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## European Commission Working Simulation



Action 1 - Youth for Europe  
Sub-Action 1.3 - Youth Democracy  
Projects



## THE PROJECT

ECWS – *European Commission Working Simulation* – is a project funded by the European Commission in the field of the *Youth in Action Programme, Action 1 “Youth for Europe”, Sub-Action 1.3 “Youth Democracy Projects”* and promoted by the Municipality of Reggio Calabria (Italy) in partnership with: **Pronexus Association (Italy)**, **ONG Jaunatnes Lideru Koalicija (Latvia)**, the City of **Jaunpils Novada Dome (Latvia)**, **Mancomunitat de la Ribera Alta (Spain)**, **Consorci de la Ribera**

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The project involves 24

beneficiaries aged between 18 and 30, coming from Italy, Latvia and Spain. Its objective is to foster the **active participation of young people into the democratic life** and to raise their awareness of the European context they live in, following the YIA Programme annual priorities:

- commitment to a more inclusive growth: fight against poverty and marginalization;
- youth unemployment.



## OBJECTIVES

The specific project objectives are:

- Making young beneficiaries (directly and indirectly involved in the project) aware of the European institutions and, particularly, of **how the European Commission works**;
- Reinforcing their **European identity** and their comprehension and participation in the mechanisms of representative democracy;
- Increasing their understanding of the European **social inclusion policy** and making them think how to guarantee a welfare system that doesn't leave aside disadvantaged groups, in a moment of persistent economic crisis;
- Making them face the issue of **youth unemployment** and suggest the European Union how to deal with it.



## METHODOLOGY

In order to stimulate the participation of the beneficiaries into the European democratic life, the main methodology will be the **simulation**: the youngsters will simulate the work of the European Commission, debating about social inclusion policies and youth unemployment. During this simulation they will experience the European institution mechanisms and will put in practice an active citizenship, thinking about and suggesting what to do in order to face this two challenges.



## MAIN PHASES

**Start-Up**: in this step the partners will have a preparatory meeting to discuss and approve the implementation of the project. Then they will go through the next phase of sensibilisation and selection to inform the young people in order to involve them into the project.

**Empowerment and Participated preparation**: two local workshops to discover better the European Commission and how it works, to deepen the topic of the European social inclusion policy and youth unemployment and then to prepare the young participants for the transnational meeting.

**Transnational meeting**: the youth people from different countries will meet in Reggio Calabria from 8th to 13th December 2013 for 4 working days to simulate the activities and the decision-making procedures of the European Commission.

**Follow up**: every partner will analyze and promote in its own country the activities carried out and the project results.

