

CALL FOR PROPOSALS EACEA/07/09
'Under the Lifelong Learning' Programme
Support for European cooperation in education and training
(2009/C 98/09)

Part A — Raising national awareness of lifelong learning strategies and of European cooperation in education and training

Part B — Support for transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of national and regional lifelong learning strategies

1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The objectives of the call for proposals are:

- to support awareness-raising activities and the establishment of fora and other activities that will contribute to better coherence and coordination in the establishment and implementation of coherent and comprehensive national lifelong learning strategies,
- to support trans-national cooperation in the development and implementation of coherent and comprehensive national lifelong learning strategies at both the national and regional level, covering all types and levels of learning,
- to support the identification of the main critical factors influencing the successful putting into place of national lifelong learning strategies,
- to exchange experiences and good practice and to jointly experiment, test and transfer innovation in relation to the development and implementation of lifelong learning strategies,
- to ensure strong institutional commitment, coordination and partnership with all stakeholders,
- to implement lifelong learning strategies to achieve efficiency and equity.

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Part A — Raising national awareness of lifelong learning strategies and of European cooperation in education and training

Applications for funding may be made by one potential beneficiary or by a partnership composed of several beneficiaries indicated below.

Beneficiaries can be national ministries in charge of education and training, other public bodies and stakeholders' organisations — such as regional, national or European associations or other private bodies — active in the field of lifelong learning (pre-primary, schools, VET, higher education and adult learning).

Part B — Support for transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of national and regional lifelong learning strategies

Applications for funding may only be made by partnerships consisting of organisations drawn from at least 3 different eligible countries.

Beneficiaries can be national ministries in charge of education and training, other public bodies and stakeholders' organisations — such as associations or other private bodies — at the European or national level active in the field of lifelong learning (pre-primary, schools, VET, higher education and adult learning).

Applications may be submitted by organisations (including all partner organisations) established in one of the following countries:

- the 27 EU Member States,
- the three EFTA-EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway),
- Turkey.

At least one country of the partnership must be an EU Member State (applies only to Part B of this call).

3. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Part A — Raising national awareness of lifelong learning strategies and of European cooperation in education and training

The activities to be financed under this part of the call include:

- awareness-raising activities supporting national debates and dialogue linked to the establishment and implementation of lifelong learning strategies (such as national or regional conferences, seminars or workshops),
- the establishment of fora and other activities which will contribute to better coherence and coordination in the process of establishing and implementing coherent and comprehensive national lifelong learning strategies,
- dissemination of existing tools or reference material (e.g. information activities, including media campaigns, publicity events, etc.),
- follow-up action linked to existing national programmes aiming at establishing and implementing the Education and Training Open Method of Coordination at national level.

Part B — Support for transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of national and regional lifelong learning strategies

The activities to be financed under this part of the call include:

- cooperation projects,
- studies, analysis,
- development, testing and transfer of innovative practices,
- conferences, seminars,
- actions aiming at the creation and development of networks at the regional, national and European level.

Activities must start between 1 January 2010 and 31 March 2010. The maximum duration of projects is 12 months.

4. AWARD CRITERIA

Eligible applications/projects will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

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- Relevance
- Quality of the work programme
- Impact
- Quality of the valorisation plan
- Budget

Part B — Support for transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of national and regional lifelong learning strategies

- Relevance
- Quality of the work programme
- Quality of the methodology
- Impact
- Budget

All criteria have the same weight.

5. BUDGET

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects amounts to EUR 2,787 million.

Financial contribution from the Community cannot exceed 75 % of the total eligible costs.

The maximum grant per project will be EUR 120 000 for Part A and EUR 200 000 for Part B.

The Agency reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

6. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Applications must be despatched, date as postmark, to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, no later than 14 August 2009 to:

Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency
Life Long Learning Programme, Key Activity 1
Call for Proposals EACEA/07/09 Part A or Part B
Avenue du Bourget 1 (BOU2 2/145)
B-1140 Brussels

Proposals will only be accepted if electronically completed in full using the official application form and signed in original by the person who is authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation.

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

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

Detailed guidelines of the call for proposals and the application form are available on the following website:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2009/index_en.htm

Applications must be submitted using the form provided and contain all the annexes and information required.
