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## EAC policies: at the heart of “Europe 2020”

- Smart growth – developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation;
- Sustainable growth – promoting a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy;
- Inclusive growth – fostering a high-employment economy delivering economic, social and territorial cohesion.



## “Europe 2020”

- ✓ Measurable and representative targets to reach these priorities:
  - ✓ 75% of the working age population should be employed
  - ✓ At least 40% of the younger generation should have a tertiary or equivalent degree; and the share of early school leavers should be under 10%
  - ✓ 20/20/20 environmental targets
  - ✓ Research investment target of 3% of GDP
  - ✓ Poverty reduction target to be defined
- ✓ European targets to be transformed into national targets: the issue of national “ownership” of these policies



## “Europe 2020”



Seven flagship initiatives to catalyse progress under each priority theme. Some of them are particularly relevant for education and training, culture, youth, media policies:

- ✓ Youth on the move
- ✓ Union for Innovation
- ✓ An agenda for new skills and jobs
- ✓ A Digital Agenda
- ✓ European Platform against Poverty



# Policy cooperation



## Open methods of coordination

- Education and Training Strategy 2020 (plus Bologna, Copenhagen reforms)
- European Agenda for Culture (creative industries, intercultural dialogue, international cooperation)
- Youth Strategy (Education and training; employment and entrepreneurship; health and well-being; participation; voluntary activities; social inclusion; creativity and culture; youth and the world)
- Sport ...

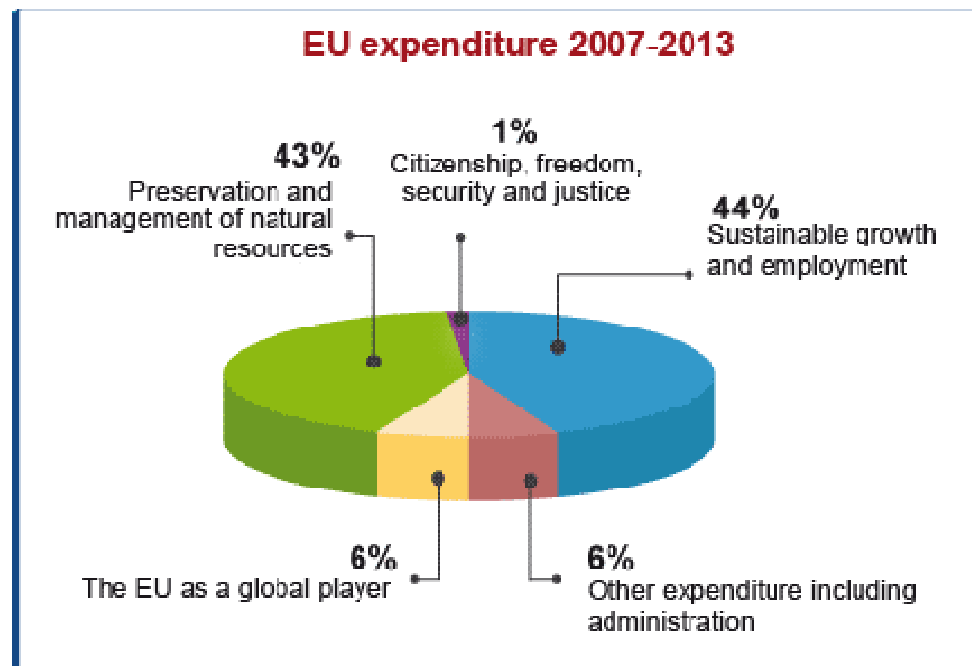


## EAC programmes

- **Lifelong Learning Programme**  
(Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig, transversal and Jean Monnet programmes)
- Erasmus Mundus/Tempus
- Marie Curie
- **Youth in Action**
- **Culture**
- MEDIA (and MEDIA Mundus from 2011)



## A financial framework for 2007-2013



EU budget : 864 billion euro

Education & Culture programmes : 13 billion euro



# The Lifelong Learning Programme



... fosters co-operation among institutions in participating countries and mobility

Duration: January 2007 – December 2013

Budget: €7 billion

Participating countries in 2009: 27 EU-Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Turkey. Also open for future participation of candidate and potential countries and Switzerland

<b>Comenius</b> School education	<b>Erasmus</b> Higher education & advanced training	<b>Leonardo da Vinci</b> Vocational education and training	<b>Grundtvig</b> Adult education
<b>Transversal Programme</b> 4 key activities: Policy Cooperation ~ Languages ~ ICT ~ Dissemination and exploitation of results			
<b>Jean Monnet Programme</b> 3 key activities: Jean Monnet Action ~ European Institutions ~ European associations			



# International cooperation in higher education



- ✓ **Erasmus Mundus** - to make European higher education attractive worldwide and to promote international university cooperation at Master's and doctorate level
- ✓ **Tempus** - to modernise higher education in 28 partners countries and to create an area of co-operation with countries surrounding the EU
- ✓ **Marie Curie actions** - to foster mobility of young researchers'
- ✓ **Co-operation with Industrialised Countries** - to support joint projects with equal partners, to reinforce mutual understanding and to help EU universities to become more competitive on the world scene



# Culture Programme



Encourages the development of European Citizenship:

- Develop cooperation between cultural operators,
  - On the basis of a common cultural heritage, characterised by its great diversity
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- Based on 3 objectives:
    1. cross-border mobility of artists and workers in the cultural sector,
    2. cross-border circulation of works of art and cultural products,
    3. enhance intercultural dialogue



## Culture Programme

- Budget € 400 million\_for 2007-2013
- Open to 27 MS, EEA, Turkey, Croatia, fYRoM, Serbia, Montenegro (plus actions with third countries and international organisation)
- Open to future participation by candidate countries and potential candidates
- Open to all cultural sectors and all categories of cultural operators
- Each year around 250 projects are co-financed
- The Programme finances annual or multi-annual cooperation projects



## European Heritage Label

- To highlight sites that celebrate and symbolize European integration, ideals and history
  - To provide new opportunities to learn about our common yet diverse cultural heritage, about the history and the building of the European Union, and about the democratic values and human rights that underpin the process of European integration
  - To help increasing cultural tourism, bringing economic benefits
- ↪ It is different from other existing cultural heritage initiatives such as the UNESCO World Heritage List



# Youth in Action Programme



- Duration: 2007-2013
- Budget: 885 million euros for seven years
- EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, the EU neighbours (Eastern Europe and Caucasus, the Mediterranean region, South-East Europe) and other partner countries in the world
- Age bracket: 15-28 (in some cases 13-30)



# Youth in Action Programme



- [Youth for Europe](#) - encourages young people's active citizenship, participation and creativity through youth exchanges, youth initiatives and youth democracy projects.
- [European Voluntary Service](#) - helps young people to develop their sense of solidarity by participating, either individually or in group, in non-profit, unpaid voluntary activities abroad.
- [Youth in the World](#) - promotes partnerships and exchanges among young people and youth organisations across the world.
- [Youth Support Systems](#) - includes various measures to support youth workers and youth organisations and improve the quality of their activities.
- [Support for European Co-operation in the Youth field](#) - supports youth policy co-operation at European level, in particular by facilitating dialogue between young people and policy makers.



# Possible priorities for a new EU sport agenda



- Social inclusion in and through sport;
- Health-enhancing physical activity;
- Education, training and qualifications in sport;
- Volunteering in sport;
- Sustainable financing of sport;
- The fight against discrimination and violence;
- The fight against doping in sport;
- Protection of minors.



## Preparing the future programmes (2014-2020)

- ✓ New financial perspectives will be under discussion next year in view of the 2014-2020 period.
- ✓ Europe 2020 priorities should be taken on board.
- ✓ Consultations of stakeholders will start later this year.

