

**CULTURE (2007-2013)**  
**CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/23/07**

**Support for cultural actions: multi-annual cooperation projects (strand 1.1), cooperation measures (strand 1.2.1)**

(2007/C 184/04)

**1. Legal basis**

This call for proposals is based on Decision No 1855/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing the Culture Programme (2007-2013) <sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Programme').

**2. Objectives and description**

The Programme is part of the European Union's ongoing commitment to enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans and based on a common cultural heritage, through the development of cultural cooperation between the creators, cultural players and cultural institutions of the countries taking part in the Programme, with the view to encouraging the emergence of European citizenship.

The Programme encompasses the cultural sector as a whole and aspires to stimulate synergies leading to a sustainable cultural cooperation at European level, by means of promoting transnational mobility of people working in the cultural sector, transnational circulation of artistic and cultural works and products and intercultural dialogue.

**3. Purpose of this call for proposals**

In order to meet the objectives of the Programme, this call for proposals aims to award Community grants, following a selection process, to two types of actions from any artistic and cultural field:

- multi-annual cooperation projects (strand 1.1),
- cooperation measures (strand 1.2.1) <sup>(2)</sup>.

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter 'the Executive Agency') is the service responsible for implementing this call for proposals.

**MULTI-ANNUAL COOPERATION PROJECTS (STRAND 1.1)**

Community co-financing will be provided for projects comprising a number of multi-annual cultural activities aiming to achieve a sustainable and structured cooperation

between cultural operators. The projects may be sectoral or cross-sectoral in nature and must pursue a common overarching objective, founded on a *cooperation agreement* <sup>(3)</sup>.

Each cooperation project must involve at least six cultural operators from six different countries participating in the Programme.

**COOPERATION MEASURES (STRAND 1.2.1)**

Community co-financing will be provided for sectoral or cross-sectoral cultural actions of a shorter duration and smaller scale, which aim at exploring avenues for longer-term cooperation among cultural operators.

Each cooperation measure must involve at least three cultural operators from three different countries participating in the Programme.

**4. Budget and project duration**

**4.1 Budget**

The total budget allocated amounts to approximately EUR 17,5 million for multi-annual cooperation projects (strand 1.1) and EUR 10,0 million for cooperation measures (strand 1.2.1).

Community co-financing cannot exceed 50 % of the total eligible costs of the action financed.

For multi-annual cooperation projects (strand 1.1), community co-financing must be between EUR 200 000 and EUR 500 000 per year.

For cooperation measures (strand 1.2.1), community co-financing must be between EUR 50 000 and EUR 200 000.

The right is reserved not to distribute all the funds available.

**4.2 Project Duration**

Multi-annual cooperation projects (strand 1.1) must have a duration of three to five years.

Cooperation measures (strand 1.2.1) must have a duration of maximum 24 months.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 372, 27.12.2006, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Actions covering literary translation are the subject of a separate call for proposals EACEA/25/07.

<sup>(3)</sup> A common document having a legal form valid in one of the countries taking part in the Programme and signed by all the cultural operators involved.

## 5. Eligibility criteria and selection criteria

Eligible applicants must be a public or private body with legal status, whose principal activity is in the cultural sphere.

Natural persons are not eligible to apply for a grant.

Applicants must have their registered legal seat in one of the countries taking part in the Programme <sup>(1)</sup>.

Applicants must have the professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the action financed and must be involved both in its design and implementation. They must have stable and sufficient financial resources to make a real and significant financial contribution by providing at least 50 % of total budget of the action financed.

Actions for which co-financing is granted must comply with the principles underpinning the Community action in the field of culture <sup>(2)</sup> and must take account of the objectives laid down in point 2 and the conditions defined in point 3.

The eligibility period of multi-annual cooperation projects (strand 1.1) must begin before 1 December 2008 and must finish by 30 November 2013 at the latest.

The eligibility period of cooperation measures (strand 1.2.1) must begin before 1 December 2008 and must finish by 30 November 2010 at the latest.

## 6. Award criteria

Awarding of a grant is not only dependent on examination of the eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria. Decision will be determined on the basis of the award criteria.

The award criteria can be outlined as follows:

1. the extent to which the project can generate a real **European added value**;
2. the relevance of the activities to the **specific objectives** of the Programme;
3. the extent to which the activities proposed are designed and can be carried out successfully with a high **level of excellence**;
4. the **quality of partnership** between coordinator and co-organisers;
5. the extent to which the activities can produce **outputs** which achieve the objectives of the Programme;
6. the extent to which the results of activities proposed will be appropriately **communicated** and **promoted**;
7. the extent to which the activities can generate an appropriate level of **sustainability**.

## 7. Deadline for submission of applications

31 October 2007 (date as postmark or courier service stamp).

## 8. Additional information

The specifications which complement the call for proposals EACEA/23/07 are integral part thereof. Applications must satisfy the requirements laid down in the specifications and must be submitted using the application forms provided for this purpose.

The *specifications*, the *application pack* and all the relevant *forms* are available on the website of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/>

<sup>(1)</sup> The 27 Member States of the European Union; the EEA countries (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway); the candidate countries (Croatia and Turkey; FYROM, subject to the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the participation of this country in the Programme); the countries of the western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia including Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244)), subject to the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the participation of each of those countries in the Programme.

<sup>(2)</sup> Article 151 of the Treaty establishing the European Community.