

"YOUTH AND BRUSSELS-BASED REGIONS": FINAL CONFERENCE AND PHOTO-EXHIBITION SCHEDULED ON 16TH JUNE IN BRUSSELS

On June 16th will take place in Brussels, at the **Abruzzo Region** premises, the **final conference** of the project: "**Youth and Brussels-based Regions**".

This project has been an extraordinary opportunity to bring young people to the regions of Brussels, by carrying out **non-formal** educational activities that took place at the offices of the same regions.

Outcomes of activities, which involved as many as **80 young people**, being selected among **young unemployed** (aged 18/30) and **young workers** and **unemployed young people** aged between 18/25, from **4 partner-regions** (Abruzzo Region as Lead-partner) will be presented.

The event is addressed to **project-partners** and all those who have spoken or contributed to the different implementation phases of the project, as well as **representatives of institutions** and **other organizations** which have direct competence in the field, including the wide audience of the **representatives** of the **European regions** based in Brussels.

Speeches will be given by **officials** and **experts** representing **European institutions** and **local and regional administrations**.

Among the farewell addresses, the intervention of **Ambassador** at the Italian Representation to the European Union, Mr **Alessandro Cortese**, is expected.

At the end of the conference, the **opening** of the **photo-exhibition**, which collects images of **80** young people who took part in the project, will follow.

The photo-exhibition will be running until the end of the month.

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"**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 Region** (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 **1st May 2014** until the **30th June 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)** activities.

The project was presented on the 17th May 2014 in Brussels, at the **Committee of the Regions**, during the Institutions' traditional "**Open Doors Day**".

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 activities: the **European Voluntary Service** lasts for 13 weeks and the **Transnational Youth Exchanges** 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 also received a monthly **pocket money**.

Every aspect of the project, including the **selection**, will be managed **online**, via the official 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 two years of activities were kindly invited to visit regularly the website in order to participate in surveys and other activities offered, but also to respond to notices as soon as they were posted out.

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

FINAL OUTCOMES

At the end of the project activities we can say that the project has been very successful, with **18.000** visits on the website and more than **600** registered users.

Among all, **80** young people (including **22** from Abruzzo) were taking part in the activities happening in Brussels.

Furthermore, about **200** of them took part in the informative survey related to the project's themes.

OTHER INFORMATION

Official website of the project:

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

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

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

Link Infographic 2016: <http://goo.gl/Q6SbzD>

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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