Guide: permanent call for proposals

▪ Decentralised level:

5 deadlines each year:

- 1 February
(Projects start between 1 May and 30 September)
- 1 April
(Projects start between 1 July and 30 November)
- 1 June
(Projects start between 1 September and 31 January)
- 1 September
(Projects start between 1 December and 30 April)
- 1 November
(Projects start between 1 February and 31 July)

▪ Centralised level:

3 deadlines each year:

- 1 February
- 1 June
- 1 September

+ Specific calls for proposals

Actions of the Programme

- Action 1 - Youth for Europe
- Action 2 - European Voluntary Service
- Action 3 – Youth in the World
- Action 4 - Youth support systems
- Action 5 – Support for policy cooperation

Action 1: Youth for Europe



- Action 1 is divided in 3 sub-Actions:
 - 1.1 Youth Exchanges
 - 1.2 Youth Initiatives
 - 1.3 Youth Democracy Projects



Action 2: European Voluntary Service



- The aim of the European Voluntary Service is to support young people's participation in various forms of voluntary activities, both within and outside the European Union.



Action 3 - Youth in the World

- **3.1.** Cooperation with the neighbouring countries
- **3.2.** Cooperation with countries not covered by the neighbouring policy (annual call for proposals)

Action 4 - Youth support systems



- 4.1. Support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth
- 4.2. Support for the European Youth Forum
- 4.3. Training and networking of youth workers
- 4.4. Projects encouraging innovation and quality
- 4.5. Information activities for young people and youth workers (New)
- 4.6. Partnerships (New)
- 4.7. Support for the structures of the Programme (NAs, SALTO, EuroDesk)
- 4.8. Adding to the value of the Programme (New)





Sub-Action 4.3 decentralised action: Training, Exchange and Networking in the youth field

- Two general Objectives:
 - ❑ Promoting exchanges, cooperation and training in **European youth work**
 - ❑ Supporting project-development under the **Youth in Action** programme

- **Eligible Activities:** Job shadowing, feasibility visits, evaluation meetings, study visits, partnership-building activities, seminars, training courses, networking



Action 5 - Support for policy cooperation

- **5.1** Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy
- **5.2** Support for activities to bring about better understanding and knowledge of the field of youth
- **5.3** Co-operation with international organisations



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National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/contacts_en.htm

Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index.htm>

European Youth Portal:

<http://europa.eu/youth/>



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