

Creating New Opportunities for Cross-border Voluntary Activities for Young People

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Motivations and expectations

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- ➔ To look for appropriate **evaluation approaches** to demonstrate progress and justify the relevance of the implementation
- ➔ To run **mapping exercise** summing up examples of both existing and potential activities/projects/initiatives
- ➔ members of the group shall **commit themselves for a continuous work** and follow-up of the agreed activities

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The basis

➔ Czech Presidency **Conference on Youth** in March 2009 in Prague (the Conference was meant as a “kick-off meeting” for the implementation of the Council Recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers across the European Union).

➔ **Key messages** of the conference

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Local dimension

Exchange of volunteers within neighbouring regions of different countries

- ➔ short travel distances
 - ➔ short term activities
 - ➔ closer knowledge of the neighbour´s culture and language
 - ➔ cost-effective
 - ➔ youngsters with fewer opportunities
- ➔ To support this process:
- Investment in networking, training and capacity building

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Quality dimension

To ensure positive impact on both young volunteers and on local communities

- ➔ emphasis should be put on learning, support and guidance of the volunteers
- ➔ Creative, innovative approaches
- ➔ recognition of the voluntary experience
- ➔ sustainability of the impact

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Synergic dimension

Opportunities for synergic actions:

- ➔ 2011 a European year of volunteering
- ➔ valuable good practices and resources: Youth in Action programme (especially Actions 2, 4 and partly 5)
- ➔ seek for other synergies at all relevant levels.

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What might support and promote the actions of the WG at nat. level?

Based on the CZ experience it is useful to get in contact and promote the WG agenda with:

- ➔ NCB of the EYV 2011
- ➔ Key actors in non-formal education and youth work
- ➔ Key actors in volunteering
- ➔ National Agency of YiA

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Activities/actions

- ➔ Launching of a **mapping exercise** of good practices in order to identify as many existing and potential opportunities for cross-border youth volunteering as possible
- ➔ Establishing a **stable platform** (formal or informal) for coordination and implementation of the agreed actions/activities at national/regional level
- ➔ **Identifying and using synergies** at national/regional/local level

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