

**« YBB REGIONS -YOUTH AND BRUSSELS BASED » : 80 YOUNG PEOPLE
JOINING THE OFFICES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS IN BRUSSELS
OVER 2 YEARS**

Youth and Brussels Based Regions is an European project promoted by **Abruzzo Region**, in partnership with **Dubrovnik-Neretva** (Croatia), **Lubuskie** (Poland) and **Prešov** (Slovakia) regions, approved by the **European Commission** as part of the “**Youth in Action**” Programme.

The project aims at offering the young people coming from these **four regions** the same cooperation platform which operates on daily basis for their respective **regional office in Brussels**, as an **opportunity** to go through a unique **non-formal learning**.

The project plans to send at least **80 young people** to **Brussels** over **two years**. They will be equally divided between **men** and **women** and will have to be aged **between 18 and 30 years**. Main project's idea is to offer them the privileged position of their respective **regions based in Brussels**, through the **European voluntary service** activities and **transnational exchanges**.

Activities will take place from the **1st May 2014 to the 30th April 2016**. The young involved will have the opportunity to take a closer look not only at the **European elections** and the renewal of the **European Commission** and other **European bodies** (such as the **Committee of the Regions**), but also at the **six-month Italian Presidency of the European Union** and the following ones. Moreover, activities will be launched together with **the 15th anniversary** of the Abruzzo Region in Brussels (**1999/2014**): a great opportunity to **take stock of the situation** and to meet **new challenges** in the future.

As far as the **European voluntary service** is concerned, the young people (aged **18/30**) who will benefit of this unique training offer will be chosen from the **unemployed**. As regards to **transnational exchanges**, however, both **workers** and **unemployed** (aged **18/25**) will be involved.

Project website (in progress):

<http://yBBregions.eu.org/>

For all those who want to know upcoming stages of implementation, **Facebook** and **Twitter** profiles are also available:

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

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

Young people, who could be **interested** in the project, are strongly encouraged to get involved since this **early phase**.

For further information about the Abruzzo Region in Brussels:

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

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

<http://twitter.com/abruZZelles>

For further information about the Dubrovnik region:

<http://edubrovnik.org/>

For further information about the Lubuskie region:

<http://www.lubuskie.pl/>

For further information about the Prešov region:

<http://www.po-kraj.sk/en/self-governing/>

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