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OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS VP/2006/014

2006 — European Year of Workers' Mobility

Pilot Projects

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The purpose of the present call for proposals is the co-funding of a limited number of **pilot projects** in order to:

— develop and test innovative instruments which facilitate the geographic and labour market mobility of workers and their families and remove existing obstacles to mobility;

— transfer between sectors, regions and countries or mainstream existing successful instruments and practices in the area of mobility.

All projects need to evidence a clear **European added value** and should be able to be reproduced in other contexts. They should involve relevant stakeholders and should have the potential to lead to new policy initiatives.

Proposals must be developed and implemented by a **partnership**, preferably at transnational level, and must involve at least two relevant stakeholders potentially interested in the objectives of the call (i.e. public authorities and social partner organisations, non governmental organisations, public-private partnerships, academia, municipalities, etc).

The **budget** available for the present call is EUR 2 million. The Commission will co-finance projects up to a maximum of 85 % of the total eligible costs. Depending on the quality of the applications the Commission expects to fund between 5 and 8 projects (average grant EUR 300 000).

The **deadline** for the submission of applications is 17.7.2006**.**

Full information regarding the call for proposals, including the guide for applicants and all relevant documentation can be downloaded at the following address:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/index_en.cfm

Please note that enquiries should be made by e-mail only to:

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