

# Eurocircle

Transnational projects / International mobility

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Citizenship

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# Europe

The European Union (EU) is unique economic and political partnerships between 27 European countries, which together cover most of the continent.

The EU has made its first steps in the aftermath of the Second World War. The first objective was to strengthen economic cooperation, with the assumption that countries linked by trade will become economically interdependent.

The process of economic integration of the continent began in 1951, at that time not associated with certain countries including; Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The EU now has 28 member countries, the latest addition being Croatia (1 July 2013).

To date, seventeen of the 27 members of the European Union have adopted the common currency, the "Euro"

Since the establishment of economic and monetary union, the euro has become one of the most visible symbols of European integration.

The EU also includes institutions such as the European Commission which created the Youth in Action Program : Youth in Action is the Programme the European Union has set up for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU's borders, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, regardless of their educational, social and cultural background: Youth in Action is a Programme for all.

Every year, thousands of projects are submitted by promoters in order to get financial support from the Programme; a selection process aims at granting the best projects.



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# Testimonies



Simon did an EVS in Hongria (HELPI association)

EVS is an opportunity to meet new people, share different and diverse cultures, create relationships, travel throughout Europe, learn foreign languages and to do something new and interesting within the European Union.

Youth Exchanges offer an opportunity for groups of young people from different countries to meet and learn about each other's cultures. The groups plan together their Youth Exchange around a theme of mutual interest.



Youth exchange, European Humour in Italy

Europe Day is an annual celebration of peace and unity in Europe. It is also a festive and convivial event which allows sharing traditions, values and cultures to better know and understand each other. It is a real opportunity to exchange, inform and promote European programmes.



Europe day 2013 at Marseille, Place Bargemon

# Eurocircle

Founded in Berlin in 1993, Eurocircle has been a European NGO since 2006 that carries out transnational projects, notably in the fields of international mobility for youth, non-formal education and intercultural dialogue. The goal of these initiatives is to foster the emergence of an intercultural European citizenship based on the values of tolerance, equality, peace, solidarity and ecology. Eurocircle inform advice, accompany and create partnership of project, and develop projects.

With 15 employees steady by 10 volunteers, Eurocircle is now one of the most important organizations in the field of mobility for young people.

## ★ Activities

Eurocircle operates as a host, coordinating and sending association that works around various different projects, such as:

- ▶ European programs
- ▶ Innovative and/or experimental programs
- ▶ Transnational projects
- ▶ Events

## ★ Themes

- ▶ Eurocircle news
- ▶ Creation and management of the website [www.eurocircle.info](http://www.eurocircle.info)
- ▶ Welcoming of organisations
- ▶ Cooperation
- ▶ Projects development
- ▶ Multilingual communication
- ▶ Dissemination of projects result
- ▶ The Youth in Action program



# Intercultural exchanges

## Action 1.1 of European Program Youth in Action

Eurocircle works closely with partner associations with active involvement in intercultural exchanges, as a hosting, sending or coordinating organisation. Exchanges are great opportunities to experience working, traveling and getting to know another country in the EU for the first time.

- ★ It allows meeting young people from a foreign country, to discover other cultures and to live an enriching experience
- ★ It is a meeting between several countries based on a common theme with objectives and activities organized by all partners.
- ★ The young people have to get involved in the preparation, the realisation and the evaluation of the project.
- ★ A group with 16 to 60 participants aged between 16 and 25 years old with equality girls/boys lasting from 7 to 10 days.

Countries involved in Intercultural exchange projects are:

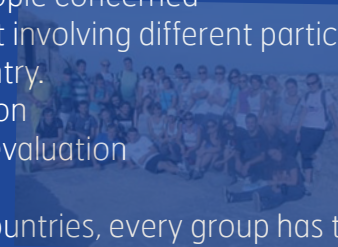
- ▶ The 27 members of European Union
- ▶ Countries within "European association of free-exchange"
- ▶ Countries currently in line to be member of European Union
- ▶ "Partner Neighbours of European Union"



# Youth Transnational initiatives

The Transnational initiatives are ways to support initiative and develop undertaking spirit and youth creativity. The goal is to develop a common project with other young people in Europe.

- ★ The project :
  - ▶ Initiate and realise by young people concerned
  - ▶ Anchored in a local environment involving different participants in each participating country.
  - ▶ Introduce an European Dimension
  - ▶ Include following activities and evaluation



2 groups minimum from different "Program" countries, every group has to be composed of 4 people minimum between 15 and 30 years old.

## IDA/AIDA/FIT

Eurocircle welcome and accompany young unemployed German people With the backing of a program supported by the German Ministry of Social Affairs And 'The Franco-German Youth Office' (FGYO).

The aims of this project are to improve employability, skills and integration in the work market through:

- ▶ Company internship
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Intercultural integration
- ▶ Language courses



# Culture

Since 3 years, Eurocircle has been developing a strong axis in the field of culture; notably for the Cultural Capital year "Capitale Européenne de la culture" in Marseille.

Several projects have been launched such as the 'Helix project' which is a trilateral exchange of 18 young artists between 18 and 30 years old. The goal is to propose an artistic and intercultural meeting between street arts in 3 Cities: Marseille, Hamburg and Shanghai.



One performance was introduced in the Europe day 2013, an event organized every year on the 9th of May by Eurocircle and which promote European citizenship and mobility for youth in Europe.

This day aimed to raise awareness amongst youth associations in Marseille and the various European programs to facilitate citizen participation, to welcome and advise holders of transnational projects as well as to promote intercultural dialogue and European mobility, through the service voluntary European and intercultural exchange programs.

For the future, the Cultural department will continue its development with new and innovative cultural projects.

# Leonardo Da Vinci

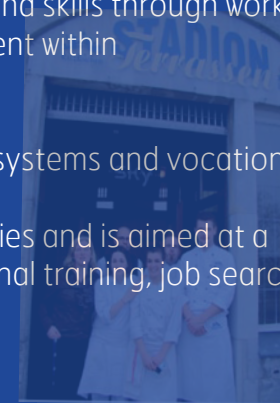
The goal of this program is to acquire knowledge and skills through work experience internships in a professional environment within organisations/companies in Europe..

- ★ It is intended to give a boost to education systems and vocational education in Europe.
- ★ This program covers a wide range of activities and is aimed at a diverse audience: young people or adults, vocational training, job search or employment contract.

- ★ In particular, it allows the movement of people who want to gain work experience in Europe and facilitates the exchange of good practices between training managers.

## Actions:

- ★ Mobility project
  - ▶ Time within a company internship in a European country for students, apprentices, unemployed, employees.
  - ▶ Exchanges of experience between teacher, trainer, guardian, careers adviser. Optimize dialogue and reflexion between Europeans people to innovate education practices in Europe.



# Training course

This is an intercultural exchange including 2 people between 18 and 30 years old.

These people must have more experience than that of a classic exchange; they also have to communicate at higher level of English.

Every training course is based on a common theme and can last from 6 up to 21 days. It allows the gathering of various nationalities and to share opinions and culture around a central theme.

# Youth for Democracy

This program supports and improves youth participation in the democratic life of their local, regional, national and international communities.

Project: It must allow creating new networks and sharing ideas, experiences and methodologies at European level.

Methods and activities are aimed at helping the involvement of young participants.

It has to have a strong impact in the long term.

Youth, associations, territorial communities, local partnerships and European partnerships are necessary to launch a project between 3 and 18 months.

# E.V.S.

Action 2 of European Program for Youth in Action (PEJA)

★ Action 2 of the European Youth in Action Programme (EVS) for all youth aged 18 to 30 years old.

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) allows you to experience another culture and learn new skills for the personal, educational and professional as well as social inclusion development, to make you feel citizens of Europe by putting you in for a project of general interest. EVS consists of an individual or group project for a period of 2 to 12 months, once, with the possibility of 2 weeks to 2 months for young people with fewer opportunities in a non-profit organization.

★ Who can take part in an EVS ?

- ▶ Anyone between 18 and 30 years old ( an exception for 16-17 year olds in EVS group with a special needs or young people with less opportunities)
- ▶ An EVS can last from 2 weeks up to 12 months
- ▶ Short Term: From 2 weeks to 2 months
- ▶ Long Term: More than 3 months to 12 months

