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The European Movement (EMI) takes account of the process towards the Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 of the European Union and welcomes the statements made by the President of the European Commission on the importance of investing in the mobility and employability of young people. Youth policy needs to be a financial and a political priority. In these times of crises as well as in the long term, investing in youth will reinforce the core values of European integration.

It is fundamental to build upon the progress that has already been made. In this regard, the EMI recalls the success and impact of the current 'Youth in Action' (YiA) programme in Europe, which supports youth-led activities with the aim to improve the situation of young people. From 2007 to 2013, it will have provided around one million young Europeans with valuable non-formal education experience and mobility possibilities.

In its communication to the European Parliament and the Council on the EU programme in the field of Education, Training, Youth and Sport 'Erasmus for All', the European Commission proposes to include the activities of the current 'Youth in Action' Programme in a broader programme mainly dedicated to formal education and vocational training.

The European Movement underlines the importance of maintaining 'Youth in Action' as an independent programme focused on **non-formal education of young people, active European citizenship** and **support to the wide range of youth organisations that represent the diversity of youth in Europe.**

The new programme should encourage the participation of all young people in democratic life, it should recognise that youth organisations are an indispensable channel for supporting active citizenship in Europe and for developing young people's skills and competences, both for the needs of the labour market and for an active and inclusive European society.