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Call for proposals — DG ENTR No 21/G/ENT/ERA/11/311A**Erasmus for young entrepreneurs**

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1. Objectives and description

This call for proposals aims to help new EU entrepreneurs enrich their experiences, learning and networking by spending periods with experienced entrepreneurs in their enterprises in other EU Member States. The overall objective of the preparatory action is to enhance the entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs and newly established micro and small enterprises in the EU. The activity targets people intending to set up a business and recently established entrepreneurs.

The call will support actions for organisations enhancing and facilitating the mobility of new entrepreneurs.

2. Eligible applicants

Any public entity or private entity active in the field of business support can participate in this call for proposals. This may include in particular:

- public entities responsible for or active in the fields of economic affairs, enterprise, business support or related issues,
- chambers of commerce and industry, chambers of handicrafts or similar bodies,
- business support organisations, start-up centres and incubators,
- business associations and business support networks,
- public and private entities offering business support services.

Applicants can act individually or in a consortium (partnership). A consortium should be composed of at least two independent legal entities, from the same or different EU Member States.

Applicants must be established in an EU Member State.

3. Budget and project duration

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects amounts to EUR 4 300 000. Financial assistance from the Commission cannot exceed 90 % of the total eligible costs of a single project.

No grant will amount to more than EUR 180 000 for partnerships and EUR 150 000 for individual applications. The maximum duration of projects is 21 months.

Scheduled start-up date of the action: 1 May 2012.

4. Deadline

Applications must be submitted to the Commission no later than 17 October 2011.

5. Further information

The full text of the call for proposals and the application forms are accessible via the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=5357

Applications must comply with the requirements set out in the full text and be submitted using the form provided.
