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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/44/12

ICI education cooperation programme

Cooperation in higher education and training between the European Union and Australia, the European Union and Japan, the European Union and New Zealand and the European Union and the Republic of Korea

Call for proposals 2012 for Joint Mobility Projects (JMP) and Joint Degree Projects (JDP)

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1. Objectives and description

The general objective is to enhance mutual understanding between people of the EU and the Partner Countries including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions and to enhance the quality of higher education and training by stimulating balanced partnerships between higher education and training institutions in the EU and in Partner Countries.

2. Eligible applicants

The following call is open to a consortium of higher education institutions and/or post-secondary vocational and training institutions.

Eligible applicants must be from one of the Partner Countries and from one of the 27 Member States of the European Union or Croatia ⁽¹⁾.

3. Eligible actions

There are two types of actions under this call, namely Joint Mobility Projects and Joint Degree Projects.

For Joint Mobility Projects (JMP), support is provided to enable EU-Partner Country consortia of post-secondary vocational and training or higher education institutions, to carry out joint study and training programmes and to implement student and faculty mobility. Support includes lump sum funding for administration, grants for students and members of the academic and administrative staff. A consortium applying for an ICI-ECP Joint Mobility Project must include at least two post-secondary vocational training or higher education institutions from two different EU Member States and at least two such institutions from the Partner Country. The maximum duration of JMP projects is 36 months. Special attention will be given to projects which include internships and work placements (Note: Japan will not participate in Mobility projects).

For Joint Degree Projects (JDP), support is provided to develop and implement dual/double or joint degree programmes. Support includes lump sum funding for the development work and administration, grants for

⁽¹⁾ Croatia is expected to become a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013. The participation of Croatia in the present call for proposals is subject to the entry into force of the Accession Treaty by the date of the award decision.

students and members of the academic and administrative staff. A consortium applying for an ICI-ECP Joint Degree Project must include at least two higher education institutions from two different EU Member States and at least two institutions from the Partner Country. The maximum duration of JDP projects is 48 months. Special attention will be given to applications for Joint Degree Projects.

Activities are planned to start in October 2013.

4. Award criteria

A. *Significance of the project for the relationship between the EU and the Partner Countries and contribution to quality and excellence (20 %) will be determined by:*

- (a) Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the call and to the relations between the EU and the Partner Country;
- (b) Contribution of the project to educational quality, excellence and innovation in its field.

B. *The quality of project implementation (80 %) will be determined by:*

- (c) Partnership management and cooperation among partners;
- (d) Student mobility scheme;
- (e) Arrangements for transfer and recognition of academic credits;
- (f) Hosting students and faculty, student services, language and cultural preparation;
- (g) Faculty mobility scheme;
- (h) Evaluation plan;
- (i) Dissemination plan;
- (j) Sustainability plan.

5. Budget

The EU budget available is approximately EUR 2,45 million. Comparable funding will be provided by the Partner Countries in accordance with the rules applicable for each of them ⁽¹⁾.

The maximum amount of funding on the EU side will be EUR 350 000 for a 4-year JDP project with two or more EU institutions and EUR 190 000 for a 3-year JMP project with two EU institutions or EUR 197 500 for a 3-year JMP project with three or more EU institutions.

6. Deadline

Applications have to be submitted both to the EU and the implementing institutions in Australia (Australian Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education — DIISRTE), Japan (Japan Student Services Organisation — JASSO), New Zealand (Education New Zealand) and in the Republic of Korea (National Research Foundation of Korea — NRF).

The Applications on behalf of the EU lead institution must be sent to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency no later than **15 May 2013**. Applications bearing a postmark after this date will not be considered. Applications must be sent to the following address:

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
EU-ICI ECP Call for proposals 2012
BOUR 02/17
Avenue du Bourget/Bourgetlaan 1
1140 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

EU applications on behalf of the EU lead institution must be submitted on the correct form, duly completed, signed by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation and dated.

⁽¹⁾ Joint projects will be funded subject to the availability of budget in the partner country in question.

Australian applications and supporting documents should be sent by registered mail to:

The Manager, Europe and Americas Section
International Education and Science Division
Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education
GPO Box 9839
Canberra ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA

Japanese applications and supporting documents should be sent by registered mail to:

Shigeo Tsukada
Director
International Scholarship Division
Student Exchange Department
Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
2-2-1 Aomi, Koto-ku
Tokyo 135-8630
JAPAN

New Zealand applications and supporting documents should be sent by registered mail to:

ICI Education Cooperation Programme
John Mollo
International Coordinator
Education New Zealand
PO Box 12-041
Wellington
NEW ZEALAND

Korean applications and supporting documents should be sent by registered mail to:

ICI Education Cooperation Programme
Team of European & American Cooperation Programme
Division of International Affairs
National Research Foundation of Korea
25, Heolleungno, Seocho-gu, Seoul, 137-748
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

7. Further information

The Guidelines and the application forms are available on the following website:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation/eu_ici_ecp/index_en.php

Applications must be submitted using the form provided and they have to include all the annexes and information requested.
