

**INVITATION TO JOIN
A Partnership Building Activity**



- Organiser:** European Institute Pro Futuro Europae
- Date:** 5 – 12 June 2011
- Place:** Ustroń, Poland (www.ustron.pl)
- N° of participants:** 25-30
- Invited countries:** All Member States of the European Union and Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia and Turkey.

**Please join us by sending your participants to the seminar!
please fill in carefully the registration form and return it by e-mail to
pba2011@profuturo.org or fax: +48 123 767 919
by Friday, 28 January 2011.**

Description of the issue:

Today's generation of young people are the best-educated generation ever. Still more and more young people are unemployed or work for unacceptably long hours under informal, intermittent and insecure work arrangements, characterized by low productivity, meager earnings and reduced labour protection. Youth entrepreneurship, especially in the light of the financial crisis, accounts for one of good alternative ways positively influencing employment. Therefore it is worth putting special emphasis in terms of young people willingness and readiness to set up their own companies, engage in creative solutions and motivate local environment. It is the local and regional level, at which the individual capacity of youth to establish an entrepreneurial culture can be built. Especially that youth entrepreneurship is a natural step toward formal employment. Although very often regulated at a national level, there are a number of steps to be taken in local circles that can help young entrepreneurs when setting up and running their companies.

The role of youth NGOs, student organizations, youth branches of chambers of commerce, young innovation clusters and similar organized groups is of utmost importance in building up a spirit of creativity, challenge and YOU can do it attitude! Of equal importance is the fact that youth organizations are often transmitters of essential knowledge connected to entering business market. This is not a "book knowledge" but a sort of peer-education, learning from "win and fail" examples. Many organizations have a decent portfolio of experiences connected to entrepreneurship, yet often grown within their own circles without sharing them with similar groups. The EU "Youth in Action" programme allows for such fruitful contacts, based on the principles of youth engagement, non-formal education in connection to the EU dimension and European citizenship.

Overall aim:

The aim of this partnership building activity *YOU (TH) CAN DO IT!* is networking and experience sharing for the purpose of running quality and exciting youth projects on youth entrepreneurship.

Objectives:

To achieve this overall aim this partnership building activity will meet the following objectives:

- to gather together varied and balanced representation of leaders working in youth organizations and with young people, who have experiences in entrepreneurship programmes and activities.
- to establish and long lasting co-operation among organizations represented for the purpose of joint youth undertakings.
- Using methods of non-formal education to discuss among organizations represented at the partnership building activity some key elements of youth entrepreneurship attitudes and possible obstacles.
- Identify projects on youth entrepreneurship that can trigger youth interest (be exciting) and that can transmit certain important knowledge and skills (be of high quality)
- To prepare a few projects in line with the "EU Youth in Action" objectives that will be tabled for funding to the respective National Agencies of the "EU Youth in Action" programme in 2011.

Participants:

The seminar is targeted at **leaders and executives** of organisations, which have some portfolio of experiences connected to entrepreneurship or want to engage in this type of activities in 2011. Especially welcomed will be executive leaders of youth NGOs, student organizations, youth branches of chambers of commerce, young innovation clusters and similar organized groups. Organisations represented must come from one of the countries of the European Union or from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia and Turkey. We expect varied and balanced representation, both geographical, gender as well as programmatic. **There is no age limit. We expect 2-4 participants from each organization, one of them holding an executive leadership position.**

Methodology:

Brief plenary sessions will alternate with working groups and a partnership fair, at which participants will present themselves and interact with one another for the purpose of establishing contacts. Project creativity sessions as well as incentive entrepreneurship tour to a local company will be offered. Plus a lot of fun, wonderful evenings and great environment of one of the mountains pleasant tourist spots. English is the main working language.

Accommodation and board:

Full board and accommodation will be arranged for all participants at the site of the venue.

Financial arrangements:

For all participants, The European Institute Pro Futuro Europae will **reimburse 70% of the travel costs** on the basis of the original plane/train/bus tickets as proof. Participants shall use the most economic fares available i.e. APEX plane tickets, train 2nd class, bus. Reimbursement will be done in cash during the project.

If your organisation is interested in sending a participant to the partnership building activity *YOU (TH) CAN DO IT!* please fill in carefully the registration form scan it with original stamp and signature and return it by e-mail to pba2011@profuturo.org or fax: +48 123 767 919 by 28 January 2011.

Please also in addition to e-mail scan send the original by normal post to the following address

**Instytut Europejski Pro Futuro Europae
ul. Szlak 77/134
31-153 Kraków, POLAND**

**We hope to get you on-board
and to welcome you to this exciting event this Spring!**

Part III. Partner promoter(s)

A. Details of the partner

Name	_____		
Street address	_____		
Postcode	_____	City	_____
Region	_____	Country	_____
Email	_____	Website	_____
Telephone	_____	Telefax	_____

Person in charge of the project (contact person)

Family name (Ms/Mr)	_____	First name	_____
Position/function	_____		
Email	_____		
Telephone	_____	Telefax	_____

B. Profile of the partner

Type and status	<input type="checkbox"/> Non profit/non governmental organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Public body	<input type="checkbox"/> Informal group of young people
	<input type="checkbox"/> Body active at European level in the field of youth (ENGO)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify:	
Activity level	<input type="checkbox"/> Local	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional	<input type="checkbox"/> National
	<input type="checkbox"/> Member organisation of the applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> European/International	

Please give a short description of your organisation/group (regular activities, member of, etc.) :

C. Preliminary agreement of the partner

I, the undersigned, on behalf of (repeat the name of the partner)

confirm our participation in each stage of the project (repeat the title of the project as stated in Part I):

**Empowering entrepreneurs
YOU(TH) CAN DO IT!**

I declare having reached an agreement with all the promoters involved in the project with regard to the share of EU grant my organisation/group is entitled to receive in order to implement the project.

Furthermore, I confirm my undertaking to ensure visibility of the European Union support for the project and to ensure dissemination and exploitation of its results.

Name in capital letters:

Place:

Signature:

Date: