

An introduction Europe for Citizens Programme



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Program overview

- The Europe for Citizens program aims **to give the citizen a key role** in the development of the European Union.
- Its four action areas provide strategic direction and funding for the task of bringing people closer to the European project.

- Promoting **Europe's common values and history**,
- fostering a sense of ownership of the EU among its citizens,
- and developing ideas and activities with a European context are core components of the program.

Over its seven-year lifetime 2007-2013, Europe for Citizens focuses on four key actions...

- Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe
- Action 2 - Active civil society in Europe
- Action 3 - Together for Europe
- Action 4 - Active European Remembrance

Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe

- aims to bring people from different parts of Europe together in order to promote mutual understanding, a sense of ownership of the EU and the emergence of a European identity. It focuses on town twinning, as well as citizens' projects and support measures.
- Deadlines 01/06/2013 and 01/09/2013

Action 2 - Active civil society in Europe

- seeks to help European civil society play a more active role on the European stage by supporting NGOs, trade unions, think tanks, associations, and other non-governmental bodies.
- Deadline 01/02/2013

Action 3 - Together for Europe

- works to boost the concept of European citizenship through effective high-profile events that will inspire people to identify with the European project, helping them to realize that values can be shared across national borders. The Commission will also carry out studies, surveys and opinion polls in order to get a better understanding of active European citizenship.

Action 4 - Active European Remembrance

- seeks to keep the painful memories of Nazism and Stalinism alive in order to provide lessons on the value of the peace, stability and democracy we take for granted in today's Europe.
- Deadline 01/06/2013



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Specific Interest to Voluntary Sector - Action 1 Measure1:

- Town Twinning – projects are expected to:
 - Experience active civic participation
 - Encourage citizens to become more involved
 - Reinforce commitment to European integration
- Grants available up to 25,000 Euros
- Deadlines 1st February 2013 and 1st June 2013





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Specific Interest to Voluntary Sector – Action 1 Measure 2:

- This measure explores innovative methods of citizens' participation.
- Citizens projects are expected:
 - ✓ To collect opinion of citizens
 - ✓ To encourage dialogue between citizens and European institutions
 - ✓ To develop civic competences and new methodologies for promoting active interaction
- Grants available – 100,000 to 250,000 Euros.
- Deadline 1st June 2013





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Specific Interest to Voluntary Sector - Action 2:

- Projects initiated by civil society organisations are expected to:
 - Target themes of general European interest paying particular attention to the impact of the European policies
- Grants available: 55,000 to 150,000 Euros
- Deadlines 1st February 2013 and 1st June 2013





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