## The European Commission announce call for proposals for companies and other stakeholders active in the youth sector

The European Commission (DG Education and Culture) – under the framework of the Youth in Action Programme – has launched a call for proposals, open to companies active in corporate social responsibility, aiming at supporting the establishment of partnership with other stakeholders active in the youth sector.

The European Commission is ready to provide support to companies interested in expanding some of their initiatives towards youth citizenship/employability/skills development that go beyond traditional training and education schemes. This could be a good opportunity for you to further strengthen your European community investment/social contribution programmes.

The purpose of the EU programme is twofold, firstly it aims to develop or reinforce long-term actions in the field of non-formal learning and secondly, it hopes to encourage international and pan-European collaboration. The Commission is particularly focusing on **employability & skills**, **sustainability** (including environmental awareness) and **social inclusion**.

**CSR Europe** maintains fruitful relations with **DG Education and Culture** who informed us that they are willing to **explore ways for CSR Europe members to engage in the European Youth Programme**. If you are interested in submitting a contribution and need some help or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Jan Noterdaeme jn@csreurope.org.

Final date for submission of applications is 17 September 2012.

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Please note that projects must start between 1 March 2013 and 1 September 2013 and run for no more than 2 years (24 months). More information, as well as supporting documents are available at:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/call action 4 6 en.php

To download a leaflet explaining this call for proposals in greater detail, please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

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