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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EAC/22/10

Preparatory action in the field of sport

(Open call)

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1. Objectives and description

This call for proposals serves to implement the Preparatory action in the field of sport in accordance with the Commission Decision adopting the 2010 annual work programme on grants and contracts for the preparatory action in the field of sport and for the special annual events.

The main objective of the Preparatory actions in the field of sport is to prepare future EU actions in this field, on the basis of priorities set in the White Paper on Sport.

This call for proposals will support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or civil society organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport, in the following areas:

- (a) Fight against doping
- (b) Promoting social inclusion in and through sport
- (c) Promoting volunteering in sport

The Commission department responsible for implementation and management of this action is the Sport Unit of the Directorate-General for Education and Culture.

2. Eligibility**2.1. Applicant**

Eligible applicants are limited to:

- public bodies;
- civil society organisations.

applicants must:

- have a legal status;
- have their registered head offices in one of the EU Member States.

Natural persons may not submit applications under this call for proposals.

2.2. *Proposals*

Under this call for proposals, the following proposals are eligible:

- proposals submitted using the official application form, completed in full and signed;
- proposals received by the deadline stipulated in this call for proposals;
- proposals involving actions fully carried out in the Member States of the European Union;
- proposals having a transnational network of minimum five EU Member States.

3. **Budget and project duration**

The budget available for this call for proposals is EUR 2 500 000, under the heading 'Preparatory Action in the field of sport' (Article 15.5.11).

EU co-financing will be provided to a maximum of 80 % of the total eligible costs. Staff costs may not exceed 50 % of the total eligible costs. Other external co-financing can include maximum 10 % of contributions in kind.

Depending on the number and quality of the projects submitted, the Commission reserves the right not to award all the funding available.

Projects must start between 1 December 2010 and 31 March 2011 and end no later than 30 June 2012.

The eligibility period for costs is the project duration as specified in the contract.

4. **Deadline for applications**

The deadline for submission of applications to the European Commission is 31 August 2010, date as per postmark.

5. **Full details**

The other texts relating to this call for proposals, which include the application form and the programme guide containing the technical and administrative specifications can be found at the following Internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/sport/index_en.htm

Applications must comply with the above mentioned texts and must be submitted on the forms provided.
