EU BUDGET LINES SUPPORTING PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL DIALOGUE

See ‘funding’ section in the webpage of DG EMPL:

http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=629&langId=en
Three main budget lines

1) BH 04030301 – Supporting Social Dialogue at inter-professional and branch level

2) BH 04030302 – Supporting information and training measures for trade unions

3) BH 04030303 – Supporting workers’ information consultation & participation rights at company-level
What kind of projects do they finance?

Eligible activities:

Transnational events (seminars, conferences, short trainings, workshops)

Reports and studies (collection of information, interviews, case studies and analyses)

Means of communication / dissemination (publications, Websites, Newsletters, CD-Roms)

Eligible duration: 12 months
Industrial relations and social dialogue

Budget Heading 04.03.03.01

(call for proposals VP/ 2013/ 001) still to be published!
BH 04030301: Objectives

- Sub-programme 1: Support for European Social Dialogue (measures to prepare European social dialogue, preparatory meetings for negotiations, but also follow-up activities to facilitate implementation of negotiated agreements)

- Sub-programme 2: Improving expertise in the field of industrial relations (collection of information and practices, exchange of experiences and of knowledge on industrial relations systems, comparative studies, etc)
BH 04030301: Execution

Total budget for 2012: 13.5 million Euro
Average grant in 2011: 155,000 Euro
Project duration: 1 year
Eligible Measures: studies, training, seminars, conferences
Eligible Promoters: social partners, public authorities, research and training centres (all have to be based in EU countries).
Joint projects particularly favoured.
Requirement: strong transnational dimension (it is necessary to include project partners from at least three countries; candidate countries also eligible as partners)

For projects presented by national-level organisation on sub-programme 1 (European Social Dialogue), the applicant needs a letter of support by one of the European social partners:

- ETUC
- ETUFs (EMF, UNI Europa, EPSU, etc…)
- BusinessEurope
- UEAPME
- CEEP
BH 04030301 : Deadlines

Deadlines :

- April/May for operations starting not earlier than June/July
- September for operations starting not earlier than November and no later than December

ATTENTION: Projects can only start 2 months after a deadline (time for the evaluation committee to process all applications)!

Any expenditure incurred before written confirmation that the application has been accepted is at the applicant's risk
BH 04030301 : Co-financing

The Commission’s grant may cover up to 80% of the total cost of a project.

NEW ELEMENT (2013): DG EMPL adopted a “multi-beneficiary” approach, whereby each project partner has the responsibility for managing its own “share” of the budget (the aim is to ensure a stronger responsibilisation of the project partners).
Information and training measures for workers’ organisations

Budget Heading 04.03.03.02

(call for proposals VP/ 2013/ 002) still to be published !
BH 04.03.03.02 : Objectives

To support projects promoting information and training measures for workers’ organisations.

These measures should be linked to:

- the implementation of the EU action / the social dimension of the internal market
- Adaptation of social dialogue to changes in the labour market
- Anticipation, preparation and management of change and restructuring
- Flexicurity, skills, mobility and migration
- Youth employment, gender equality, health & safety etc…
BH 04.03.03.02 : Execution

Total Budget for 2012: 3 420 000 Euro
Average grant per project in 2011: 160,000 euro
Co-financing: 90%
Project duration: 1 year
Eligible promoters: trade union organisations (or bodies mandated by trade unions) based in the EU (candidate countries are eligible as partners)
Single Deadline: April / May
Information, consultation and participation of representatives within undertakings

Budget Heading 04.03.03.03

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BH 04.03.03.03: objectives

- Dissemination and implementation of the acquis communautaire in matters of information and consultation rights of workers in national and multinational companies;
- Facilitating the establishment of worker representation bodies (EWCs, SEWCs, etc)
- Strengthening the role of worker representation bodies in the anticipation of corporate restructuring processes and the resolution of labour conflicts
- familiarising the actors represented at company level with Transnational company agreements
BH 04.03.03.03: EC Directives concerned

- SCE Directive 2003/72/EC on European Cooperative Society (SCE)
- Directive 2002/14/EC on information and consultation (general framework)
- Directive 2005/56/EC on cross-border mergers
BH 04.03.03.03: Eligible applicants

- Organisations registered/having headquarters in one of the EU Member States (candidate countries are eligible as partners);

- Workers’ representatives: company level (works councils) or regional, national, European level, sectoral or multi-sectoral trade unions;

- Employers’ representatives: company level (management of undertakings) or regional, national, European level, sectoral or multi-sectoral employer organisations;

- Technical bodies (not-for-profit, training or research institutes) need to be mandated by a social partner organisation.
04.03.03.03: Execution

Budget for 2012: € 7.500.000
Average grant per project: € 130 000
EC Contribution: up to 80%
Duration of projects: 1 year

Deadlines:

April/May for operations starting not earlier than Jun/July

September for operations starting not earlier than and not later than December
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- Helpdesk officially named on the web site of DG Employment

- Technical assistance, free of charge, to project promoters - e-mail: amartin@etuc.org

- Vademecum (EN, FR) available in ETUC website