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## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Call for proposals — Civil Protection Financial Instrument — Projects on prevention and preparedness

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- 1. The European Commission, Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection, Civil Protection Policy, Prevention, Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction Unit, is launching a call for proposals with the aim of identifying projects on preparedness and prevention which might be eligible for financial support in the framework of the Council Decision establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument (2007/162/EC) (1). This financial support will take the form of grants.
- 2. The fields concerned, the nature and content of the actions and the financing conditions are set out in the relevant Grant Application Guide, which also contains detailed instructions on where and when to submit a proposal. The guide, as well as the relevant grant application forms can be downloaded from the Europa website at:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/civil\_protection/civil/prote/finance.htm

3. The Summary Note of the proposals must be sent to the Commission to the address indicated in the Grant Application Guide by 18.3.2011. The Summary Note of the proposals must be submitted by post or private courier no later than 18.3.2011 (evidence shall be constituted by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip). They may also be delivered by hand to the specific address indicated in the Guide no later than 18.3.2011 at 17:00 (evidence shall be the acknowledgement of receipt dated and signed by the responsible official).

Summary notes of proposals submitted by fax, electronic mail, incomplete applications, or applications sent in several parts will not be accepted.

- 4. The procedure for the award of grants is scheduled as follows:
- receipt, recording and acknowledgement of receipt by the Commission,
- appraisal of the proposals by the Commission,
- award decision and notification of the result to the applicants.

Beneficiaries will be selected on the basis of the criteria set out in the guide mentioned in points 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 and 8.7 and within the limits of the available budget.

In the event of approval by the Commission, a grant agreement (made out in euro) will be concluded between the Commission and the party submitting the proposal.

The procedure is strictly confidential.