

**“YOUTH AND BRUSSELS BASED REGIONS” PROJECT - LAUNCH OF THE SECOND CALL:  
4 PLACEMENTS FOR THE TWO-WEEK “TRANSNATIONAL EXCHANGES” IN BRUSSELS**

Launch of the second call for the **“Youth and Brussels based Regions”** project starting today.

From today **until the 30<sup>th</sup> September**, all young people who meet the conditions for eligibility indicated in the **Public Notice** published on the Abruzzo Region’s website (<http://goo.gl/HrW2Ah>) can express their interests to be part of the following PLACEMENTS:

*TRANSNATIONAL EXCHANGES – MULTILATERAL WINTER 1 = 16 placements from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (4 for the ABRUZZO Region, 4 for the DUBROVNIK-NERETVA County, 4 for the LUBUSKIE Province, and 4 for the PRESOV Region)*

In order to do so, it is necessary to access (for those who are already registered) or to register on the project’s website (<http://www.yBBregions.eu.org>) and complete your profile by clicking on the following tab: **“INTEREST TYE WINTER1”**

The TRANSNATIONAL EXCHANGES’ conditions for eligibility are the following:

- to be between 18 and 25 years old
- to be born in the Abruzzo Region, in the DUBROVNIK-NERETVA County, in the LUBUSKIE Province or in the PRESOV Region, or to live in the Abruzzo Region, in the DUBROVNIK-NERETVA County, in the LUBUSKIE Province or in the PRESOV Region, or to study in a training establishment, even at university, in the Abruzzo Region, in the DUBROVNIK-NERETVA County, in the LUBUSKIE Province or in the PRESOV Region
- to work, or to be unemployed, or to be looking for a first job

**BACKGROUND NOTE**

**“Youth and Brussels based Regions”** is a European project, promoted and coordinated by the **Abruzzo Region**, in partnership with the **Dubrovnik-Neretva County** (Croatia), the **Lubuskie Province** (Poland) and the **Presov Region** (Slovakia).

The project was approved by the European Commission and it is co-financed by the **“Youth in Action”** program. It shall take effect from the **1<sup>st</sup> May 2014** until the **30<sup>th</sup> April 2016**. During that **two-year period**, it intends to send **80 young people**, aged 18-30, in the respective regional offices in Brussels for **European voluntary service (EVS)** and **transnational youth exchanges (TYE)** programs.

The project was presented on the **17<sup>th</sup> May 2014** in Brussels, at the **Committee of the Regions**, during the Institutions’ traditional **“Open Doors Day”**. A broad-based awareness-raising campaign on the project’s themes, including the European elections, was also launched on that day. That campaign was launched via the project’s website and social networks accounts. Then, since the **20<sup>th</sup> May 2014**, the **registrations** have been available **on the website** for accessing to the different vacant **placements**.

The people who will benefit from that exceptional offer will be selected among unemployed young people (aged 18-30) as far as the **European voluntary service** program is concerned, and among young workers and unemployed young people aged 18-25 as far as the **transnational exchanges** program is concerned.

The conditions and the duration vary depending on the programs: the European voluntary service program lasts for **13 weeks** and the transnational exchanges program last for **2 weeks**. **Food** and **accommodation** expenses are covered, as well as the **travel** costs. As far as the European voluntary service program is concerned, the candidates selected will also receive a monthly **pocket money**.

Every aspect of the project, including the selection, will be managed **online**, on the website, in digital form, in order to ensure high level of objectivity, transparency and rapidity. All interested people who meet the conditions for eligibility indicated in the public notice related to the first year are kindly invited to visit regularly the website

to participate in surveys and other activities offered, but also to respond to notices as soon as they are posted on the website.

### ***FIRST RESULTS***

With only four months to go before the launch, the project has already been very successful, with **4,300** visits on the website and over **220** registered users.

Among the registered users, **78** people (including **52 abruzzesi**) asked to be part of the **first call** for the expressions of interest related to the first placement scheduled (from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 30<sup>th</sup> November).

Furthermore, about **seventy** users participated in the informative survey related to the project's themes.

The activities' launch coincided with the **fifteenth anniversary** of the establishment of the Abruzzo Region's office in Brussels (**1999/2014**).

Next placements:

- **EVS GROUP II** = 4 placements in total, among which 2 for the Abruzzo Region from the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015
- **MULTILATERAL TRANSNATIONAL EXCHANGE II** = 16 placements in total, among which 4 for the Abruzzo Region from the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### ***OTHER INFORMATION***

Public notice related to the first year:

<http://goo.gl/HrW2Ah>

Official website of the project: <http://www.ybbregions.eu.org/>

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

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

For further information regarding the Abruzzo Region in Brussels:

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

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

<http://twitter.com/abruZZelles>

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