



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

# THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME IN 2009



MORE THAN 130 000 PARTICIPANTS IN MORE THAN 7 800 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

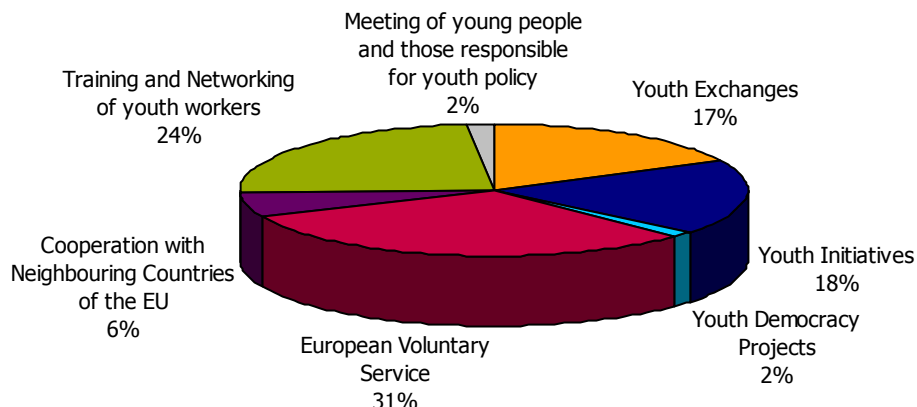
- European citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Cultural diversity
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

#### Annual priorities for 2009

- European Year of Creativity and Innovation
- Young people's active participation in the EP elections
- Combating violence against women
- Sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of young people
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport
- Promoting the inclusion of young people with disabilities
- Awareness-raising to global challenges (such as sustainable development and climate change)
- Young people's involvement in the revision of the European framework of cooperation in the field of youth policy
- Intercultural dialogue
- Roma Communities

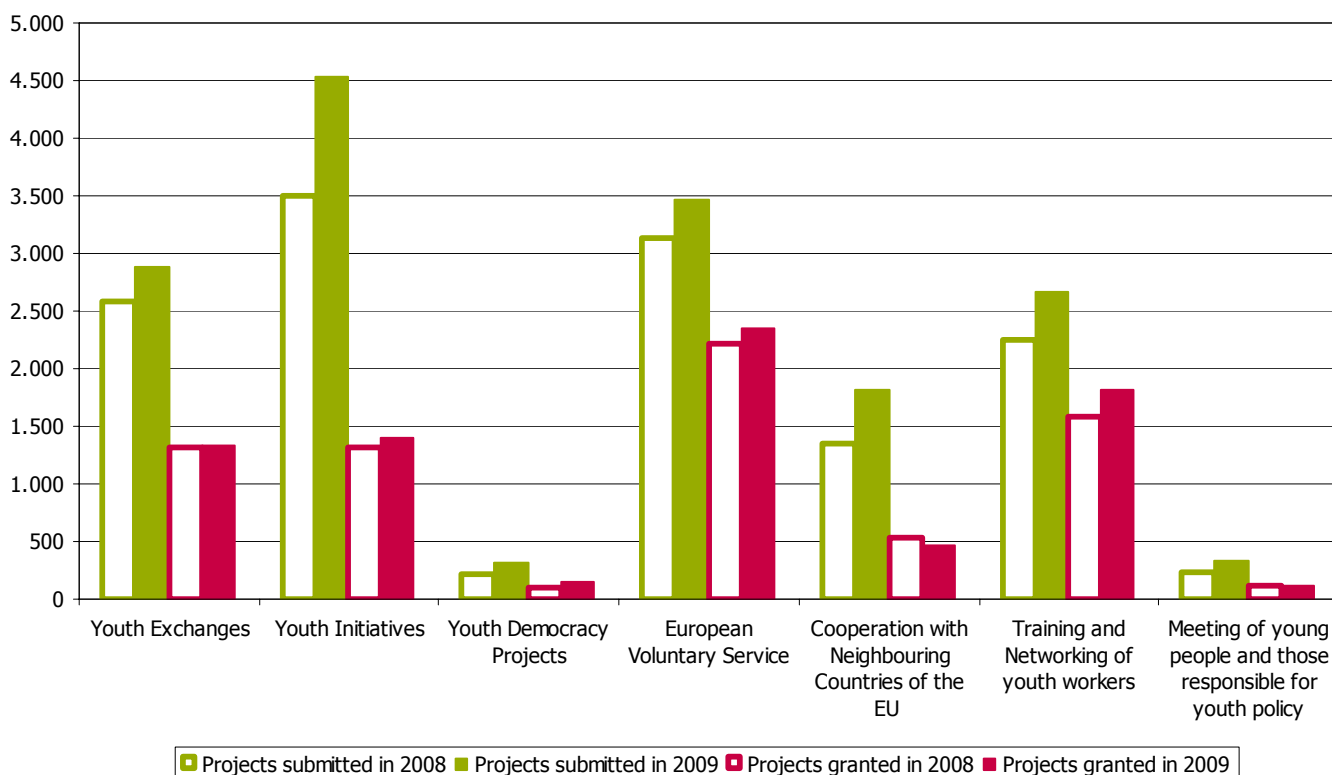
## 2009: OVERVIEW IN TERMS OF PROJECTS

### Number of projects per Action



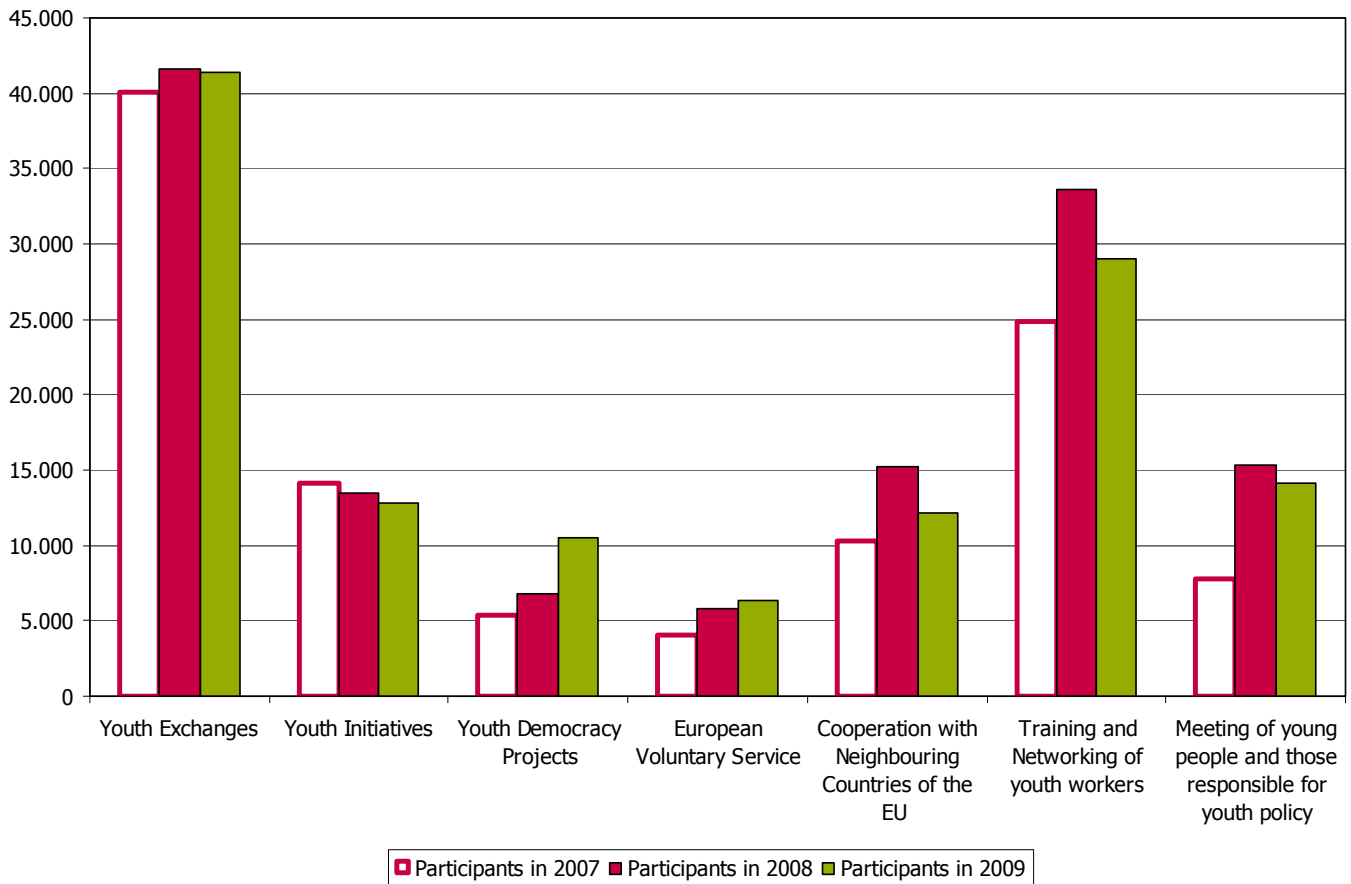
- **More than 7 800** projects granted
- Out of more than **16 500 projects submitted**: +18%/2008
- **41% of projects** had the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities as a priority
- **Support to the operating costs** of 95 European NGOs
- **Support to 33 National Agencies** (the bigger 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



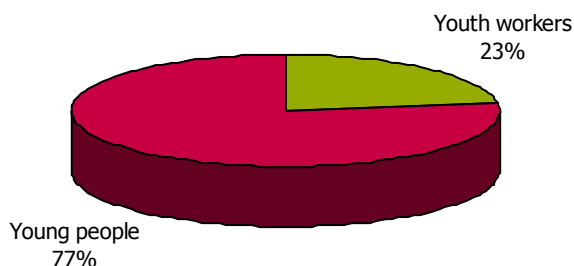
## 2009: OVERVIEW IN TERMS OF PARTICIPANTS

### Number of participants per Action

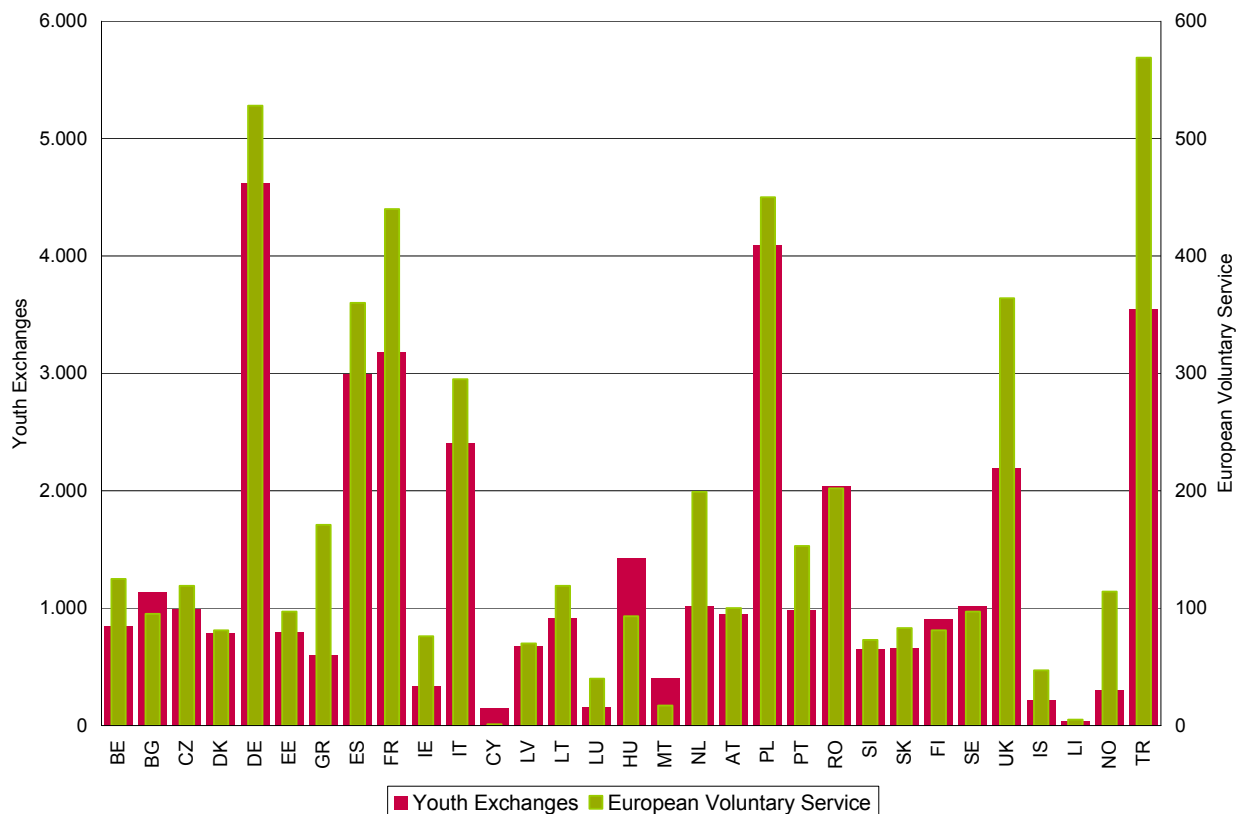


- **More than 130 000** participants
- **More than 120 000** young people and youth workers have participated in projects involving mobility, of which more than **56% went abroad**.
- Turnover among beneficiaries: **more than 70%** of the 2009 beneficiaries were not beneficiaries in 2008
- **25% of the total number of young participants** were young people with fewer opportunities
- **Around 6 000 participants from Neighbouring Partner Countries:** 53% from Eastern Europe and Caucasus, 30% from South East Europe and 17% from Mediterranean Countries

### Participants



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



## BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION FOR 2009

	MioEUR	%
<b>Action 1 - Youth for Europe</b>		
Youth Exchanges	28.142.171	20,2
Youth Initiatives	10.023.305	7,2
Youth Democracy Projects	6.965.405	5,0
<b>Total Action 1</b>	<b>45.130.881</b>	<b>32,4</b>
<b>Action 2 - European Voluntary Service</b>		
	44.621.750	32,0
<b>Action 3 - Youth in the World</b>		
Cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries of the European Union	7.557.907	5,5
Cooperation with Other Countries of the World	2.565.361	1,8
<b>Total Action 3</b>	<b>10.123.267</b>	<b>7,3</b>
<b>Action 4 - Youth Support Systems</b>		
Training and networking of those active in youth work and youth organisation:	12.828.396	9,2
Support for the structures of the Programme	13.694.781	9,8
Others	8.597.275	6,2
<b>Total Action 4</b>	<b>35.120.453</b>	<b>25,2</b>
<b>Action 5 - Support for European cooperation in the youth field</b>		
Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy	3.532.593	2,5
Co-operation with international organisations	800.000	0,6
<b>Total Action 5</b>	<b>4.332.593</b>	<b>3,1</b>
<b>Total Operational Budget</b>	<b>139.328.944</b>	<b>100,0</b>