

YBBREGIONS EU PROJECT SUMMARY

The project is run by 4 Regional Authorities from 4 very different countries (1“EU15”-2“EU25”-1“EU28”): **Abruzzo** for Italy, (co-ordinating-partner), **Dubrovnik-Neretva**,for Croatia, **Lubuskie** for Poland and **Prešov** for Slovakia.It is co-financed by the European Commission (less than 45,52%),as part of the “**Youth in Action**” EU **Programme**.

It aimed at offering the young people from the regions above with the opportunity to spend until 3 months in **Brussels**,dealing with **EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE** and **TRANSNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGES** happening in the **Brussels-Based offices** of their Regions of origin.

In particular, the project was designed in order to provide youngsters with the **same insight understanding** than only staff of Brussels-based regional offices can have. Activities are delivered on a **voluntary** basis and **jointly** by participants. They carry-on **general-interest tasks**, delivering **public (non-profit) services** to citizens and,especially, to **young people(youth workers and young unemployed)**,by means -amongst other- of full-time information,raising awareness and dissemination activities,towards themselves but also towards their local communities of origin.Accomodation is provided in **same flats**.Therefore,they offer themselves a **practical example of Europeans living together** as one community.

Project's kick-off was on **May 2014**. First placements happened in **September 2014**. At the end there have been **80 young people** joining their **regional offices in Brussels**.

Through this experience, participants were“**non-formally**” learning about:

- 1) Issues concerning the way territories across Europe learn about concrete **needs** of their citizens (namely youngsters) and enterprises;
- 2) Issues influencing the way territories **translate** those concrete needs to Europe;
- 3) Issues influencing the way Europe (especially European Parliament) **take part** in this process and/or listen to this translation;
- 4) Issues influencing the way Europe (especially European Parliament) **answer** to this translation, with identification of any relevant failures and bottle-necks.

As a result, applicants were receiving **multiple benefits** as they:

- i) Acquired essential **skills** and **competences**;
- ii) Were provided with improved and enhanced **tools** for further education, training or employment opportunities in their own Communities, back in the Regions;
- iii) Raised awareness (rectius: closer **insight**) about European Institutions;

iv) Raised awareness (rectius: closer **insight**) about rights linked to **EU citizenship**, including moving and residing freely within EU.

Overall budget of the “**yBBregions - Youth and Brussels Based**” EU project was 149.840 Euro, of which:

- 68.200 Euro was the EU GRANT (45,52 % of total cost)

- 81.640 Euro was CO-FUNDED by the 4 partner-regions, in proportion with the number of youngsters involved (22 youth people for Abruzzo, 20 for Presov and Lubuskie and 18 for Dubrovnik-Neretva)

Every aspect of the project, including the **selection**, was managed **online**, via the official website, in digital form, in order to ensure high level of objectivity, transparency and rapidity. All interested people who met the conditions for eligibility indicated in the public notice related to the two years of activities were invited to visit the website and participate in surveys and other activities offered there, including to respond to notices for available placements within the project.

At the end we can say that it was very successful, with more than **18.000** visits on the website and more than **600** registered users.

Among all, **80** young people were taking part in the activities happening in Brussels.

Furthermore, about **200** of them took part in the informative survey related to the project's themes.

MORE INFO:

Official WebSite:

<http://yBBregions.eu.org/>

The project is also quite "social-friendly".

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/yBBregions>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/yBBregions>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube/yBBregions>

Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/yBBregions>

SELECTION OF MAIN PRESS-RELEASES:

-COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS:

<http://cor.europa.eu/en/news/regional/Pages/youth-brussels-based-regions-project-abruzzo.aspx>

-BRUSSELS DIPLOMATIC:

<http://brusselsdiplomatic.com/2014/02/10/ybb-regions-youth-and-brussels-based-80-young-people-joining-the-offices-of-their-respective-regions-in-brussels-over-2-years/>

-ANSA:

http://www.ansa.it/web/notizie/regioni/abruzzo/europa/2014/01/28/-Gioventu-azione-Abruzzo-Bruxelles-selezione-22_9977900.html

-ADN KRONOS:

http://www.adnkronos.com/fatti/pa-informa/politica/2015/02/19/europa-quattro-giovani-per-tye-preso-ufficio-bruxelles_hJFkdWyom7VDhGj3QQlfeN.html