

# The European Year of Volunteering 2011

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# “The European Year of Voluntary Activities Promoting Active Citizenship (2011)”

Council Decision of 27 November 2009

**Why is volunteering important?**

**Intercultural Dialogue**

**Solidarity**

**Inter-religious Dialogue**

**Active ageing**

**Builds up European identity**

**Integration of migrants**

**Improves employability**

**Social inclusion**

**Active citizenship**

**Learning opportunities**

**Promotes human rights**

**Environmental protection**

Volunteering is important in many  
policy areas

**Culture**

**Consumer protection**

**Education & Training**

**Humanitarian Aid**

**Lots of policy areas!**

**Employment**

**Environmental protection**

**Social inclusion**

**Sport**

**Equal opportunities**

**Human Rights**

# Some key facts

94 million  
people

23% of Europeans  
> 15 years old

# Big differences between the Member States!

May be due to differences in measurement

**> 40%**

- UK
- SWE
- NL
- AUT

**< 10%**

- BG
- GR
- IT
- LT

# The European Volunteer Measurement Project

- Aim: Adoption by Member States of the ILO's **Manual on the Measurement of Volunteer Work**
- Target: Adoption by 10 – 15 EU Member States by end 2011
- Participants in the project:
  - SPES – Italian Volunteer Support Centre for the Lazio Region
  - Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies
  - European Volunteering Centre ('CEV')

# Objectives of EYV 2011

1. Create an **enabling environment** for volunteering
2. **Empower** volunteer organisations
3. **Recognise** volunteering activities
4. **Raise awareness** about value & importance of volunteering

# Commission's Budget for the Year

- **€ 3 million**

for Preparatory Actions in 2010

- **€ 8 million**

for the Year itself

- + other sources...

# The Commission's Action Plan





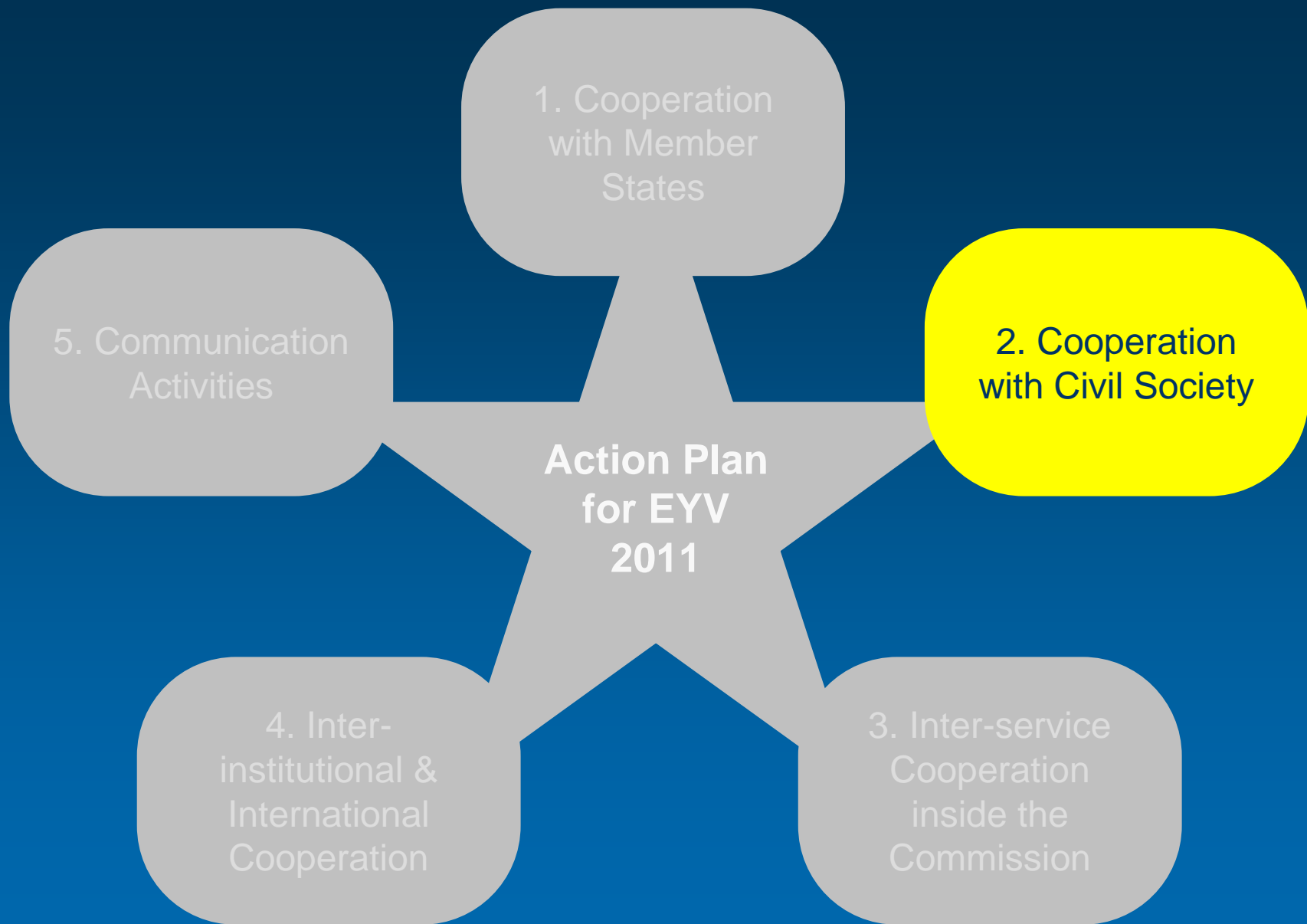


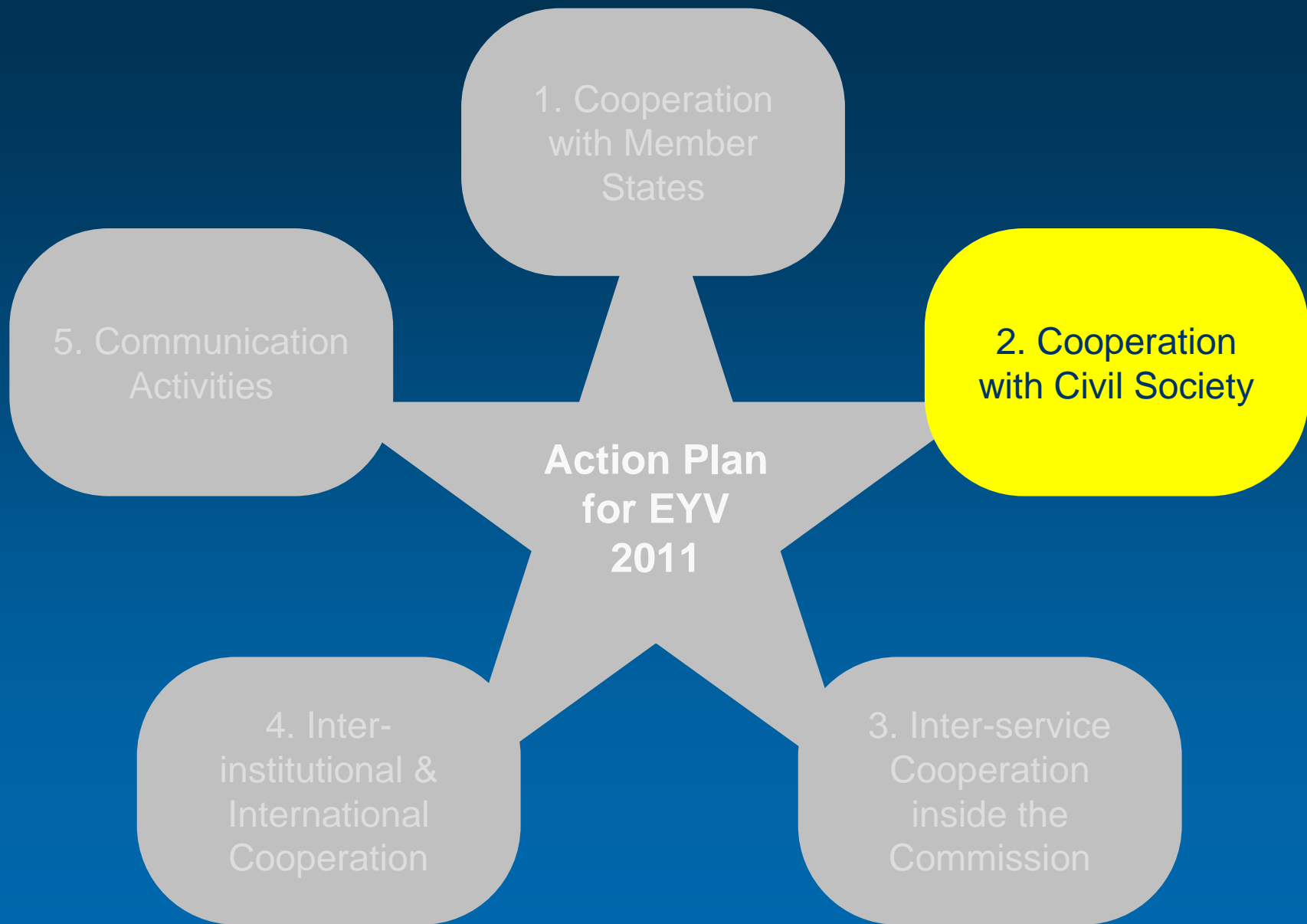
1. Cooperation  
with Member  
States

National Coordination Bodies

- **Responsible for preparing and implementing activities for the Year in their country**
- **Contact details for the NCBs are here:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/pdf/doc1022\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/pdf/doc1022_en.pdf)**

Grassroots Projects (1 or 2 per Member State)





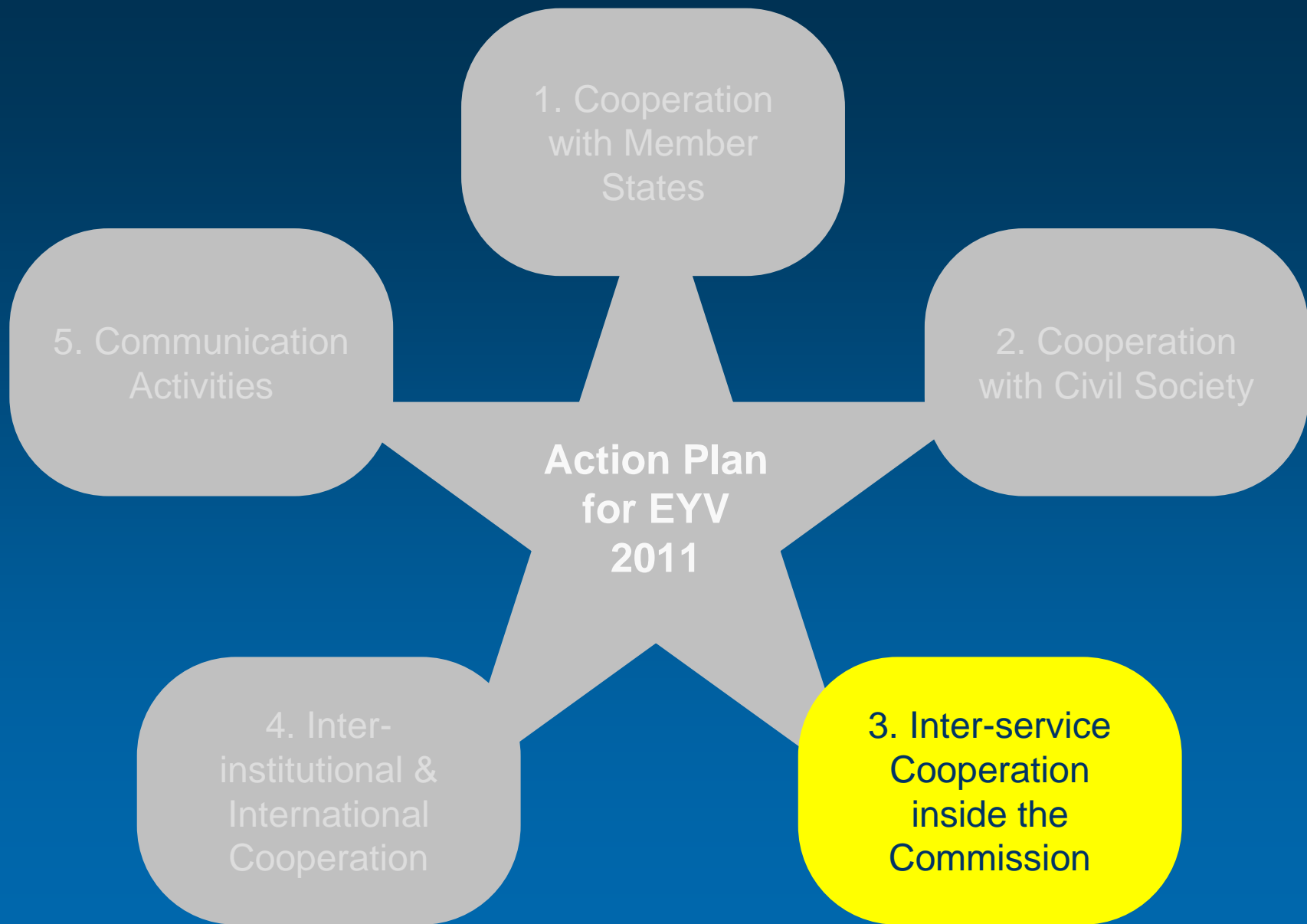
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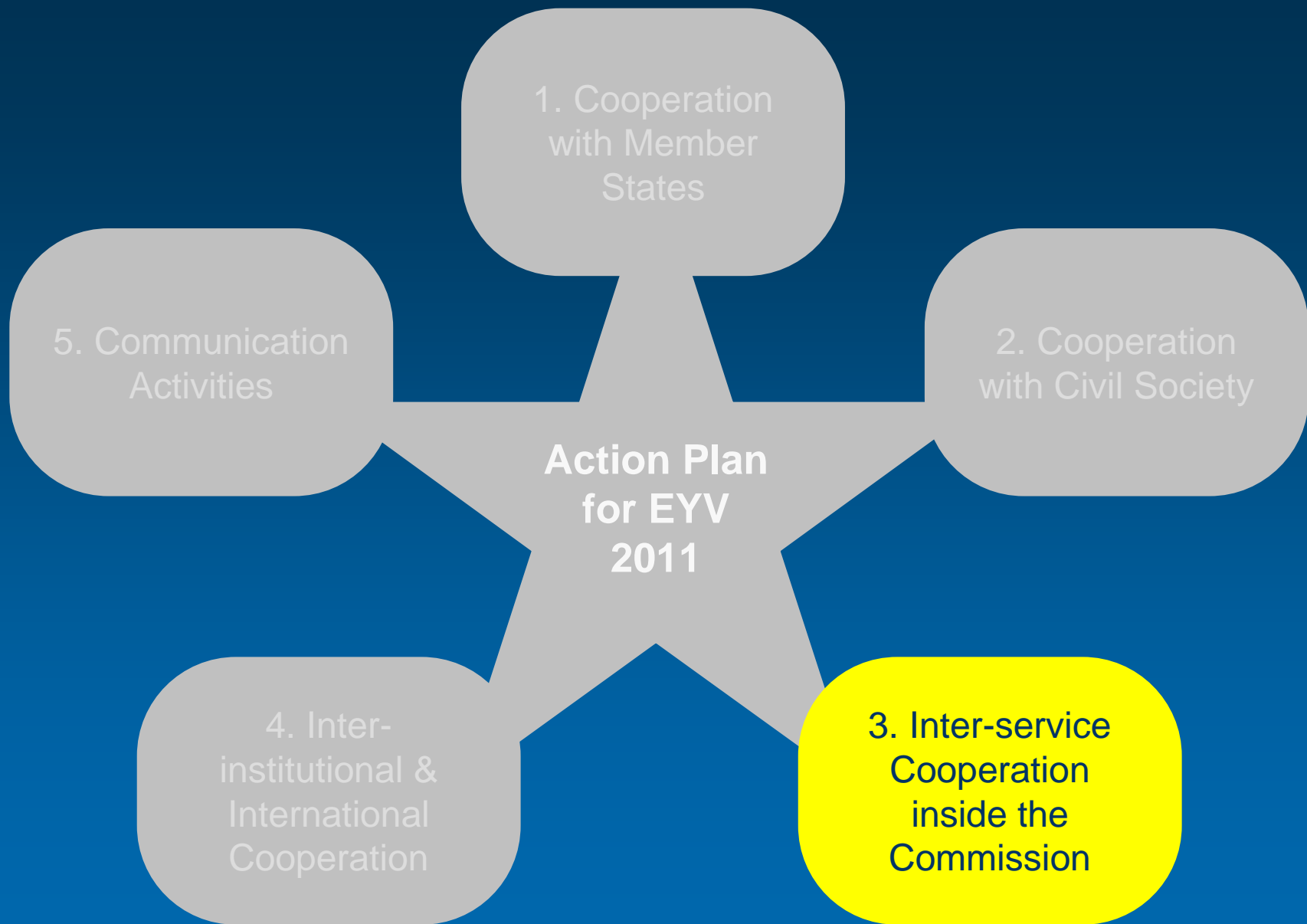


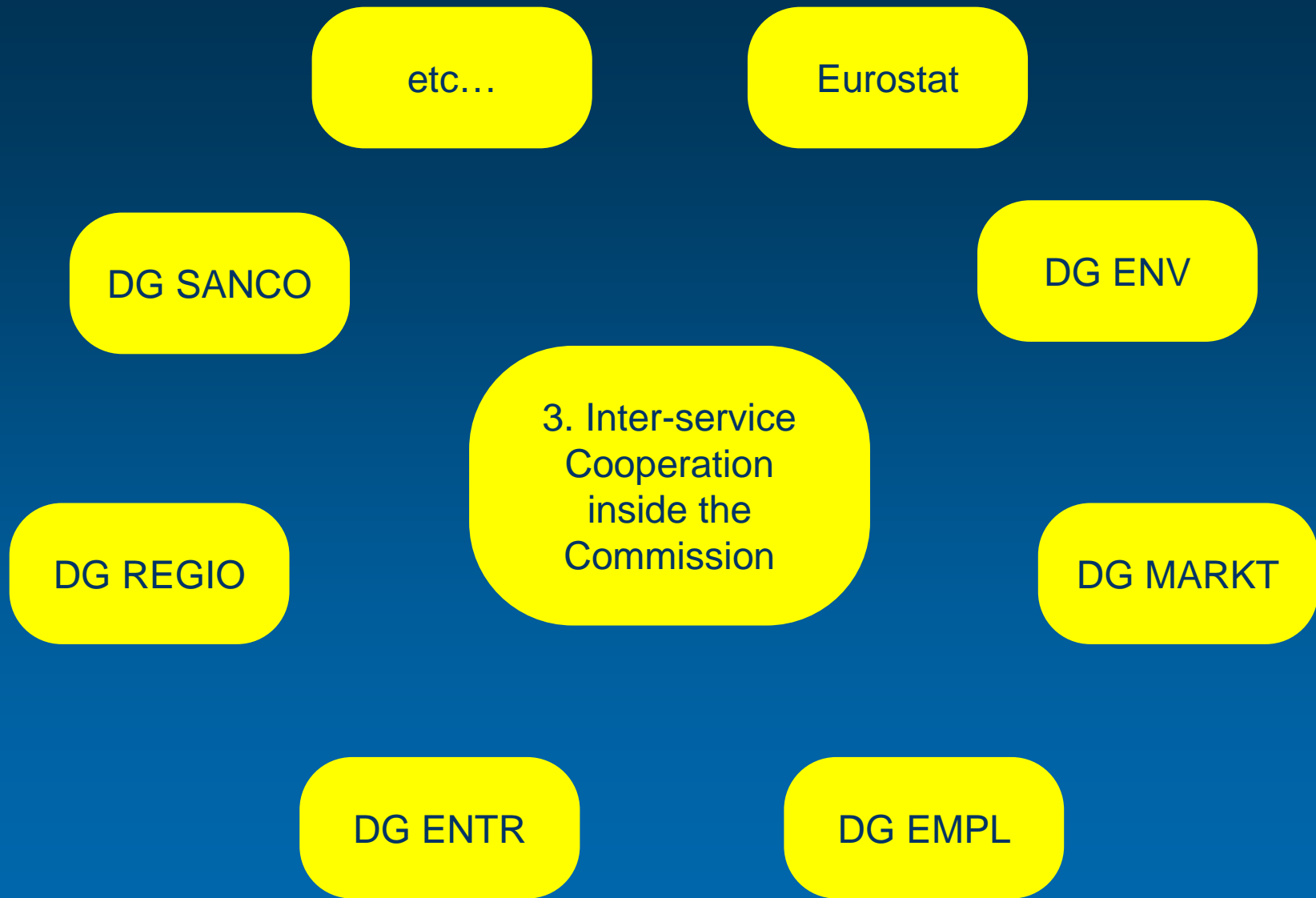
A key partner for us is

**‘The Alliance’**

— the voice of the volunteering sector

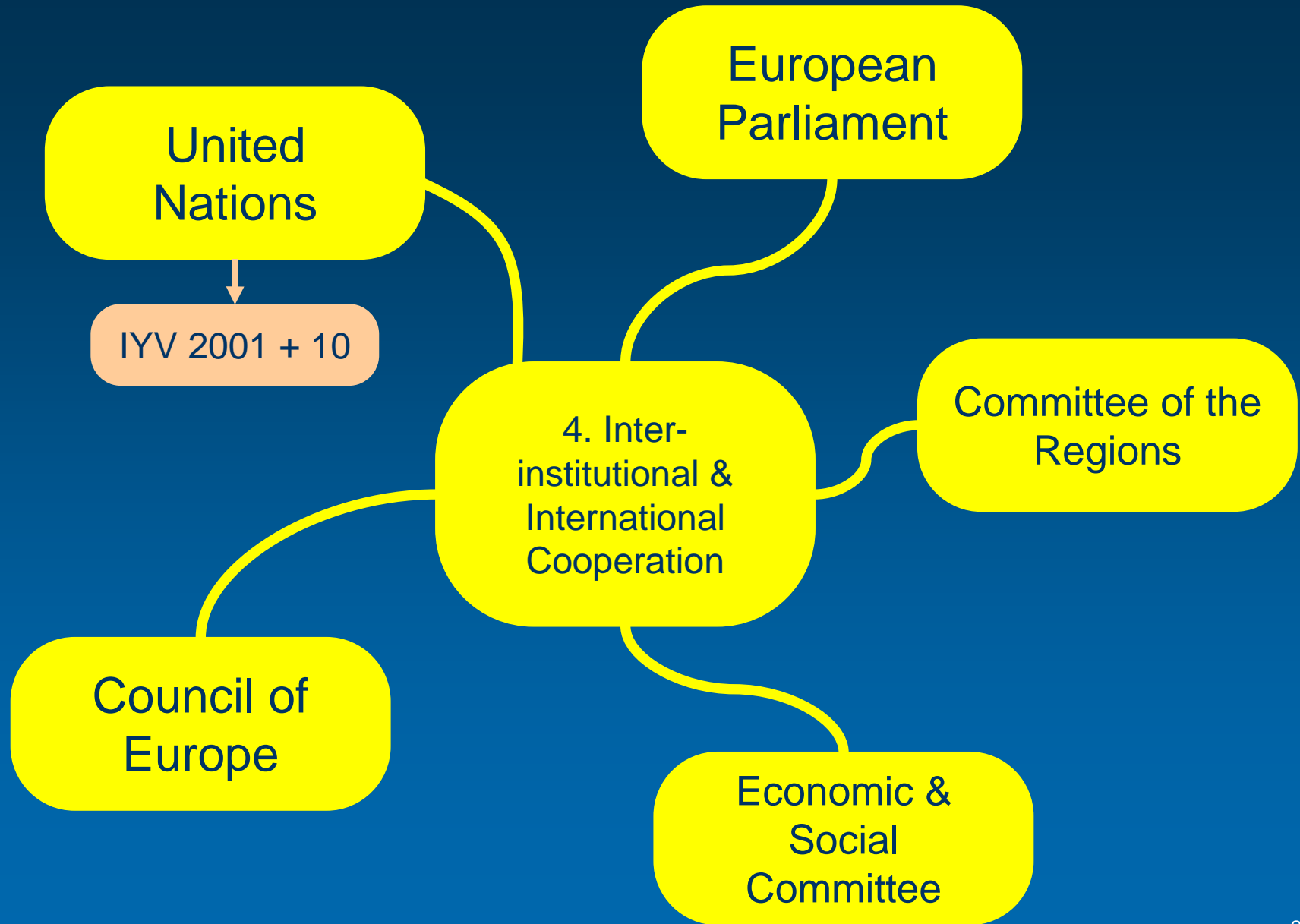








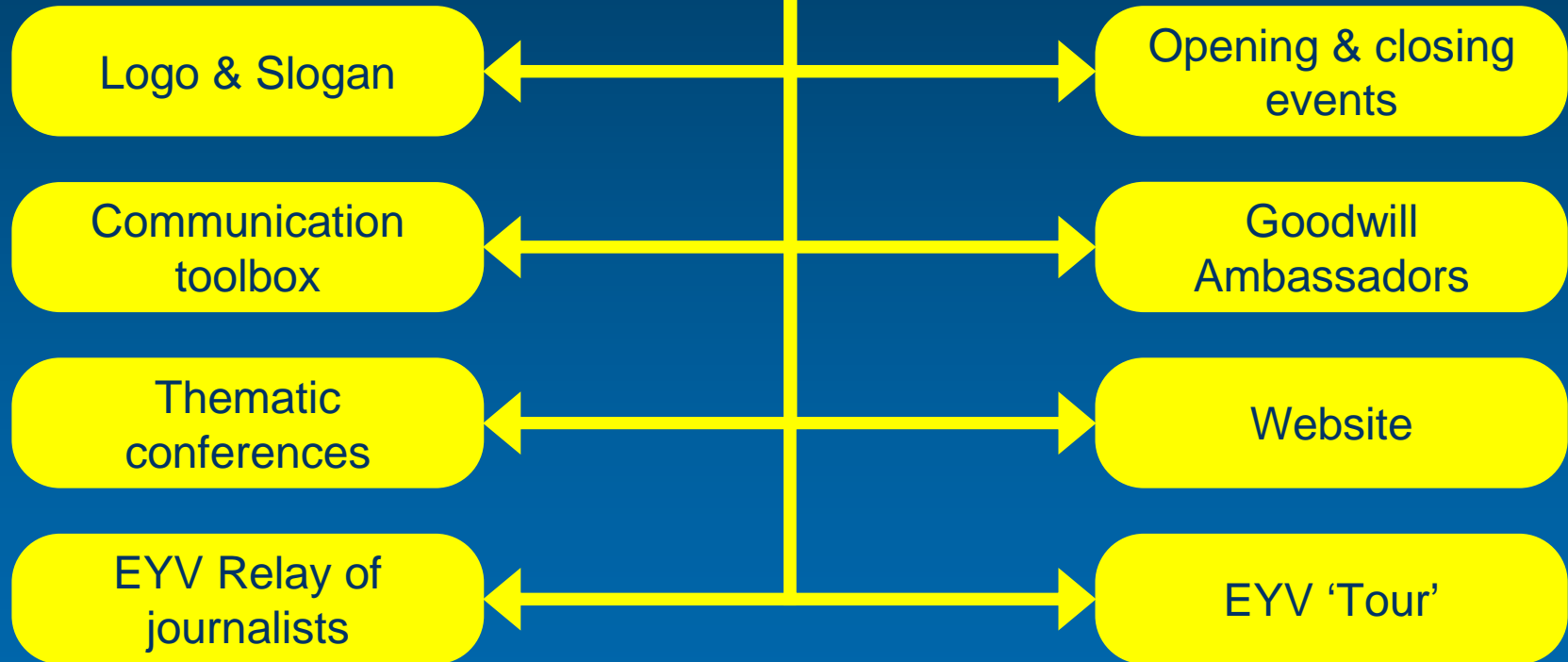








## 5. Communication Activities



**How can Foundations get involved?**

# Thinking of joining in?

- Contact your country's **National Coordination Body**

Addresses here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/pdf/doc1022\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/pdf/doc1022_en.pdf)

- Contact **The Alliance**

Contact address: [cev@cev.be](mailto:cev@cev.be)

- Use the **logo** for the year

will be downloadable from our website soon

- Organise a **conference**? Set up a **campaign**?

# More Information

- Our (interim) web page:
  - [http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/focus/focus840\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/focus/focus840_en.htm)
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