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Circular 3/2012

Youth in Action programme – Important changes

Dear friends,

As you know, the Youth in Action programme of the European Commission has been, since its creation, a valuable way to support Scout activities all around Europe and beyond. The European Region itself receives every year an administrative grant in the frame of this programme to support the office in Brussels. Also several European events in the past years received grants from the Youth in Action programme allowing participants from NSO/NSAs to have 70% of their travel costs covered and reduced participation fees. Taking all these elements into consideration, the European Region is keen to keep promoting the use of the Youth in Action programme with NSO/NSAs as we outlined in the recent overview of funding opportunities described in Circular 1/2012.

In 2012 the programme experienced **important changes** and the main aim of this Circular is to make sure that NSOs/NSAs are aware of them and can consequently apply for projects respecting the new rules, including **new deadlines**.

I want to emphasize the opportunity that those changes will bring: the **New Eastern Partnership Youth Window**, which will support more partnerships, exchanges and development with the Eurasia Region.

I hope this will help NSO/NSAs to better access the programme and increase the number of Scout projects financed through it.

For any questions about the programme and/or requests of support please do not hesitate to contact the staff of our office in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

David McKee
Regional Director

Below you can find a list of the important changes in the Programme in 2012. This document is only meant to inform beneficiaries about the key features of the changes, but should not be used as a definitive reference when applying. For detailed information always use the full Programme Guide for 2012 which is available at the following link:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/programme_guide_en.php

Application deadlines

For projects submitted to a National Agency there are three application deadlines per year:

Projects starting between	Application deadline
1 May and 31 October	1 February
1 August and 31 January	1 May
1 January and 30 June	1 October

For projects submitted to the Executive Agency there are three application deadlines a year:

Projects starting between	Application deadline
1 August and 31 December	1 February
1 December and 30 April	1 June
1 March and 31 July	1 September

2012 Simplified Funding Rules

In 2012 the European Commission has simplified the funding rules for Action 1.1, Action 2, Action 3.1 and Action 4.3 of the Youth in Action programme. The new funding rules are set out in detail in the 2012 Programme Guide, but can be summarised as follows:

Scale of unit costs are used to count the **project costs** as follows: $\text{€N} \times \text{number of participants} \times \text{number of nights of activity}$. Scales of unit costs change according to the country. Consult the programme guide for country-specific rates separately in case of each Action mentioned above.

2012: New Partnership Agreements

Given the introduction of simplified funding rules from 2012, applicants will have to agree with partners how to manage the grant between them. With this in mind, the European Commission has recommended that partners complete an internal partnership agreement which details how the grant will be split between them.

2012: Electronic Application Forms

From the 01 February 2012 deadline, electronic applications (or 'E-forms') will be compulsory for all Actions of the Programme (apart from Action 2, for which E-forms will be introduced later in the year). Applicants based in Programme countries can consult the National Agencies regarding the new forms.

2012: New Annual Priorities

For 2012, the annual priorities are the following:

- Projects aimed at promoting young people's commitment towards a more inclusive growth especially projects tackling the issue of youth unemployment and projects addressing the issue of poverty and marginalisation;
- Projects stimulating young people's spirit of initiative, creativity and entrepreneurship, and employability;
- Projects promoting healthy behaviours, in particular through the promotion of the practice of outdoor activities and grassroots sport;
- Projects aimed at raising young people's awareness and mobilisation in tackling global environmental challenges and climate change thus encouraging the development of "green" skills.

New Eastern Partnership Youth Window (See under Action 3.1 and 2)

Additional funds will be available over the period 2012-2013 in order to increase the number of Youth in Action projects and participants from the six Neighbouring Partner Countries of the Eastern Partnership (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), under the name "Eastern Partnership Youth Window".

The window will concern the following actions:

- European Voluntary Service (Action 2)
- Cooperation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries of the EU (sub-Action 3.1).



Please note that the information provided in this document has been created on the basis of a summary provided on-line by the SALTO Resources Centre <http://www.salto-youth.net/>