

“YOUTH AND BRUSSELS BASED REGIONS” PROJECT: KICK-OFF AND BEGINNING OF THE SELECTIONS-EVS/GROUP1 FROM 1st SEPTEMBER, EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY 23rd JUNE

On the **15th May 2014**, the **Kick-Off Meeting** of the **“Youth and Brussels based Regions”** project took place in Brussels, at the headquarters of the Abruzzo Region.

This is a European project promoted and coordinated by the **Abruzzo Region**, in partnership with the partner regions, that is to say the **Dubrovnik-Neretva County** (Croatia), the **Lubuskie Province** (Poland) and the **Presov Region** (Slovakia).

This project was approved by the European Commission and it is co-financed by the **“Youth in Action”** program. It shall take effect from the 1st May **2014** until the 30th April **2016**, and it intends to offer a unique non-formal learning opportunity to young people coming from these four regions. Indeed, during that two-year period, **80** young people aged 18-30 will be sent to Brussels to do some typical activities foreseen under the Youth in Action program that finances the initiative in the respective regional offices in Brussels.

The project was presented on the **17th May 2014** in Brussels, at the **Committee of the Regions**, during the Institutions’ traditional **“Open Doors Day”**. A broad-based awareness-raising campaign on the project’s themes, including the **European elections**, was also launched on that day. That campaign was launched via the project’s **website** and **social networks accounts**. Then, since the **20th May 2014**, the **registrations** have been available **on the website**, they are a prerequisite for accessing to **services** and for being part of the **placements**.

As a reminder, every aspect of the project, including the admission to the selections related to the placements, will be actually managed online, in digital form, in order to ensure high level of objectivity, transparency and rapidity. Furthermore, the database thus constituted and maintained will be made available not only for the whole duration of the project, but also later for further possible similar regional requirements.

The aim of that project is to send at least 80 young people aged 18-30 in the respective regional offices in Brussels within **two years**, for **European voluntary service** and **transnational exchanges** activities.

The people who will benefit from that exceptional offer will be selected among unemployed young people (aged 18-30) as far as the **European voluntary service** program is concerned, and among young workers and unemployed young people aged 18-25 as far as the **transnational exchanges** program is concerned.

The conditions and the duration vary depending on the programs: the European voluntary service program lasts for **13** weeks and the transnational exchanges program last for **2** weeks. Food and accommodation expenses are covered, as well as a portion of the travel costs. As far as the European voluntary service program is concerned, the candidates selected will also receive a monthly pocket money.

The first placements are expected in **September**. The programs’ launch will coincide with the **fifteenth anniversary** of the establishment of the Abruzzo Region’s office in Brussels (**1999/2014**): it will be a particularly good opportunity to establish the **budget** and face **new challenges** for the future.

For further information regarding the open selections procedures (deadline: 23rd June):
PUBLIC NOTICE registrations: <http://goo.gl/HrW2Ah>

PUBLIC NOTICE expressions of interest EVS/GROUP1: <http://goo.gl/LpHMzu>

Official website of the “yBBregions” project: <http://www.ybbregions.eu.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/yBBregions>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/yBBregions>

For further information regarding the Abruzzo Region in Brussels:

<http://www.regione.abruzzo.it/xEuropa/>

<http://www.facebook.com/abruZZelles>

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