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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/20/07

Youth in Action

Action 4.1 — Support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth

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1. Objectives and description

This call for proposals concerns Action 4.1. of the 'Youth in Action' Programme and its purpose is to provide support for the permanent activities of bodies active at European level in the field of youth and pursuing an aim which is of general European interest.

These activities must help encourage young people to participate as citizens in public life, in society and in the development and implementation of European cooperation actions in the broadly defined field of youth.

This call for proposals corresponds to the grants to be awarded for **2008**.

It provides for two types of agreement:

- **partnership framework agreement:** bodies that wish to enter into long-term cooperation with the Agency are asked to file an application for a **three-year** partnership framework agreement ⁽¹⁾,
- **annual operating agreement:** those bodies that prefer not to commit themselves in the long term under a partnership agreement may apply for an annual operating grant.

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency is responsible for implementing this call for proposals.

2. Eligible candidates

2.1. Eligible bodies

To be eligible for an operating grant, a body must:

- be non-governmental,
- have been legally established for at least one year in the case of annual operating agreements at the time of applying and for at least four years in the case of partnership framework agreements at the time of applying,
- be non-profit-making,
- be a youth organisation or one having a broader scope but including a section dedicated to youth,
- involve young people in managing activities developed with them in mind,
- have at least one (salaried or non-salaried) permanent member of staff. An exception is granted to bodies that have never received grants under this action and that intend to employ a permanent member of staff if this grant is awarded.

2.2. Eligible countries

Bodies established in any one of the following countries are eligible to apply:

- the Member States of the European Union,
- the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries in the European Economic Area (EEA): Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway,
- the countries applying for membership of the European Union and benefiting from a pre-accession strategy: Turkey,

⁽¹⁾ The signing of the framework agreement does not entail any obligation on the Agency to award a grant for 2009 or 2010.

- the countries of the Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia,
- some East European countries: Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine,
- the Swiss Confederation, subject to a bilateral agreement being concluded with this country.

Those bodies applying for an annual agreement must have active organisations in at least **eight** of the aforementioned countries.

Those bodies applying for a partnership framework agreement must have active organisations in at least **twelve** of the aforementioned countries

3. Budget

The total budget earmarked for cofinancing the operation of bodies active at European level in the field of youth is estimated at **EUR 2 400 000** for 2008. Community financial assistance cannot exceed **80 % of the total eligible operating costs**. The maximum Community grant for each body will be **EUR 40 000 in the case of a partnership framework agreement and**

EUR 35 000 in the case of an annual operating agreement. Applicants' attention is drawn to the fact that if both kinds of grant are applied for, two applications must be submitted and the maximum grant requested **in both cases** may not exceed EUR 35 000.

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

4. Final date for applications

Applications for a three-year partnership framework agreement and applications for an annual operating grant for 2008 must be sent to the Agency **by 31 October 2007 at the latest**.

5. Additional information

Applications must comply with the provisions contained in the full text and be submitted on the form provided for this purpose. Said documents can be found on the Internet at the following addresses:

- EAC DG: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/program/ingyo_en.html
- Agency: <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index.htm>