



Education and Culture DG



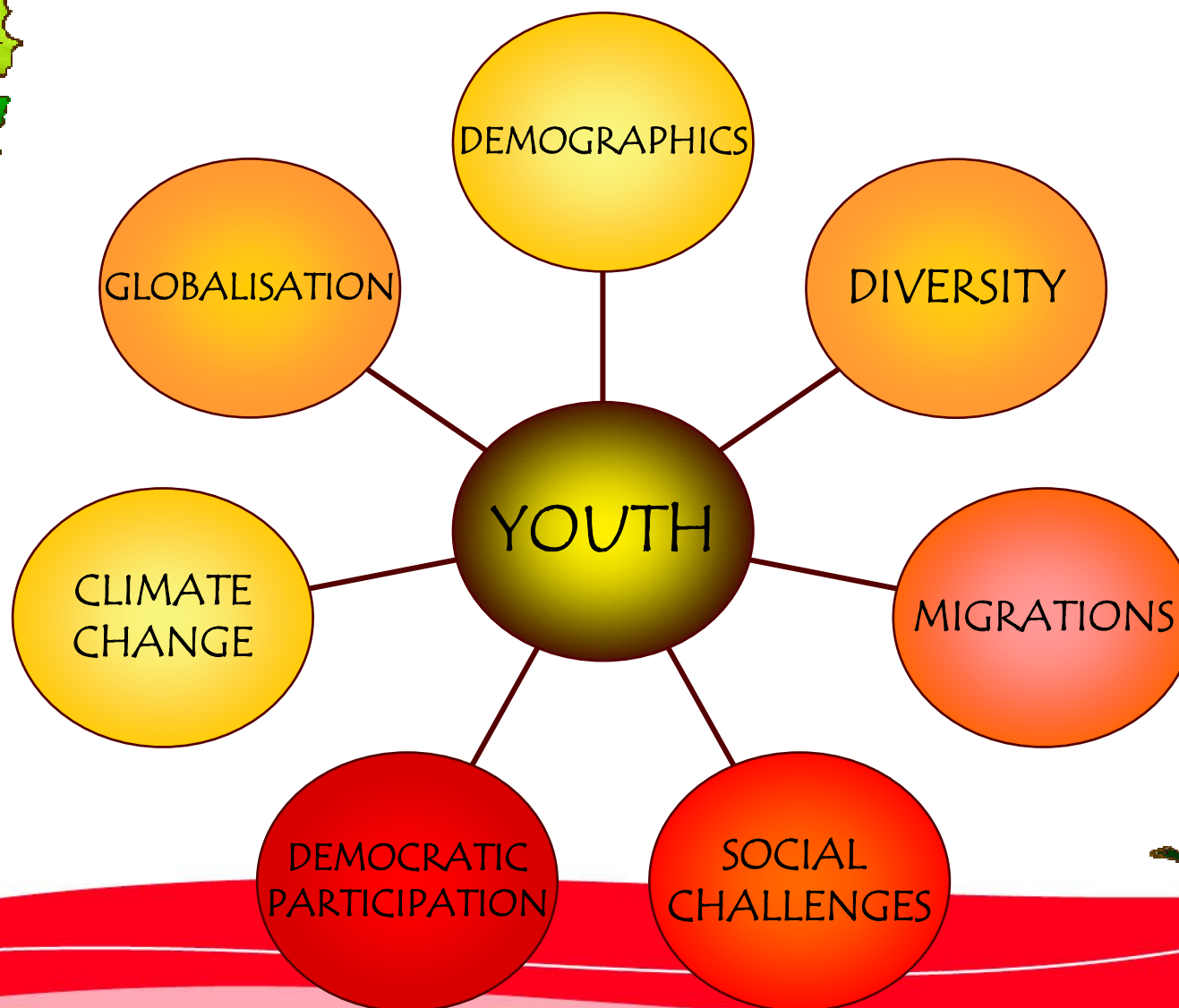
EUROPEAN UNION'S STRATEGY FOR YOUTH: INVESTING & EMPOWERING



CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



CRISIS



EVIDENCE



1 in 7 leave school early with only basic qualifications at best

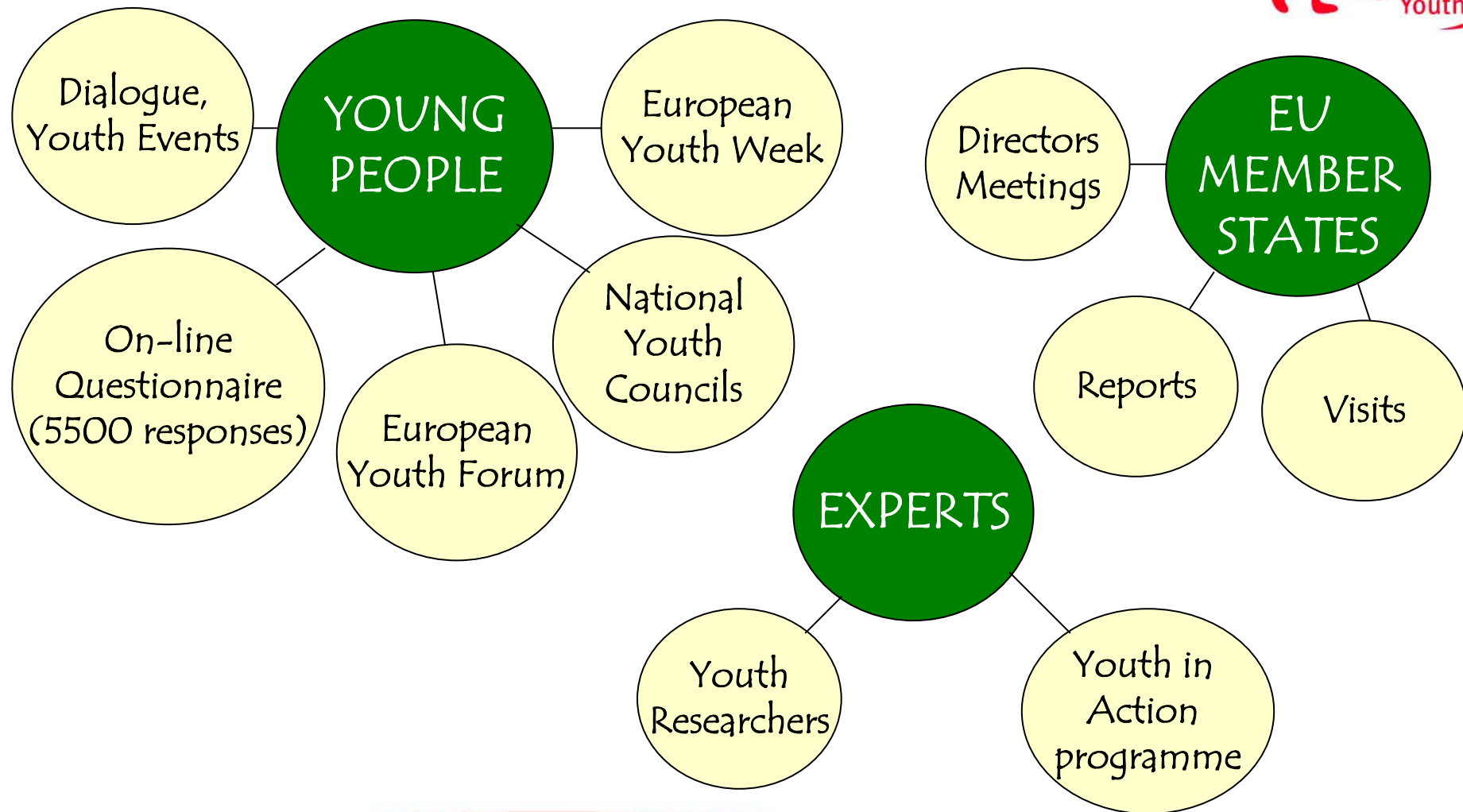
Almost 20% (96 million) of current EU population are aged 15–29. By 2050, young people will probably be around 15%

Even before the current crisis, over 15% are unemployed (twice more than total population).

Around 20 % of young people in Europe are at risk of poverty



A VAST CONSULTATION

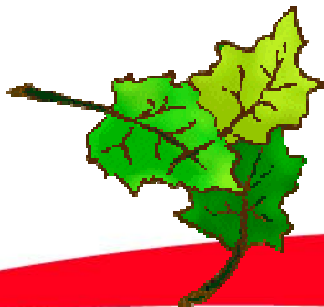


A NEW STRATEGY YOUTH – INVESTING & EMPOWERING



- Investing in Youth: putting in place greater resources in policy areas that affect young people in their daily life and improve their well being

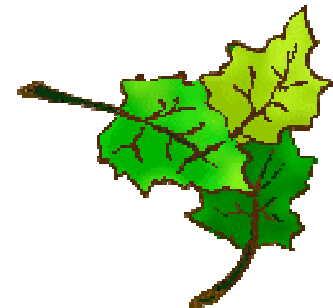
- Empowering Youth: promoting the potential of young people for the renewal of society and to contribute to EU values and goals



A STRATEGY FOR 9 YEARS (2010-2018)



- The EU's vision for young people!
- A long term strategy (9 years) with a short term impact (3 years)!
- A priority of the EU social agenda!





MOBILISING ALL KEY POLICIES IN 27 MEMBER STATES!



- Youth policy can't advance without effective coordination with other sectors
- Youth policies can contribute in areas such as child and family policy, education, employment, social inclusion, housing, healthcare and gender equality



ACTIONS



EDUCATION

FORMAL
EDUCATION

YOUTH
WORK

LIFE LONG
LEARNING
STRATEGY

FIGHT AGAINST
EARLY SCHOOL
LEAVING

LEARNING
MOBILITY

- Develop out of school learning to help early school leavers

- Make available good quality guidance and counselling services

- Use Europass and provide certificates such as Youthpass





EMPLOYMENT

A KEY
PRIORITY

ACTIONS

- Lower barriers to the free movement of labour across the EU
- Develop youth employability through youth work
- Promote quality internships and employment schemes

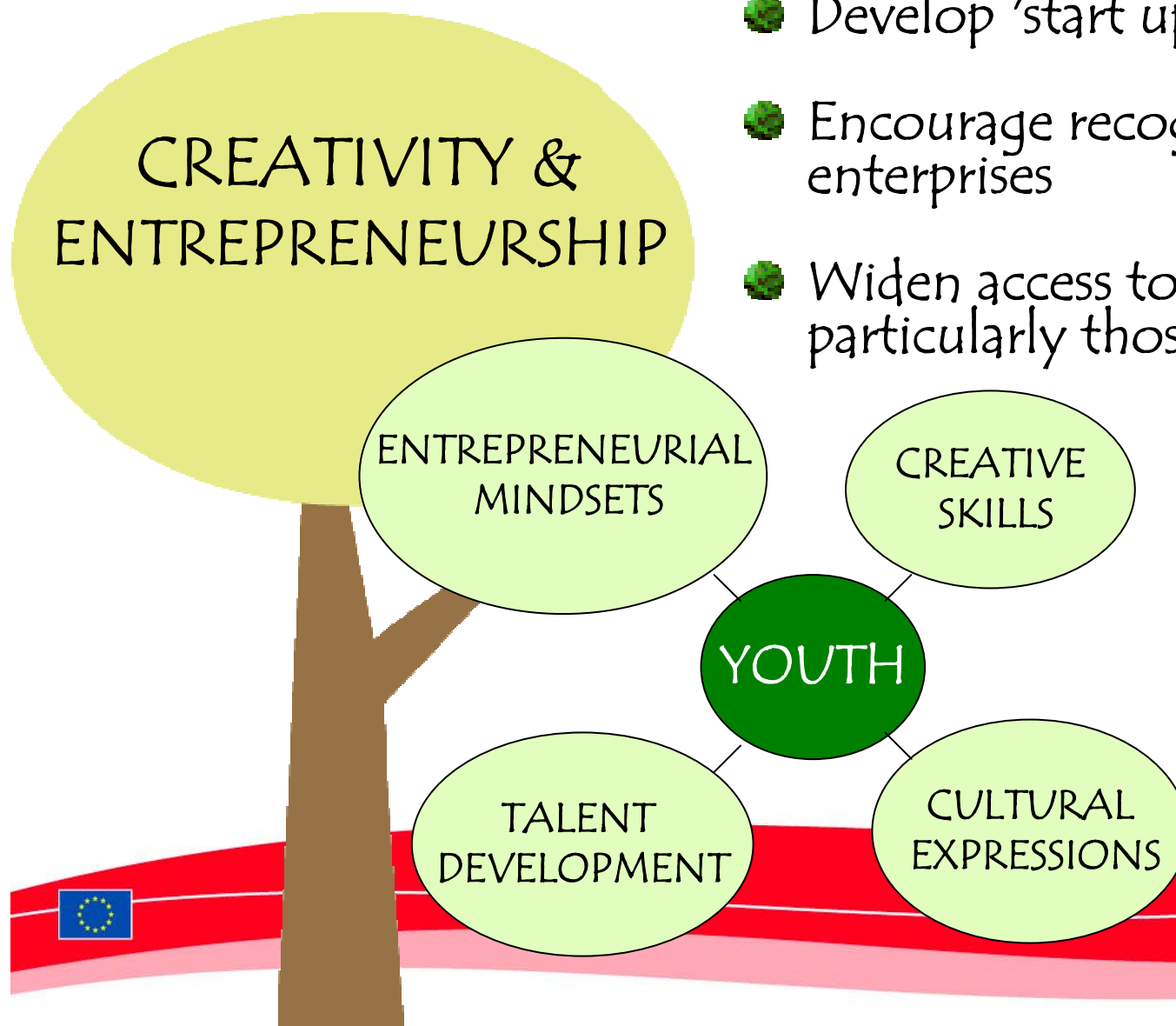
COORDINATION
OF ACTION IN
MS & EU

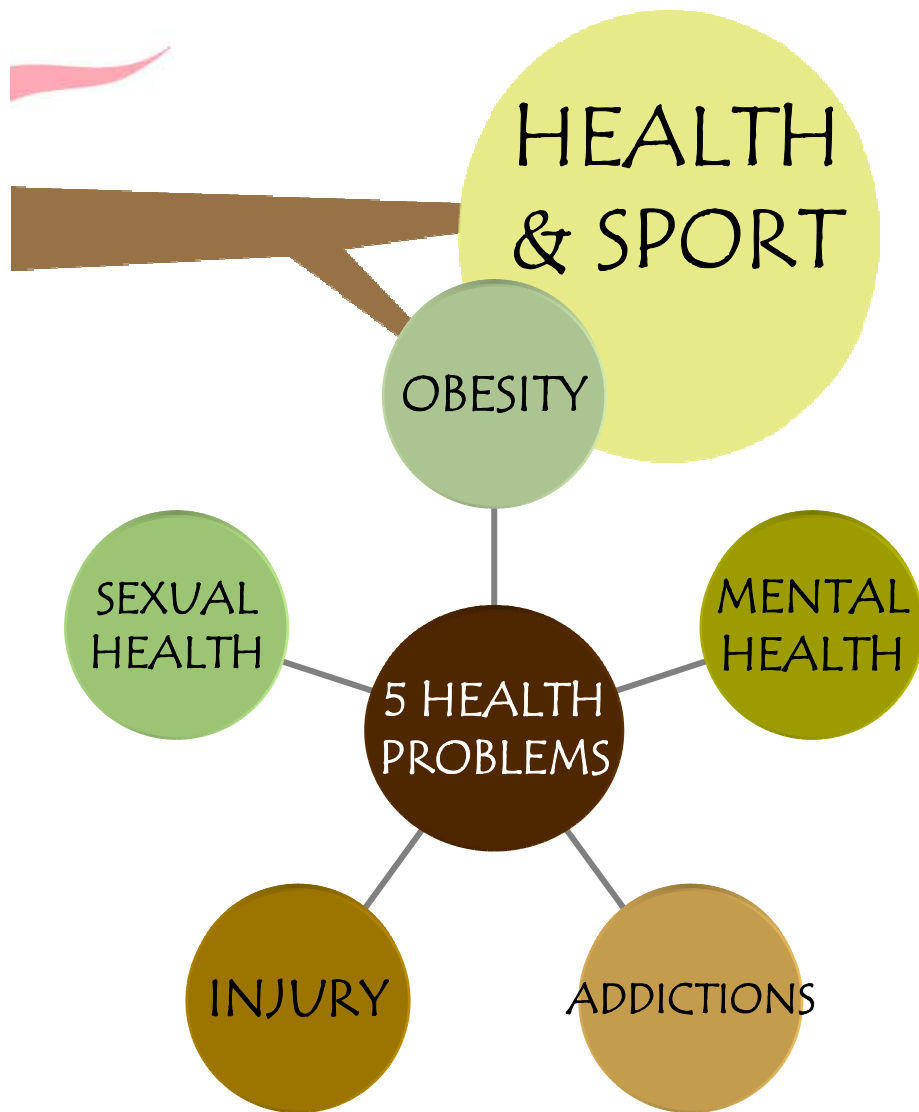
INVESTMENT
IN
RIGHT SKILLS



ACTIONS

- Develop 'start up' funds
- Encourage recognition of junior enterprises
- Widen access to creative tools, particularly those involving new technologies

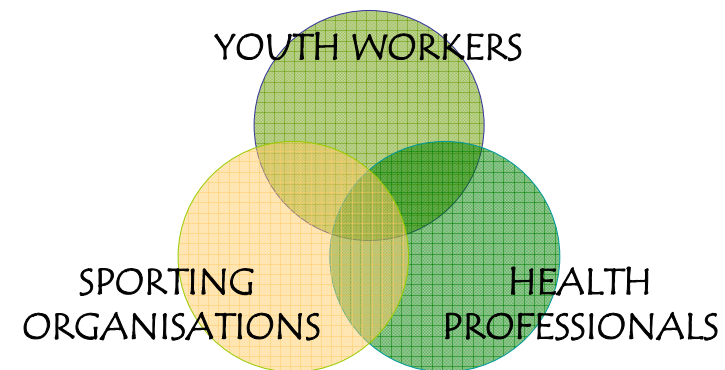




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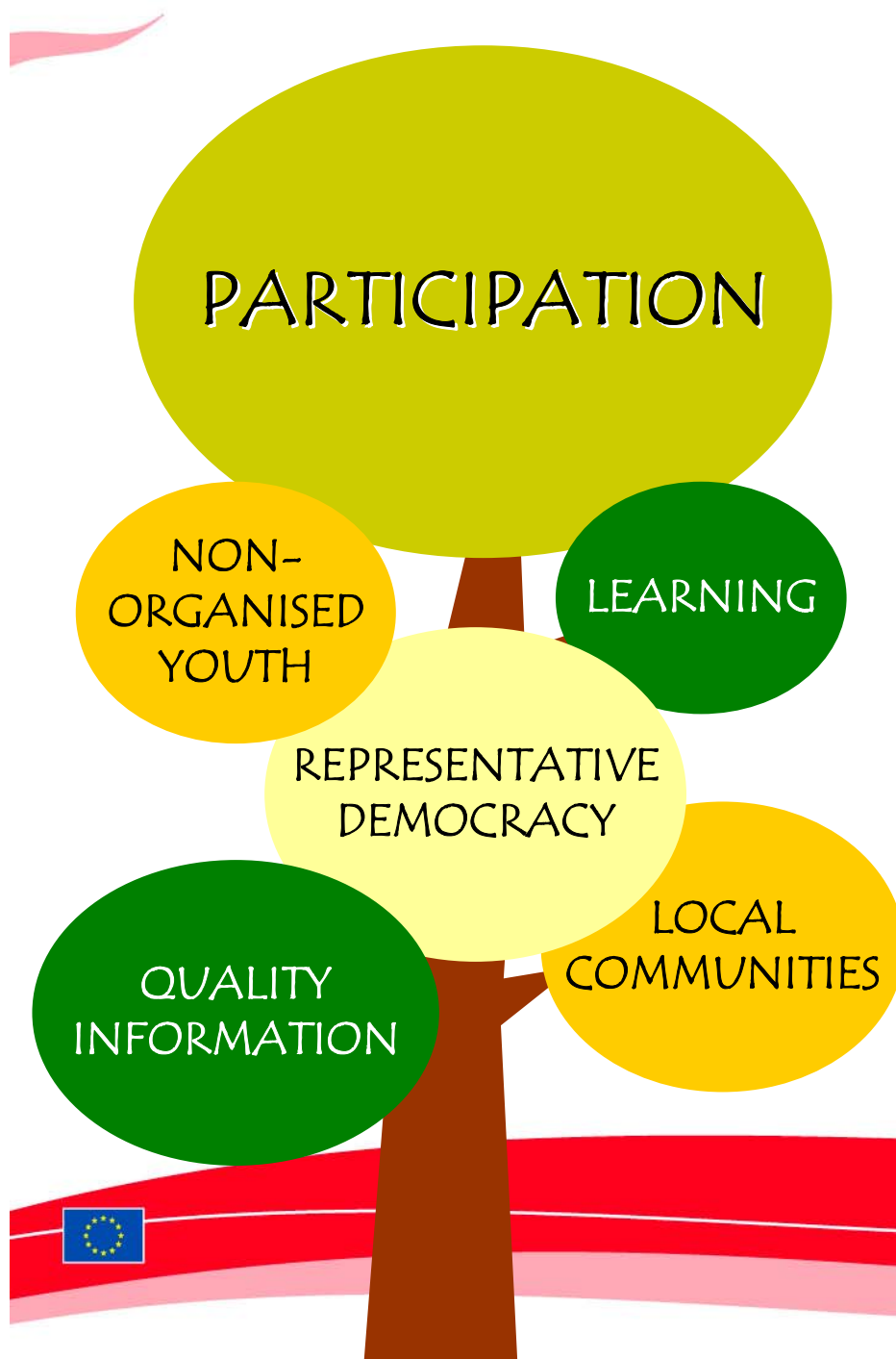
- Mobilise all stakeholders at local level to detect and help young people at risk
- Promote training opportunities for youth workers and youth leaders
- Develop tailor-made information on health and mobilise youth information network





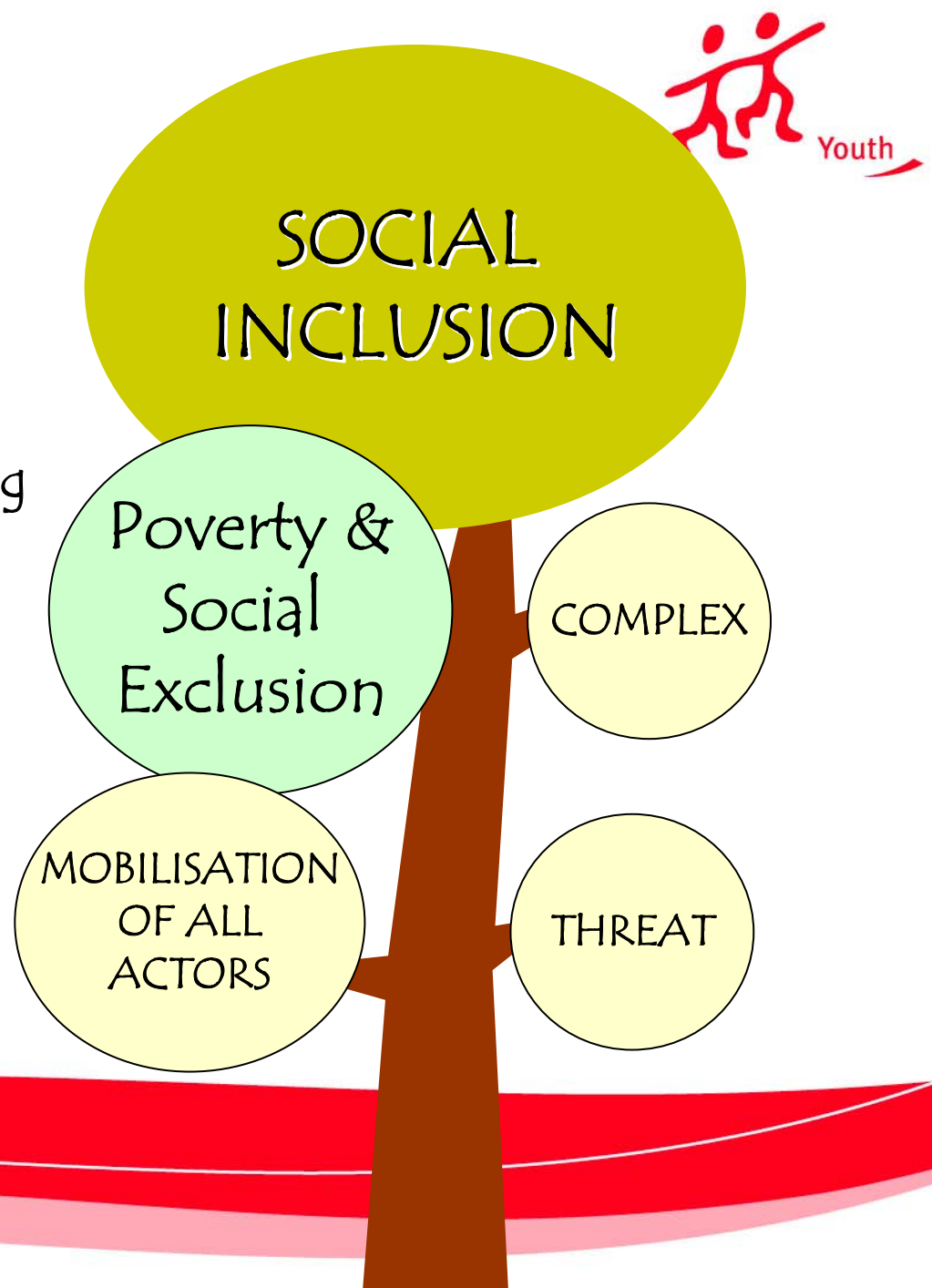
ACTIONS

- Develop quality standards on youth participation, information and consultation
- Promote e-democracy to reach out to more non-organised youth
- To revamp the European Youth Portal and promote greater outreach to young people



ACTIONS

- Use of EU Funds and experimental programmes
- Address homelessness, housing and financial exclusion
- Promote access to quality services, e.g., transport, e-inclusion, health, social services



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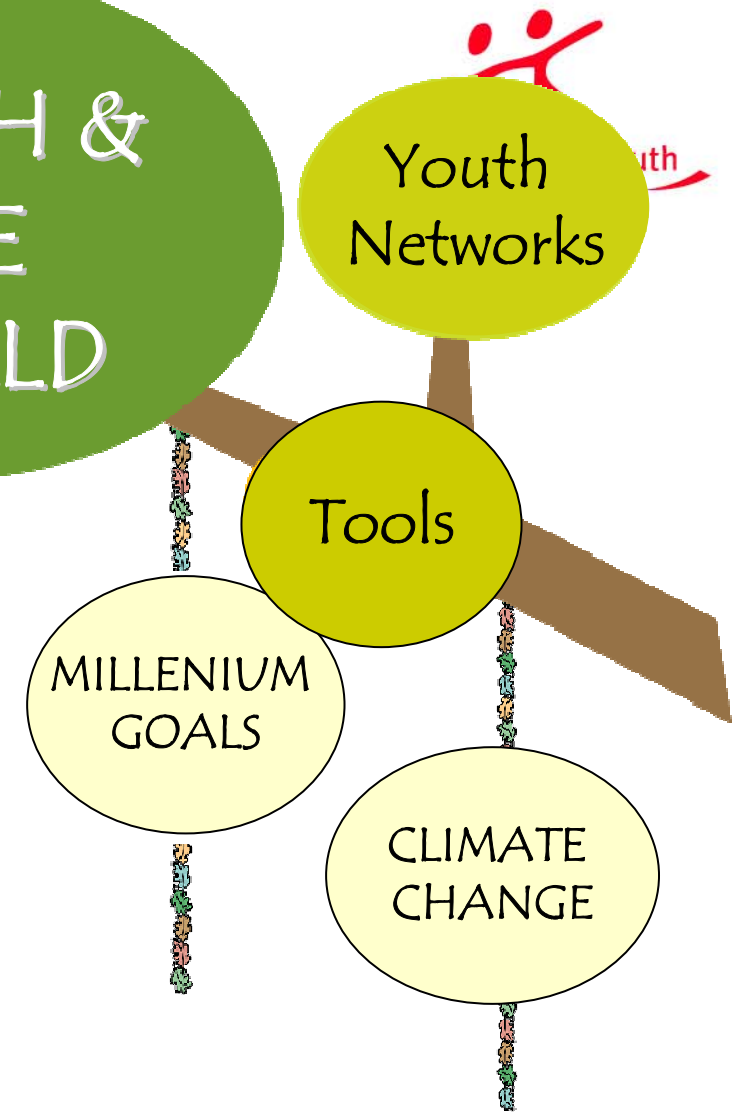
- Enhance skills recognition through Europass and Youthpass
- Reflect on ways to better protect rights of volunteers and assure quality in volunteering
- Develop national approaches on mobility of young volunteers



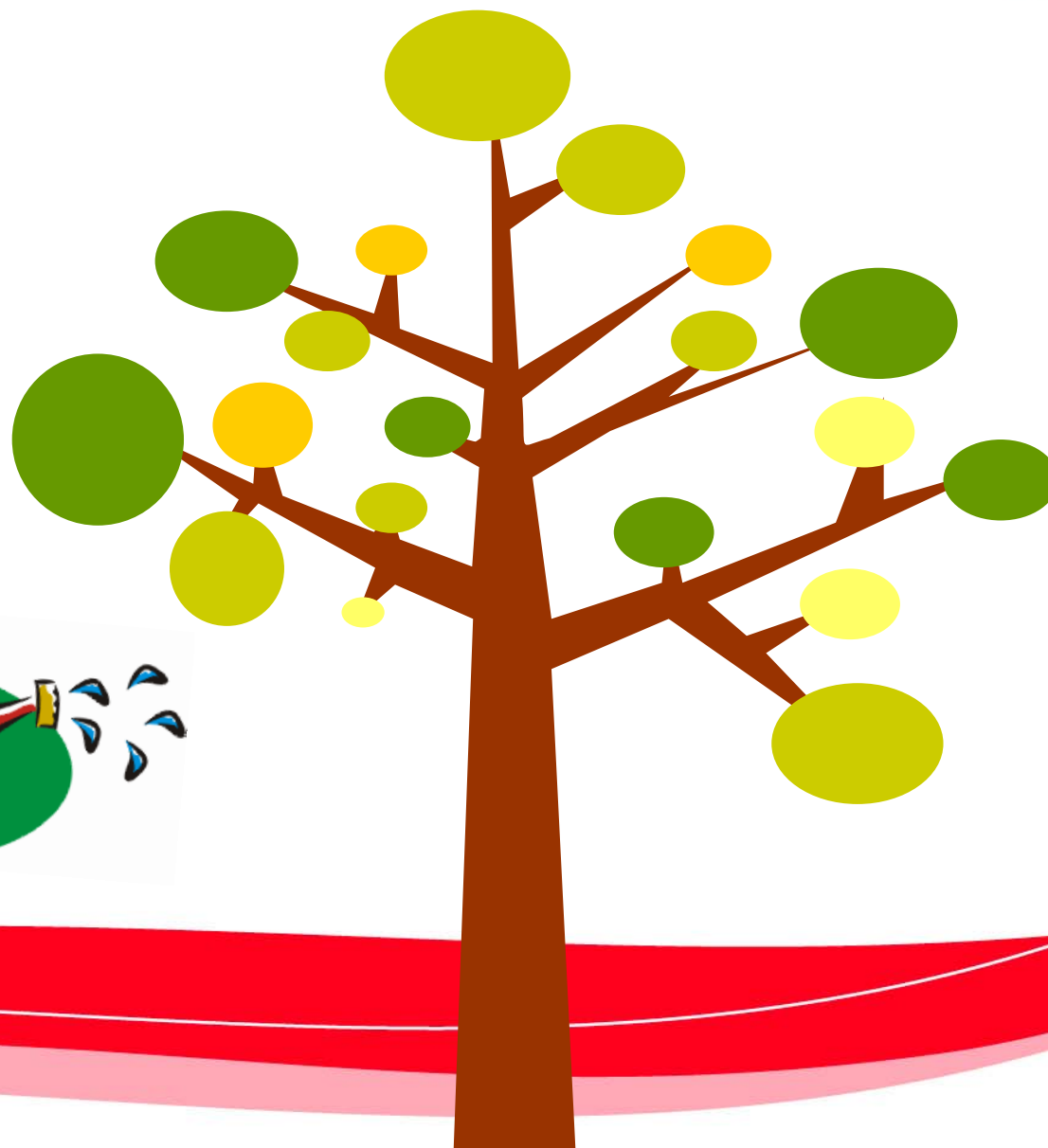
YOUTH & THE WORLD

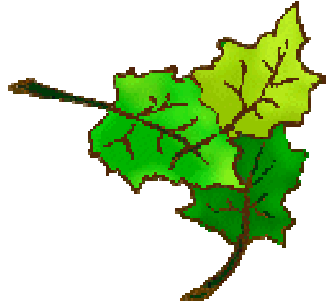
ACTIONS

- Encourage 'green' patterns of consumption and production with young people
- Support the development of youth work on other continents
- Raise awareness on fundamental rights and development issues worldwide with young people



YOUTH WORK





YOUTH WORK



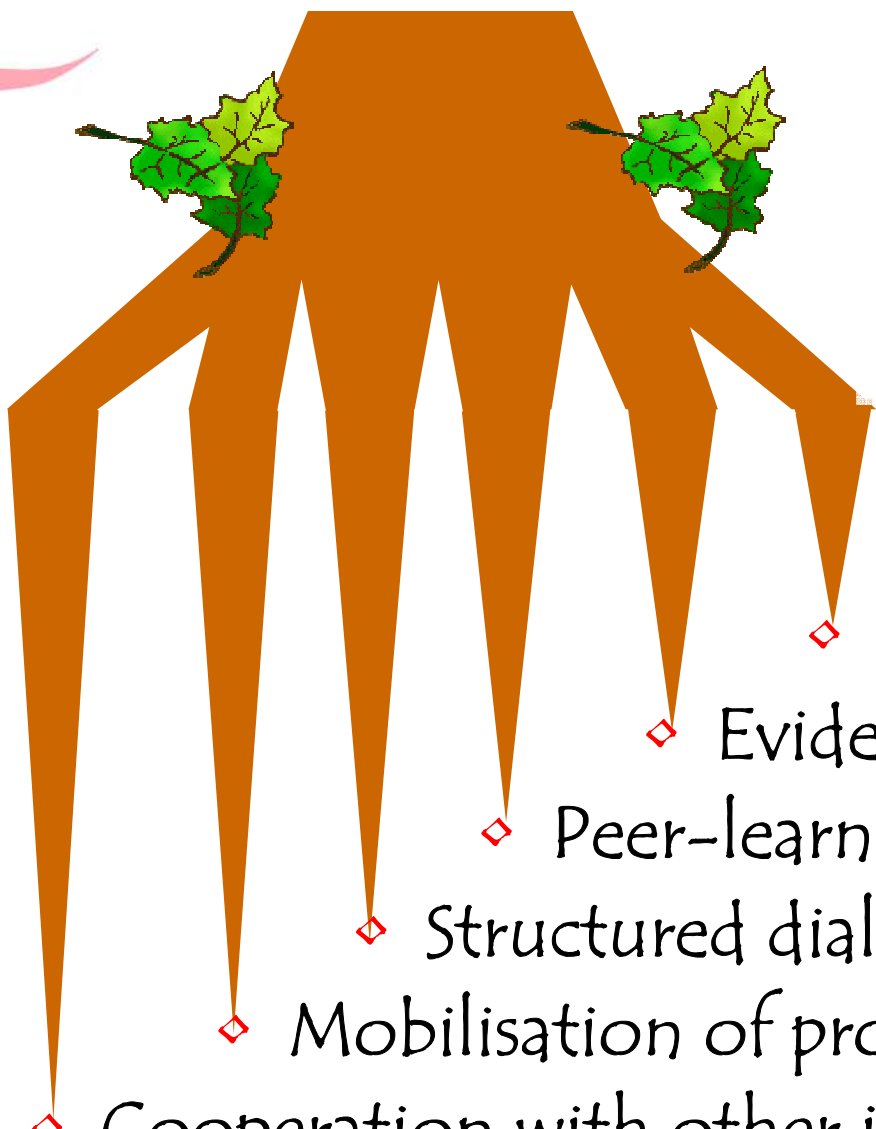
- Youth work can help to deal with unemployment, school failure, social exclusion, provide leisure time, increase skills and support the transition from youth to adulthood
- Youth work should be supported, recognised for its economic and social contribution, and professionalised



TOOLS



NO REVOLUTION,
BUT BETTER IMPLEMENTATION!

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- Reporting.....
 - Evidence-based policy-making.....
 - Peer-learning between countries.....
 - Structured dialogue with young people.....
 - Mobilisation of programmes and funds
 - Cooperation with other institutions and organisations

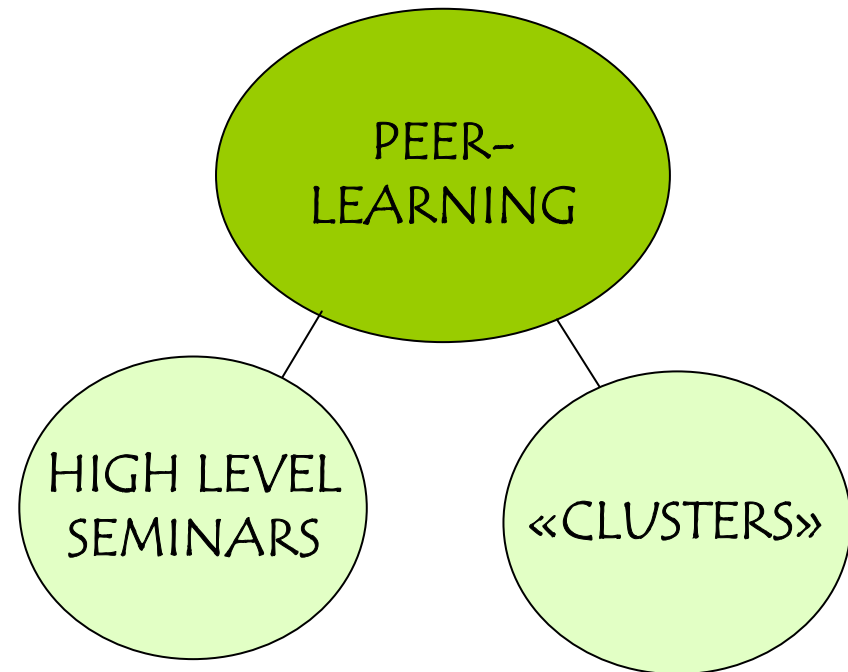
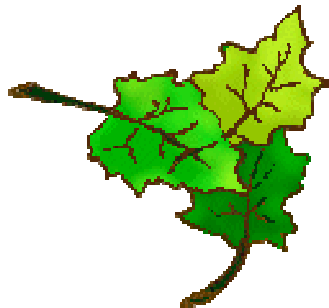


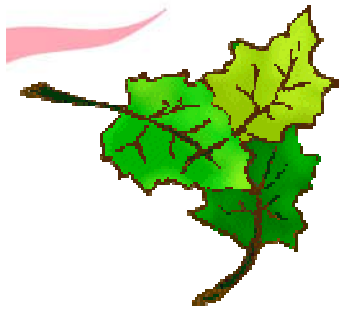
PEER-LEARNING BETWEEN COUNTRIES



THEMES:

- ◇ Cross-sectoral Cooperation
- ◇ Youth Work
- ◇ Youth Volunteering
- ◇ Youth Health





STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE



- Countries are invited to organise a permanent and regular dialogue with young people
- Improvement of the dialogue at the European level
- Proposed themes for the next years:
 - ◇ Youth Employment
 - ◇ Youth and the World



EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY-MAKING



Better knowledge is a must for sound policy!



Proposed studies:

- Baby Bonds – the use of funds to support youth autonomy later in life
- Social and Economic Impact of Youth Work
- Youth e-participation and Information Society



REPORTING



SIMPLIFIED
REPORTING
EVERY 3 YEARS

COUNTRIES
REPORTS

JOINT
COUNCIL &
COMMISSION
REPORT

YOUTH IN
FIGURES



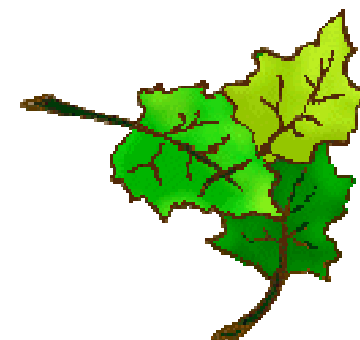
MOBILISATION OF PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS



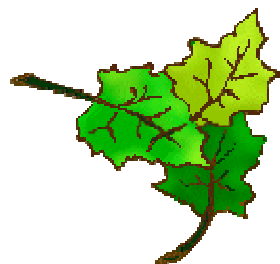
● YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

● OTHER PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS:

- ◇ Culture
- ◇ Lifelong Learning
- ◇ PROGRESS
- ◇ MEDIA
- ◇ Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs
- ◇ Competitiveness & Innovation Programme
- ◇ Structural Funds



COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

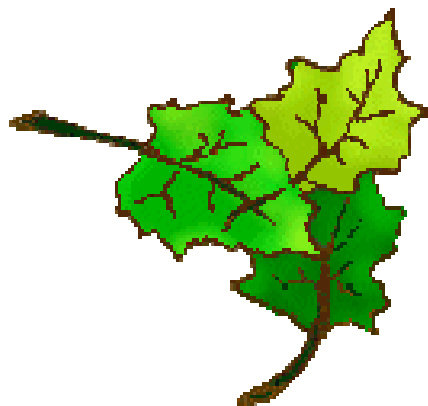
COMMITTEE OF REGIONS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



SETTING UP A NEW ERA!



THANK YOU!

MORE INFORMATION:

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

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