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COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DG EAC No 38/05

Permanent activities of bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of culture or an objective forming part of the European Union's policy in this area

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1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

Annex I — Part 2 of Decision 792/2004/EC establishes a Community Action Programme to promote the permanent activities of bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of culture or an objective forming part of the European Union's policy in this area.

Annual operating grants may be awarded to support the conduct of the permanent work programmes of organisations or networks promoting European Culture and cooperation in the cultural sector and making a contribution to cultural life and the management of culture.

The main activities of these bodies have to contribute to the strengthening and effectiveness of Community action in the field of culture. These bodies must be part of at least one of the following categories:

- (1) Bodies fulfilling the role of cultural 'ambassador', promoting awareness of Europe's Common Culture Heritage (Orchestra's, Choirs and others performing artists companies).
- (2) Body or networking of bodies active in the cultural field which carry out activities as representation of stakeholders at Community level and/or dissemination of information on community action and/or finding and disseminating of information in the legislation, education and media fields.
- (3) Bodies organizing European cultural events as Prize-giving, festivals or cultural 'exhibition' with a real European dimension.

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are independent and non-profit making bodies active in the field of culture, in at least one of the three categories listed in point 1, with an objective aimed at the public good.

These bodies must have been legally established for more than two years and must be based in one of the 25 Member States of the European Union.

They must demonstrate a real European dimension by having members, partners or working with people coming from at least from 7 different European countries, or by carrying out activities in at least 7 different European countries or which involved at least 7 different European countries.

3. BUDGET AND PROJECT DURATION

The total available budget for 2006 is EUR 3 462 000. The maximum funding requested by each applicant shall be in function of the level of their budget. At least 20 % of the total budget of the bodies must be co-financed from non-EU budget sources.

The maximum duration of the annual work program presented by the applicants is 12 months and must correspond to the period of the body's budgetary year.

4. DEADLINE

Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than 28 October 2005.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

The full text of the call for proposals, the application forms and other useful information are available on the following website: http://europa.eu.int/comm/culture/eac/index_en.html. Applications must comply with the requirements set out in the full text and be submitted using the form provided.
