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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/22/09

'Youth in Action' programme**Action 4.6 — Partnerships**

(2009/C 199/08)

I. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

This call is launched within the framework of sub-action 4.6 of the 'Youth in Action' programme and in accordance with the Annual Work Programme for 2009 (Commission Decision C(2008) 5446) ⁽¹⁾.

The main purpose of this call is to support partnerships between the European Commission — via the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — and those regions, municipalities or European NGOs which aim to develop or reinforce their long-term actions, strategies and programmes in the field of non-formal learning and youth.

1. Specific objectives

The specific aims of such partnerships will be to:

- pool resources and practices with a view to maximise the impact of the 'Youth in Action' programme as well as other initiatives in favour of young people and youth workers carried at local, regional or European level,
- provide inspiration and capacity-building — through models and practices developed under the 'Youth in Action' programme — to those bodies and organisations which aim to increase their investment in youth through non-formal learning activities and the development of skills and competences,
- add value to the scope and quality of the initiatives in the area of youth carried out at regional and local level by fostering their European dimension,
- transfer lessons learned from the implementation of successful actions and initiatives in the area of non-formal learning and youth,
- encourage synergies and cooperation between the public sector and non-governmental organisations working in the field of youth,
- encourage the raising of overall skills levels among young people, giving priority to education and training of those with low skills and young people with fewer opportunities, including early school-leavers and young people with low levels of educational attainment, unemployed, migrants and people with disabilities,

⁽¹⁾ The Annual Work Programme for 2009 can be consulted at the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/docs/c_2008_5446-wp2009.pdf

- foster the recognition of youth work and the validation non-formal learning activities in the European Union.

2. Characteristics of the partnership

This call for proposals will support the development of an activity programme combining one or more of the following activities taking inspiration from the 'Youth in Action' programme:

- (a) transnational youth exchanges
- (b) national or transnational youth Initiatives
- (c) European voluntary service
- (d) training and networking.

Such activity programme can be:

- either directly implemented by the applicant itself (**procedure A** in the rest of the text),
- or cooperatively implemented with 'co-organising partner(s)' who are extensively involved in the design and implementation of the project and designated by the applicant at the time of submitting the application (**procedure B** in the rest of the text).

In both cases (**procedure A** or **procedure B**) the activity programme can involve 'associated partners'. Associated partners take part in the implementation of the proposed activities of the project, but not to the same extent and at the same level of participation as co-organising partners.

II. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Proposals must be submitted by:

- a local or regional public body, or
- a non-profit body active at European level in the youth field (ENGO) which has member organisations in at least eight (8) programme countries of the 'Youth in Action' programme.

If the project indicates that the programme of activities is to be implemented jointly with one or more co-organisers (**procedure B**) this/these organisation/s can be:

- non-profit non-governmental organisations, or
- local or regional public bodies, or
- non-profit bodies active at European level in the youth field (ENGO) which have member organisations in at least eight (8) programme countries of the 'Youth in Action' programme.

Applicants must have a legal status and must — at the specified deadline for submitting their proposals — have been legally registered for at least two (2) years in one of the programme countries. The programme countries are as follows:

- **the Member States of the European Union** ⁽¹⁾: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom,

⁽¹⁾ Persons from overseas countries and territories and, if applicable, public or private institutions based there, are eligible under the 'Youth in Action' programme, depending upon the rules of the programme and those which apply in the Member State with which they are connected. A list of these overseas countries and territories is given in Annex 1A of Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community (Overseas Association Decision) OJ L 314, 30.11.2001.

- those countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) which are parties to the agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): **Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway**,
- candidate countries for which a pre-accession strategy has been established, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions laid down in the framework agreements concluded with these countries with a view to their participation in EU programmes: **Turkey**.

III. ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

Projects must be set up including an activity programme of non-profit-making purpose and come under the field of youth and non-formal education.

The **programme of activities** must start between **1 April 2010 and 1 September 2010**.

The **programme of activities** may run for **two years (24 months)**.

IV. AWARD CRITERIA

Eligible applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Qualitative criteria

Qualitative criteria will represent **80 %** of the points available within the evaluation procedure.

The following qualitative criteria will be taken into consideration:

- **relevance of the project in relation to the objectives and priorities of the programme (30 %)**,
- **quality of the project and of the working methods it comprises (50 %)**.

2. Quantitative criteria

Quantitative criteria will represent **20 %** of the points available within the evaluation procedure.

The following quantitative criteria will be taken into consideration:

- **profile and number of participants (including those with fewer opportunities) and of partners involved in the project (20 %)**.

V. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The total budget allocated to the co-funding of projects under this call for proposals is estimated at **EUR 1 200 000**.

The maximum grant allocated to each project may not exceed EUR 100 000.

Within the partnership, the beneficiary will share project co-financing on an equal footing with the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.

The Agency reserves the right not to allocate all the funds available.

VI. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Grant applications must be sent **no later than 1.12.2009** to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
'Youth in Action' programme — EACEA/22/09
BOUR, 04/029
Avenue du Bourget 1
1140 Brussels
BELGIUM

— by post, date as postmark,

— by an express courier company, the date of receipt by the courier company being taken as proof of posting (please include a copy of the receipt in the application form).

Only applications that are submitted using the **correct form, duly completed** and **dated**, including a **budget drawn up in accordance with the relevant funding rules** and sent in one unique package and as a single copy (the original document), will be accepted. The application must be **signed** by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation and where applicable of the co-organising partners.

Applications which have not been submitted within the specified deadline will be disregarded.

Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Detailed guidelines for applicants and application forms can be found on the Internet at the following address: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_4_6_en.php

or by writing to:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
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Grant applications must use the application form specifically designed for this purpose and contain all the annexes and information required.
