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••• What's up?

We should consider the educational plus value of this financial support to youth projects with a European dimension. In fact, it gives young people the chance to try out ideas through initiatives which give them an opportunity to be directly and actively involved in planning and realising projects. More, Action 3 has a local impact which is a step forward an emerging European citizenship.

Young people feel that they are contributing to the construction of Europe, and the beneficiaries can see that the European Union finances projects that have a real impact on their daily life. Third, there is a strong possibility to network projects and create European contacts. Projects can become youth exchanges, European voluntary services, or whatever... The most important is doing something together to learn from each other.

This newsletter aims to give more information on this "little" action and underline its interest.

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SALTO : Support for Advanced

Learning and Training Opportunities

••• A Focus on "Action 3"

Through this Action, the European Commission aims to support young people's initiative and creativity. It can give young people the chance to try out ideas through initiatives which give them an opportunity to be directly and actively involved in planning and realising projects in their local community. A **Group Initiative** is a project created and run by a group of young people. Such projects can represent innovative examples of the contributions that young people want to make to their local community. **Future Capital** is for young people who have completed European Voluntary service (EVS) or short-term voluntary service (see Action 2 of the Youth Programme). It is primarily aimed at individuals, but it does allow two young people to apply for the same project as long as they demonstrate the relevant link.

Report on **European Seminar on Action 3** by the French National Agency

A seminar has gathered all Action 3 project officers to reflect on how to optimise the development of this Action of the YOUTH programme in these countries, better exchange on their practices and facilitate networking between young people.

The report gives much information on how Action 3 is run in each country, and its perspectives. *Very interesting to better perceive the involvement of National Agencies.* **Languages:** English and French
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Report on **Mid-Term Evaluation Training for group initiative projects in the frame of Action 3.1 of YOUTH programme**

by the Estonian National Agency (2002)

This evaluation responds to the need for project development training for Estonian informal youth groups who had no previous experience in project management.

Language: English

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Toolbox on Inclusion and Group Initiatives

This Tool Box comprises most of the exercises, activities and materials used at the SALTO-YOUTH Training Course on Inclusion and Group Initiatives. The first section shows the framework of this course and the logic behind the programme so that you have an idea in which context our training course took place. After this you will find the different methods used, listed chronologically. Hopefully this inspires you to use and adapt these tools to your needs!

Get on: www.salto-youth.net/toolbox

Report and video on: **An International training session on project management –A focus on Action 3-**

This training pack shorts out what has been done a training session to increase Action 3 project management competencies among potential participants, support workers and youth workers, to promote an international dynamic on the Action 3 projects in order to value the European dimension, and to stimulate national co-operation between the different actors involved in Action 3.

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Impact +

IMPACT+ has been carried out within the frame of the Youth program (Action 5: support measures) which aims at helping all those involved in youth activities to prepare and develop projects and initiatives within the context of the YOUTH programme. The purpose of the project: to facilitate youth initiatives and meetings between young Europeans with ideas and projects and social-minded companies.

Language: English, French and German

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SVE CONNEXION French example of Youth Initiative : creation of a website

This website, created by 2 French girls coming back from a good EVS experience, is a good example of a Youth Initiative project.

Have a look!! *From young people to young people.* **Get on:** www.sve-connexion.org

