

Expert Group on the Implementation of the Council Recommendation on the Mobility of Young Volunteers

Working group on Creating new
Opportunities
for Cross-border Voluntary Activities for
Young People

Multilateral approach
for
Creating new Opportunities
of Cross-border Voluntary Services for
Young People

Draft Proposal

This Proposal is based on

- a. COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 20 November 2008 on the mobility of young volunteers across the European Union (2008/C 319/03)
- b. Recommendation (EC) Nr. 2006/961 of the European Parliament and of the Council for transnational mobility within the community for purposes of education and training (European Quality Charter for Mobility), (OJ 394 from 30.12.2006)
- c. COUNCIL DECISION of 27 November 2009 on the European Year of Voluntary Activities Promoting Active Citizenship (2011) (2010/37/EC)

Aims of the multilateral approach

The initiative of the participating countries aims to take a lead on a specific part of the Council Recommendation by

- creating new opportunities, developing a broader variety of opportunities and expanding existing voluntary activities for young people in Europe on the basis of jointly developed and supported projects;
- removing obstacles, increasing hosting capacities and fostering of reliable, sustained and transferable conditions in the field of young people's voluntary activities in Europe;
- visibly contributing to the implementation of the European Year of Voluntary Activities Promoting Active Citizenship 2011;

Objectives

- Exchange information about opportunities for voluntary activities
- Bring up ideas on how new opportunities of cross-border voluntary activities can be developed in order to increase hosting capacities
- Consider how national and European mechanisms can be further developed and applied in order to make the existing national systems more compatible
- Discuss how to facilitate the access to cross-border voluntary activities
- Initiate first steps in order to get under way the implementation of a common project for cross-border volunteering of young people

Implementation

- Informal exchange of ideas (Prag, 23./24. September 2010; Berlin, early 2011)
- Close co-operation with the Expert Group on the Implementation of the Council Recommendation on the Mobility of Young Volunteers
- National coordination