## Associazioni Austriache

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## Grenzenlos

Who we are:

Grenzenlos (former ICYE Austria) is part of the international youth exchange network (the ICYE Federation). It was founded in 1949 as a pacifist programme standing for tolerance and reconciliation between different cultures. Grenzenlos is a non-profit and non-govermental Organisation, which main aim is to promote world - peace and tolerance through international non-formal education programmes, that combine cultural integration with engagement in non-profit initiatives worldwide. Since 1996, Grenzenlos participates in the EVS. 1998 it became the implementor of the EVS MELANGE special event project, which resulted in a partnership between EVS organisations and municipal departments. In 1999 the focus was set on the increase of mobility for handicapped, the opening of volunteer actions in Eastern Europe, and maximizing inclusion of disadvantaged youth; e.g. youngsters from migrant background or long term unemployed. Since 2001 Grenzenlos offers additionally, short term programmes such as workcamps, youth encounters and practical training.

What we do:

The volunteers will work on renovation, arts, with kids or disabled people.

## YAP Österreich

YAP Österreich formerly know as Perpetuum Mobile International was founded in spring 2002, as a platform for short-term exchanges and workcamp organisations in Austria. PMI joined the YAP Movement in 2004 as associated group and since 26th February 2005, a branch of the YAP movement after which it was renamed as YAP Österreich (YAP Austria).

Apart from several individual members, YAP Österreich has three institutional members Grenzenlos and Perpetuum Mobile Regional and the newest : Unitis International, who were the ones who hosted the YAP Congress 2006 in Weikersdorf, Upper Austria.

We are a movement which aims for societies of justice, peace and human solidarity. It struggles against the different forms of violence, exploitation, injustice and exclusion; against networks of ideological, religious, sexist, political, cultural and economic oppression and imbalance of natural surroundings. It supports all women and men, who want to take their destiny into their own hands to organise collectively a responsible and liberating society.