


# Young volunteers

European active citizenship: renewable Energy

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# Who I am?

- Liaison Officer for CSVnet
- Brussels
- Europe  CSVs/voluntary organisations
  - ❖ Information on EU policies and funding opportunities
  - ❖ Support for European projects (design and partners) and initiatives with a European dimension
  - ❖ EU lobbying for volunteering
  - ❖ Contact making with EU institutions

# My background

- EU studies
- EVS in Croatia in 2005
- EU info desk
- CSV
- Voluntary organisation: “Youth” and “Youth in Action” programs: Youth exchanges, Youth Initiatives, EVS
- CSVnet: “Youth in Action” program: EVS, training courses and seminars; LLP: Visits and Exchanges Grundtvig

# EU programs for young volunteers

## Starting assumptions

- Young volunteers: 13 ÷ 30 years-old
- Different realities
  - ❖ Pupils
  - ❖ Students
  - ❖ Looking for job
  - ❖ Workers



Wide range of needs and features

# Youth in Action

Different opportunities for young volunteers

- To get one of the first volunteering experiences abroad: structured action like EVS
- To take part to exchanges and active citizenship initiatives
- To get trained in a non formal way
- To establish stable partnership and networking

Other programs which give the same opportunities to young volunteers:

- For exchanges and active citizenship, to establish stable partnership and networking: **Europe for Citizens**
- For adult education and to be trained or train in non formal education, to establish stable partnership and networking : **Lifelong Learning Program: Grundtvig**

All of them promote  
participation and  
intergenerational dialogue  
and learning

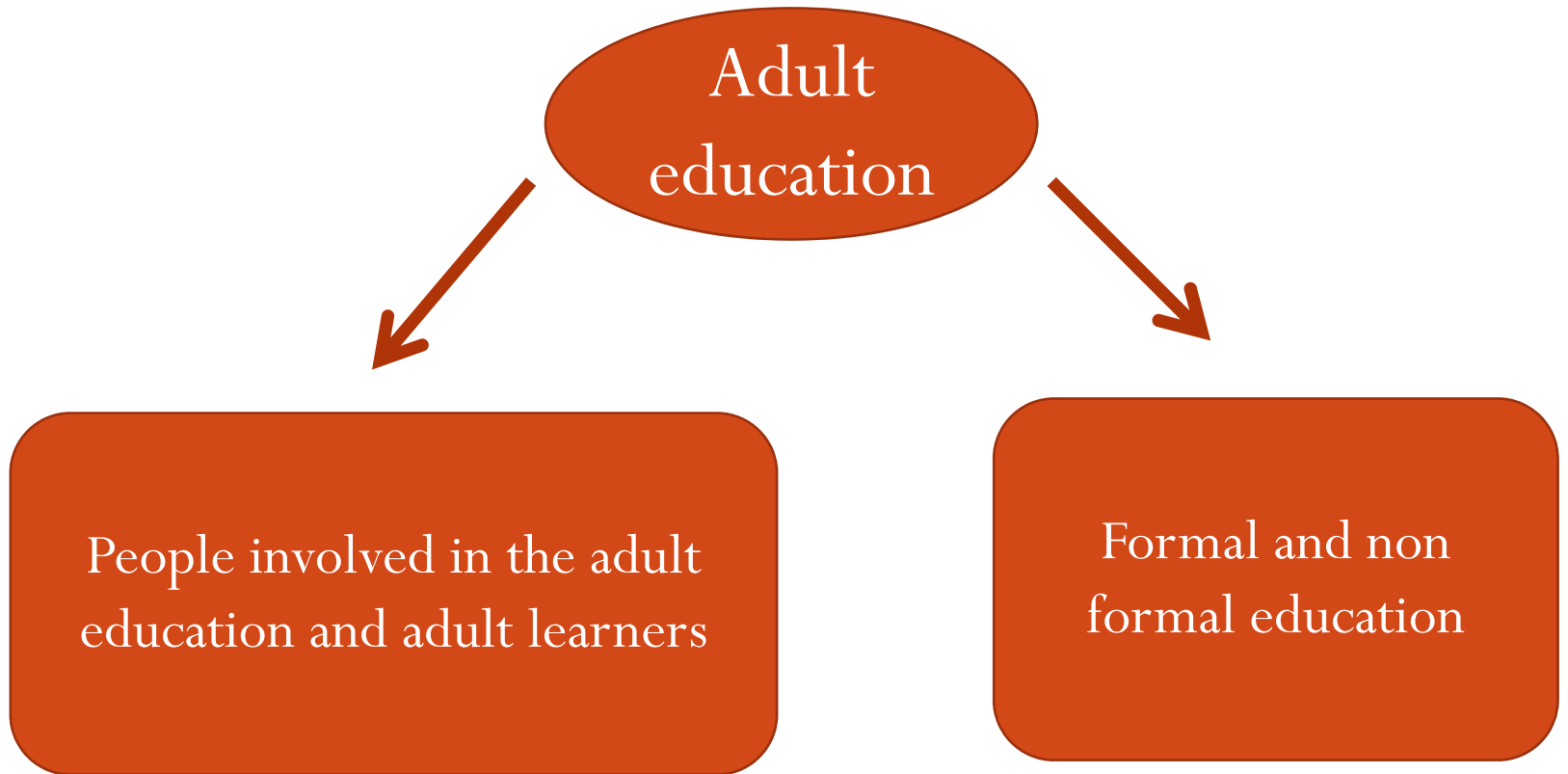
# Europe for Citizens

- **Volunteering as expression of active European citizenship** among the Horizontal features
- No age limit

## Possible activities

- **Twinning programs**
- **Citizens' projects** : active participation and dialogue
- **Support for projects initiated by civil society organisations**: improving skills

# Grundtvig



People involved in the adult education and adult learners:  
**staff of voluntary organisation, like**

- Employees involved in educational modules (training courses, promotional activities)
  - Volunteers

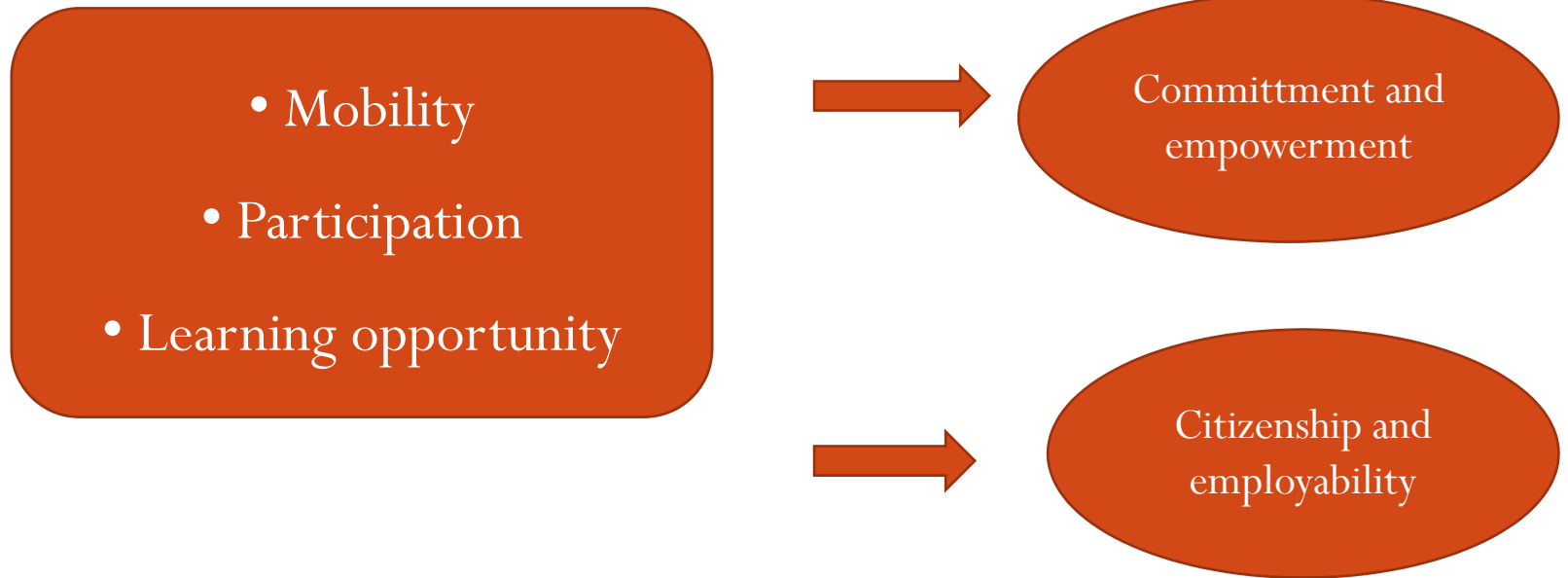
# Grundtvig actions

<b>Managed by National Agencies</b>	<b>Managed by the Executive Agency</b>
Preparatory visits	Multilateral projects
Workshops	Thematic networks
Learning partnerships	Accompanying measures
Visits and exchanges	

# New EU youth strategy “Youth – Investing and Empowering”

- 2001: White Paper on Youth
- Investing / empowering
- 9 years strategy: 2010 – 2018
- Cross-sectoral
  
- Actions for
  - ❖ Improving access: health and sport, participation
  - ❖ Fostering solidarity: social inclusion, volunteering
  - ❖ Creating opportunities: education, employment, creativity and entrepreneurship

## Volunteering recognised important for



# Tools

- Peer learning, youth volunteering
- Structured dialogue
- Mobilisation of programs and funds

# Resolution on the role of volunteering in contributing to economic and social cohesion

- European Parliament, April 2008

The Resolution calls also for:

- Recognition of volunteering as lifelong learning and non formal learning
- Promotion of volunteering through education at all levels
- Promotion of opportunities to volunteer with special emphasis on vulnerable and marginalised groups
- More liberal visa regime for third-country participants in recognised EU volunteer programmes, in particular as regards volunteers from countries neighbouring the EU

# Treaty of Lisbon and volunteering

- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009
- Article 165: The Union shall contribute to the promotion of European sporting issues, while taking account of the specific nature of sport, its structures based on voluntary activity and its social and educational function.
- Humanitarian Aid: Article 214: 5. In order to establish a framework for joint contributions from young Europeans to the humanitarian aid operations of the Union, a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps shall be set up. The European Parliament and the Council, acting by means of regulations in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, shall determine the rules and procedures for the operation of the Corps.

# Thank you for your attention!

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