

## **COMPENDIA 2013**

### **Support Measures**

#### **Europe for Citizens Programme**

**Description of the projects selected for funding  
2013**

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AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION THE FOLLOWING PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS REFLECT THE PROPOSALS AS  
SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS FOR THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe**  
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*TITLE: "ACTive European Citizenship –through cooperation and information"*

*Coordinator: Asociatia Mod of Life (RO)*

*Venue: RO*

*Grant awarded: 75.680,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

European programs, such as Europe for Citizens Programme have some specificity to be taken into account. Eligibility criteria, programme priorities, learning methods and strategies, funding specificities, evaluations are subjects to be known before applying European grant. ACTEC is here to spread this knowledge and show that anyone could handle such kinds of projects. Although a number of opportunities are aimed at citizens or organizations sense of initiative, most of them are being kept away from these, by lack of information or tools. Our goal is to allow all kinds of organizations to take part to the development of an active citizenship on a European scale. For this purpose, ACTEC will spread knowledge and tools about European transnational cooperation, especially within the frame of the Europe for Citizens Programme. One of our priorities is to allow local entities with few or without experience in this field to gain knowledge and tools about it. ACTEC project tends to spread and diffuse information about the transnational programmes related to citizenship and especially the Europe for Citizens Programme. Participant organizations will gain knowledge about it but also tools to conceive manage and develop such kind of projects. Project objectives: 1.To empower local entities with few or without experience in transnational cooperation by transferring knowledge on how to apply for grants under the Europe for Citizens programme and how to network using new ICT tools; 2.To spread knowledge about the Europe for Citizens Programme among the general public . 3.To promote active European citizenship, values and culture at local level through information campaigns. ACTEC targets entities not active on the transnational level because of economical, geographical, social local authorities (city councils, province and regions governments, etc.), social and youth work organizations, professional associations, charities, other public institutions (schools, universities, etc.)

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*TITLE: "Capacity Building programme for municipality co-operation in the Adria-Balkan-Countries under the Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020"*

*Coordinator: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung (AT)*

*Venue: AT*

*Grant awarded: 99.569,00€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

Building and raising the capacity of municipalities for participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020 actions is the main aim of the CAP ABC project. With a special regional focus on the Adriatic and Western Balkan countries, a number of training and capacity building activities and events are planned and directed towards the municipalities of the region. Co-operation between municipalities in a regional context in the Western Balkan and European countries is considered to be a key issue for successful integration and future enlargement of the European Union carried by its citizens. In a number of events the following activities, aiming at the improvement of participation in the programme Europe for Citizens of municipalities with town twinning activities as well as at the improvement of the quality and visibility of town twinning activities in municipalities are planned:

- training workshops for municipalities about the Europe for Citizens Programme, especially meeting of citizens and thematic networks of twinned towns including concrete information about the development of applications and documents
- multiplier seminars to reach sustainable effects and support of municipalities in the regions through regional development associations and networks in the sense of a long term project impact
- a flying project office in all partner countries to give concrete support with the development and finalisation of applications for the Europe for Citizens Programme to single interested municipalities.
- networking of municipalities from the participating regions (on the basis of an online database as well through a huge final conference event involving several interested municipalities)

All activities are planned on the basis of a coherent and well elaborated and tested training concept and will be well supported by an online database and project website to achieve sustainable project outcomes.

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*TITLE: "European Network of the Civil Resource Centers"*

*Coordinator: Международен Алианц за Развитие (BG)*

*Venue: BG*

*Grant awarded: 100.000,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The goal of the project is to foster the development of a stimulating environment for increased civil participation on national and European level by building a wide European network of civil resource centers, which will provide additional information about the opportunities and the mechanisms that the "Europe for citizens" program offers. The priority of the second phase is the creation of new resource centres in Non-EU countries (FYROM, HR, ME, RS, BiH) and development of new innovative services to provide information and expertise about the Program.

Objectives:

- Creation of 5 new resource centres in Non-EU countries and dissemination of the goals, priorities and mechanisms of the EFC program among the citizens of FYROM, HR, ME, RS, BiH.
- Development and increase of the activities of the created in the first phase of the project centres through the inclusion of new services-hot lines providing information and consultation on the Program; online services and trainings with regards to the planning and strategic management of the project cycle of the EFC Program;
- Creation of a wide European network of civil resource centers (old and new centers) that will provide information on European questions with stress on the EFC Program, and facilitate the partnership-building processes to ensure the realization of campaigns of mutual interest.
- Development of long-terms partnerships among the different stakeholders (NGOs, LAs, research centers) and enhancement of their knowledge of their importance as active civil moderators for the Program.

The ACTIONS: Following the partnership building phase, the process is planned as follows:

- Training for civil moderators (new partners);
- Creation of 5 new national centers;
- New activities of the old centers: research, hot line, online chat;
- Local workshops under EFC Programme (old and new centres);
- Open info days;
- Final meeting and creation of a European network;
- Production Phase;
- Evaluation & fellow-up.

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*TITLE: " BAItic SEa REgion's Communities promoting and utilising the new EFC Programme for information transfer, training, networking and know-how exchange"*

*Coordinator: Städte- und Gemeindetag Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V.*

*Venue: DE*

*Grant awarded: 99.084,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The starting point of BASEREC are following considerations:

- ) The EfCP is still too less known among municipalities and there is a big uncertainty concerning the follow-up programme (2014-2020)
- ) Municipalities still need professional support in preparing, writing and submitting EfCP applications
- ) For transnational cooperation activities, communities prefer partners in relatively close geographic distance and with similar size, backgrounds, frameworks etc.
- ) There is a huge demand on regional level services providing contacts and supporting municipalities in linking with each other

BASEREC responds to this situation by following activities:

- ) Development of 2 training programmes: a one-day "EfCP information seminar" in which the new EfCP and its relevance for municipalities will be presented to relevant target groups; a three days lasting "EfCP expert seminar", in which community workers and EU project experts learn how to consult and support municipalities in planning and submitting project applications under the new EfCP
- Implementation of 1 "EfCP expert seminar" in DE at which experts from DE, PL, DK and SE get trained
- Implementation of 8 "EfCP information seminars" in DE, PL, DK, SE
- "Flying project office" activities in all partner countries, by which municipalities get professionally consulted and supported in applying for transnational cooperation projects under the new EfCP (22 new applications should get developed)
- Organisation of a 7 days promotion tour of PL representatives through DE to make face-to-face contacts and to initiate more municipality cooperation between the countries
- Organisation of 1 transnational information, promotion and networking conference in DE
- Development of a project website at which municipalities can promote themselves or find potential cooperation and networking partners

Basically, the project focuses on the Baltic Sea region however all products and services are accessible to municipalities all over Europe.

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*TITLE: " PARTICIPATION OF Y GENERATION"*

*Coordinator: Zavod za medgeneracijsko sodelovanje Ypsilon (SI)*

*Venue: SI*

*Grant awarded: 98.536,70 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

EU idea and spirit can only be manifested if its citizens cooperate with it and if citizens participate in its programmes. That's why their citizens and citizens of the countries preparing for the EU accession need to be educated how to be active and how to help make Europe better place for everyone. With this project we will enable stakeholders to play their active role in EU.

General motivation behind Part-Y project and its goal is to educate young people belonging to Y generation in preparation and execution of good quality projects through implementation of innovative Mentorship programme (MenPr) model of European project management, preparation of European projects and exploitation of the project results. Focus of trainings will be on Europe for Citizens Programme. A MenPr will result in practical work on 6 new project proposals, accompanied by theoretical knowledge on the basis of a TRIO approach. TRIO includes three knowledge frames that project managers and participants need to understand and command in order to successfully apply for grants: political, financial and project life cycle work frame. By executing the project young people from one of the EU country and from the country preparing for the EU accession (Serbia) will be able to participate in Europe for citizens programme and be fully autonomous at the end of the project's education.

General aims of the project are:

- 1) to attract young people and their organizations for participation in the project,
- 2) to organize and execute 2 ABC seminars on EU project management and cooperation for Y-generation organizations and their members,
- 3) to select the best 6 project proposals, submitted by participants who attended the Introductory seminars and invite them to attend MenPr,
- 4) to execute a comprehensive MenPr for education of EU project managers which will result in real projects submissions at the end of the of the project.

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*TITLE: "Europe 4 all!"*

*Coordinator: European Network of Social Integration Enterprises asbl (BE)*

*Venue: BE*

*Grant awarded: 81.200,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project aims of Europe4all are: the promotion of "Europe for citizens" programme and its measure "citizens' project" among Work Integration Social Enterprises, their national/regional networks and their stakeholders; the exchange of experience and best practices among the current and potential programme's stakeholders; networking among different potential actors of "Europe for citizens" programme. The project will reach these aims with the organisation of 6 national information sessions targeted to WISEs and their stakeholders and 2 bigger events in which an information session will be organised and there will be the place in order to organise an exchange platform. Each information session will be divided in two times: during the first part the coordinator, ENSIE, will present the "Europe for citizens" programme and the citizens' project measure; during the second part there will be the presentation of several best practices of citizens' active participation or innovative approach/methods in order to raise the citizens awareness about Europe or to stimulate the citizens dialogue with the European institutions and authorities. In Europe4all the citizens are always represented by the workers of WISEs, whose a big part belong to a vulnerable group (individuals who due to their exclusion and relegation to a marginal role in society have fallen victim to increasing social and professional handicaps). The best practices will be presented following a common model which will be provided by ENSIE to each national partner. The 2 bigger events include an information session and the exchange among different WISEs representative coming from many MS (at least 10), which will contribute to the creation of 2 networking platforms. The communication of the partners, coming from different European countries, will be facilitated by the use of two languages (English and French). The dissemination of the project will be assured by the ENSIE and the partners.

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*TITLE: "Application Successful"*

*Coordinator: European House Association (HU)*

*Venue: HU*

*Grant awarded: 98.900,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

"The „Application successful“ project aims at a) promoting activities for the benefit of current and potential stakeholders of the Europe for Citizens Programme (ECP) in a regional setting and b) making well-targeted circles of citizens of the participating countries aware of EU policy agenda issues, shared values, questions of participating democracy and citizenship. The main applicant, the European House, a HU CSO has an impressive track-record vis-à-vis the ECP. During the project it shares its knowledge and experience with stakeholders from partner countries of the Western Balkans region: HR (EU-member as of 01/07/13) and RS (candidate state). The programme elements: kick-off event in HU studying best practices and formulating recommendations is followed by working visits and regional information and training sessions (8) in the partner countries (HR, RS) where local stakeholders will learn the potential of the ECP and exchange experience. As a result loose networks (platforms) will be created facilitating partner search and networking. During these activities attention is paid to the involvement of marginalised groups as potential beneficiaries. There will be knowledge-sharing information and partner search meetings organised in HU, FR and DE, an evaluation session in Brussels with the presentation of project results to policy makers. As a result it is expected that the visibility of the ECP will be significantly increased in the participating countries together with the number of applications submitted. Promotion of cross-border and regional cooperation is also foreseen taking into account the different national situations regarding the EU. An active communication policy assisted by a bilingual handbook (EN-HR, EN-RS), an ECP survival kit and an interactive website. The whole project should also be seen in the context of the EYC2013 promoting citizens' participation and as an effective introduction to the new generation of the ECP (2014-2020).