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Programme "Youth in action"

Cooperation with countries

other than neighbouring countries of the EU

The European Commission has launched a Call for proposals within the Programme 'Youth in action' aiming to support projects which promote cooperation in the youth sector between Programme Countries and partner countries other than those which are neighbours of the European Union.

The objectives of the Call are:

- to improve the mobility of young people and young workers;
 - to promote youth empowerment and active participation;
 - to foster capacity-building for youth organisations and structures in order to contribute to civil society development;
 - to promote cooperation and the exchange of experience and good practice in the field of youth and non-formal education;
 - to contribute to the development of youth policies, youth work and the voluntary sector;
 - to develop sustainable partnerships and networks between youth organizations.
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Priorities

The priorities of the Programme are:

- participation of young people;
- cultural diversity;
- European citizenship;
- inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

The Call addresses a specific priority for 2009:

- the mobilisation and awareness-raising of young people vis-à-vis global issues such as sustainable development, migrations and climate change.

In addition, the projects must deal with one of the following themes:

1. Strengthening of civil society (including youth structures), active citizenship and democracy
2. Fight against racism and xenophobia
3. Intercultural, inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue
4. Post-conflict resolution, reconstruction and rehabilitation
5. The active role of women in society
6. Minority rights
7. Youth contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The cooperation is addressed to persons working in the youth sector, youth workers and youth leaders, young people themselves and other actors involved in youth organisations and structures and interested in running projects promoting cooperation in this field.

Eligible actions

Projects must be set up including activities with a non-profit-making purpose and come under the field of youth and non-formal education.

Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- development of partnerships and networks;
- seminars and conferences;
- training of youth workers and multipliers;
- development of training tools;
- information and awareness campaigns in favour of young people;
- job-shadowings for youth workers;
- feasibility and study visits;
- evaluation meetings;
- youth exchanges.

Eligible applicants and partnership

Proposals must be submitted by **non-profit organizations**:

- non-governmental organisations (NGOs), or
- public bodies.

The same applies to the partner organisations.

Applicants must – at the time when they submit their proposal – be legally registered for at least two years in one of the Programme Countries.

The Programme Countries are as follows:

- the EU Member States;
- Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway;
- Candidate countries for which a pre-accession strategy has been established;
- Turkey.

Projects must involve partners from at least **four different countries** (including the applicant organisation), including at least **two Programme countries**, of which at least one is a Member State of the European Union, and **two Partner countries**.

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Award criteria

Qualitative criteria

- Relevance of the project in relation to the objectives and priorities of the Programme;
- Quality of the project and of the working methods:
 - (a) the project has a considerable multiplier effect and will have a sustainable impact;
 - (b) the quality of the partnership, and in particular the clarity of the tasks, description of the partners' actual role in the cooperation, as well as the experience and motivation of the partners to set up the project/cooperation;
 - (c) the project foresees appropriate measures aimed at ensuring dissemination and exploitation of its results;
 - (d) the active involvement of young people in the project;
 - (e) the work programme is clear, consistent and of high quality;
 - (f) the budget is consistent with the activities planned in the work programme.

Quantitative criteria

- Profile and number of participants and of promoters involved in the project ,in particular:
 - (a) the balance of the partnership, which must be twofold: the projects must both involve a similar number of organisations located in the Programme Countries and in the Partner Countries, and also ensure fair representation of national groups;
 - (b) the number of partners involved in the project and the number of countries covered by the partnership;
 - (c) the number of young people and youth workers directly involved in the project.
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Deadlines and duration of activities

Applications must be sent no later than **1 June 2009**

Projects must start between 1 November 2009 and 31 December 2009. They will have a minimum duration of six months and a maximum duration of 12 months.

What scale of funding is available?

The total budget allocated to the cofinancing of projects under this call for proposals is estimated at **EUR 2 600 000**.

Financial assistance may not be granted for more than **80 %** of a project's total eligible expenses. The maximum grant may not exceed **EUR 100 000**.

Procedure for submission of application

Applications have to be sent to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
'Youth in Action' Programme – EACEA/05/09
BOUR, 4/029
Avenue du Bourget, 1
BE-1140 BRUSSELS

- by post, date as per postmark,
- by an express courier company, the date of receipt by the courier company being taken as proof of posting (please include a copy of the receipt).

Only applications that are submitted using the **correct form, duly completed and dated**, including a **balanced budget** (revenue/expenditure) and sent as a **single copy** (the original document), will be accepted. They must be **signed** by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation.

Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

Documentation

Detailed Applicants' Guidelines and application forms can be found at the following address: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_3_2_en.php

Grant applications must use the application form specifically designed for this purpose and contain all the annexes and information required.