



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME IN 2008



MORE THAN 132 000 PARTICIPANTS IN MORE THAN 7,300 PROJECTS

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

The Youth in Action Programme is the EU Programme for all young people. The Programme aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future by boosting their participation in democratic life. It promotes mobility, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue among European youth, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities, by supporting a large variety of activities, including youth exchanges, transnational voluntary service as well as training and networking for youth workers.

Duration: 2007-2013

Budget: EUR 885 million for seven years

Target group: 15-28 years old (in some cases 13-30), youth workers and youth organisations

5 Actions corresponding to 5 objectives

Action 1: Youth for Europe

Promoting young people's active citizenship through youth exchanges, youth initiatives and youth democracy projects

Action 2: European Voluntary Service

Developing solidarity and tolerance through voluntary activities abroad to the benefit of local communities

Action 3: Youth in the World

Fostering mutual understanding while encouraging cooperation with Partner countries of the world

Action 4: Youth Support Systems

Developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and youth organisations

Action 5: European cooperation in the youth field

Encouraging European cooperation in the youth field

Priorities of the Youth in Action Programme

Permanent priorities

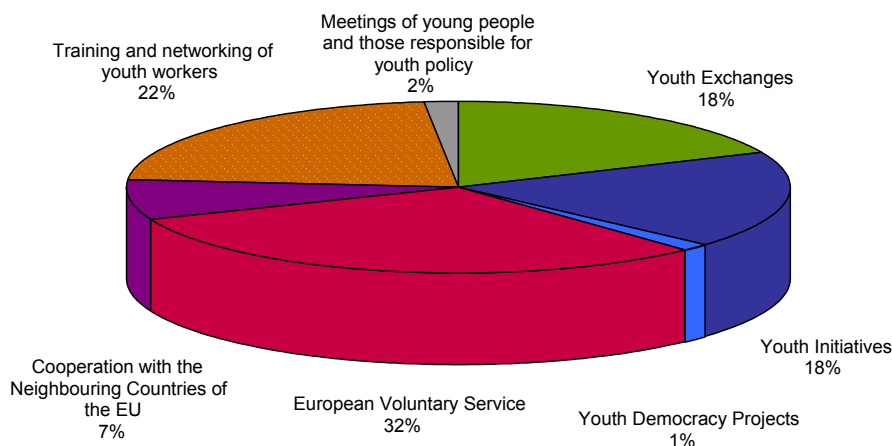
- European citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Cultural diversity
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

Annual priorities for 2008

- European Year of intercultural dialogue
- Combating violence against women
- Sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport

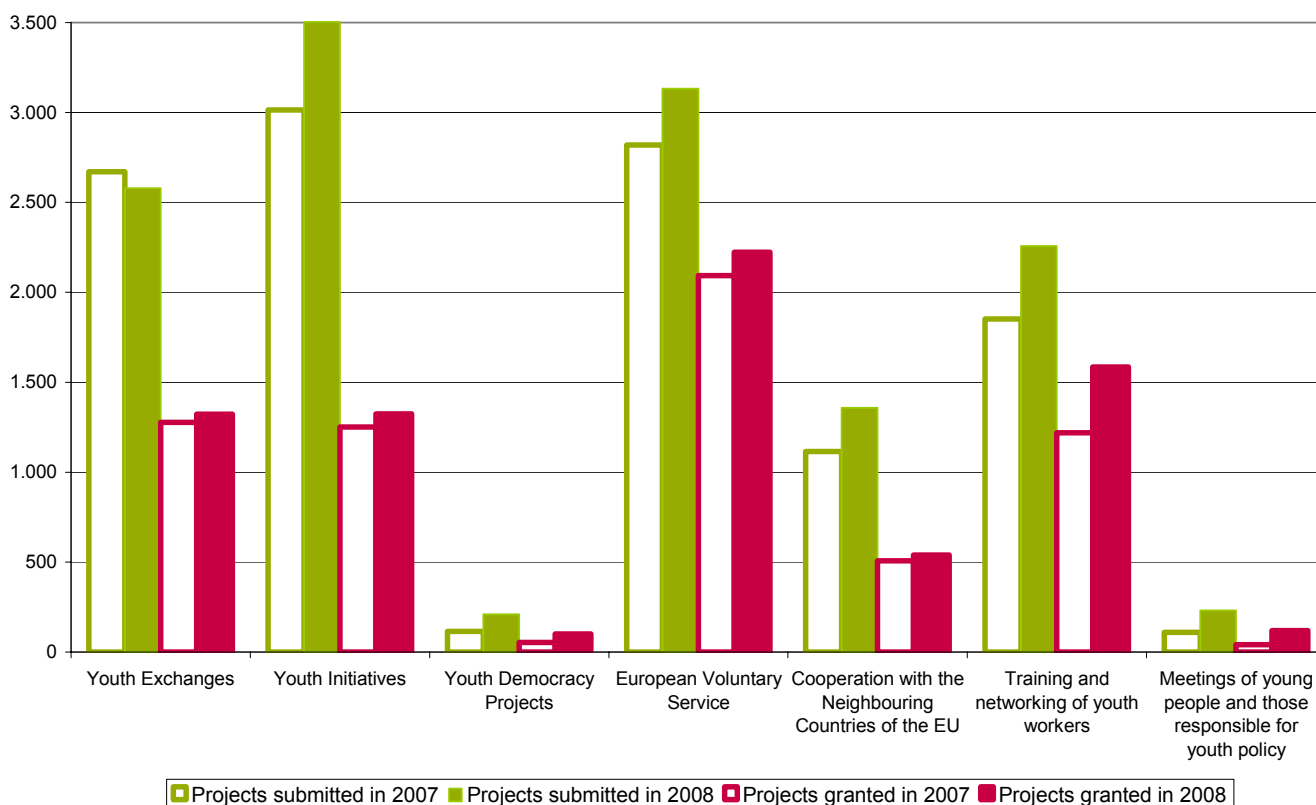
2008: OVERVIEW IN TERMS OF PROJECTS

Number of projects per Action



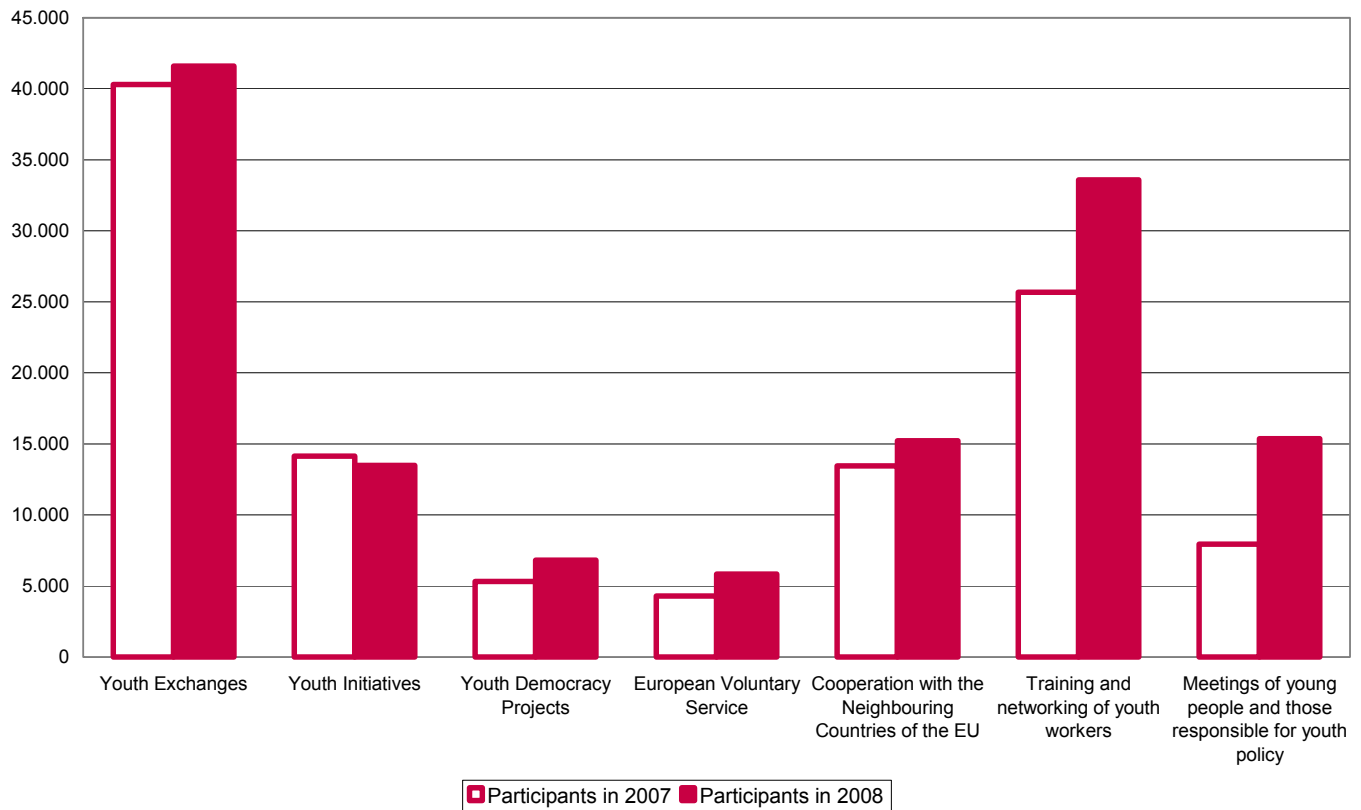
- **More than 7 300** projects granted, which presents in increase by 12% compared to 2007
- **36% of projects** had the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities as a priority
- **35% of projects** had the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (2008) as a priority
- **Support to the operating costs** of 92 European NGOs and 73 large-scale projects selected on the basis of specific calls for proposals
- **Support to 33 National Agencies** (the bigger part of the Programme is managed by National Agencies, the rest is managed by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency), 8 Resource Centers, 32 Eurodesk national partners

Projects submitted and granted per Action



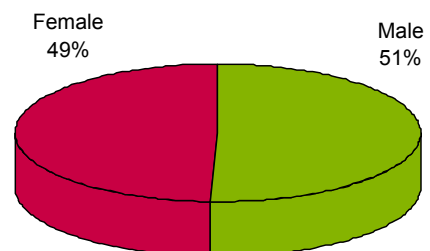
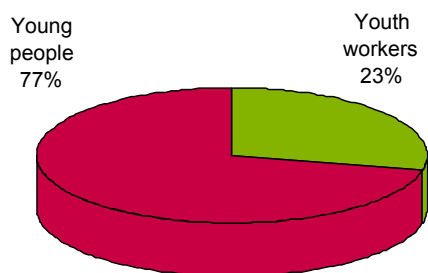
2008: OVERVIEW IN TERMS OF PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants per Action

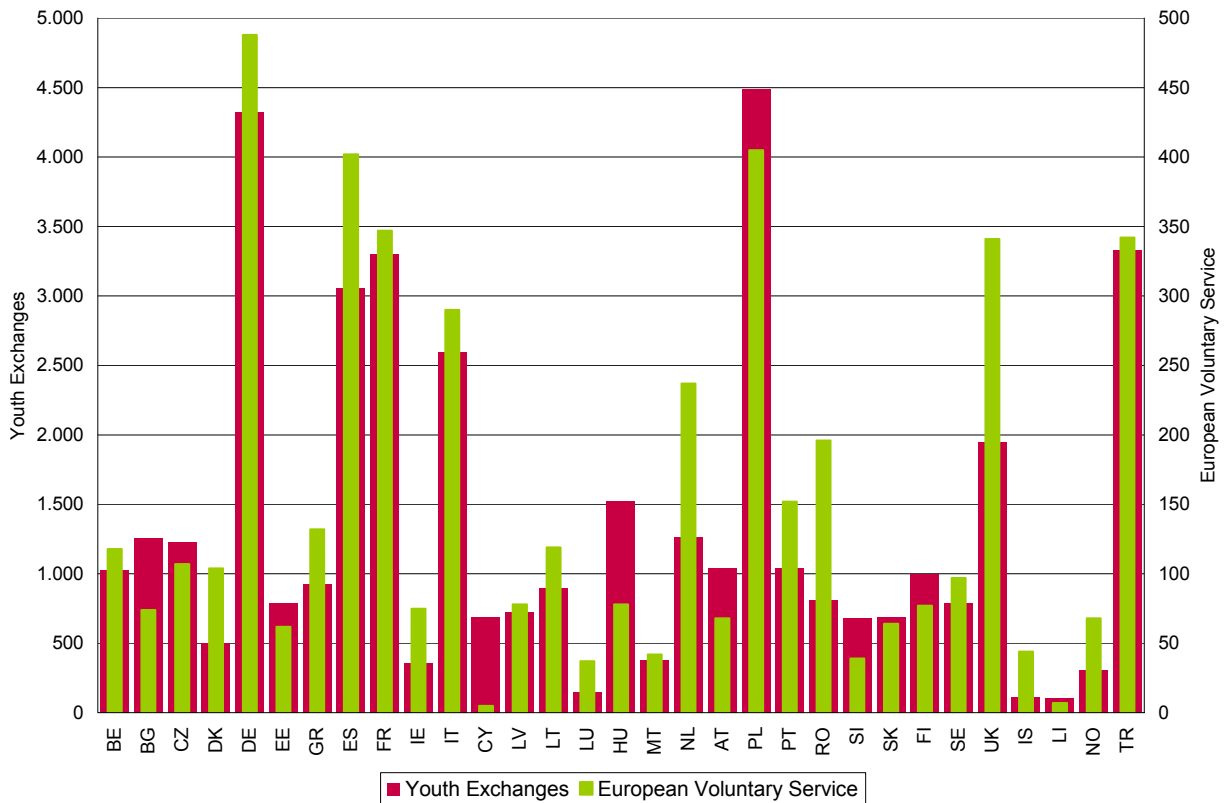


- **More than 132 000** participants
- **More than 125 000 young people and youth workers** have participated in projects involving mobility, of which more than 52% went abroad
- **Over 30% of the total number of young participants** were young people with fewer opportunities
- **More than 6 200 participants from Neighbouring Partner Countries:** 52% from Eastern Europe and Caucasus, 30% from South East Europe, 18% from Mediterranean Countries

Participants



Number of participants in Youth Exchanges or European Voluntary Service per country



BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION FOR 2008

	MioEUR	%
Action 1 - Youth for Europe		
Youth Exchanges	27.462	20,0
Youth Initiatives	9.850	7,1
Youth Democracy Projects	6.837	5,0
Total Action 1	44.149	32,1
Action 2 - European Voluntary Service		
	42.966	31,3
Action 3 - Youth in the World		
Cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries of the European Union	8.096	5,9
Cooperation with Other Countries of the World	2.490	1,8
Total Action 3	10.586	7,7
Action 4 - Youth Support Systems		
Training and networking of those active in youth work and youth organisations	12.656	9,2
Support for the structures of the Programme	13.210	9,6
Others	9.126	6,7
Total Action 4	34.992	25,5
Action 5 - Support for European cooperation in the youth field		
Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy	3.607	2,6
Co-operation with international organisations	901	0,7
Better knowledge of the youth field	134	0,1
Total Action 5	4.642	3,4
Total Operational Budget	137.335	100,0

