

**« YBB REGIONS -YOUTH AND BRUSSELS BASED »: THE AGREEMENT
WITH EUROPEAN COMMISSION HAS BEEN SIGNED**

The agreement between **Abruzzo Region**, as Partner-Coordinator, and **European Commission**, concerning the implementation of the project **“yBBregions - Youth and Brussels based”**, co-financed by the **“Youth in Action”** EU Programme has been signed.

Youth and Brussels Based Regions is an European project promoted 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**, through **European Voluntary Service** and **Youth Transnational Exchanges**.

Beneficiaries of this extraordinary learning experience will be chosen, as far as the **European Voluntary Service** is concerned, amongst the young people aged 18/30 and as regards to **Youth Transnational Exchanges** amongst both workers and unemployed aged 18/25.

For them **pocket money**, as well as coverage of expenses for **food** and **accommodation**, including pro-quota of **travel** expenses, are foreseen.

Activities will take place from the **1st May 2014** on, including **selection procedure**, ahead of which a wide **raising awareness campaign** about project purposes will be undertaken through **web** and **social media** of the project (already available). First **placements** are expected in **September**.

The project aims to the largest involvement of **very motivated** young people (in **Abruzzo** as well as in all the **other regions**) since this very early phase.

Selection will be made according to the traditional rules of the **Youth in Action** Programme. Everybody will be put in a position to take part in it in a **transparent** way. A good knowledge of one **foreign language** and a **strong motivation** will be main requirements. The ones who will join Brussels (22 for **Abruzzo**, 20 for **Presov** and **Lubuskie** and 18 for **Croatia**) and that 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 will serve also as "**antennas**" for all those following at home, through the "**Web Community**".

Moreover, activities will be launched along 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** for the future.

Project website (in progress):

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

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

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

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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