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Summary of the call for proposals EACEA/07/08**Citizens' Projects****'Europe for Citizens' Programme****Action 1, Measure 2.1**

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1. Objectives and description

This call for proposals, concerning action 1, measure 2.1 — Citizens' projects within the 'Europe for Citizens' Programme ⁽¹⁾, is designed to contribute addressing a major challenge of the European Union today, namely how to bridge the gap between citizens and the European Union. It aims at exploring original and innovative methodology with the potential to encourage citizens' participation and to stimulate dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the European Union.

The **specific objectives** of this call for proposals are to support citizens' panels which enable to:

- (a) collect the opinion of citizens on some key European challenges for the future (see themes);
- (b) consolidate a method for stimulating active interaction and discussion between citizens on certain EU policy areas that affect their daily life;
- (c) create mechanisms that enable European citizens to develop civic competences, to formulate their views and opinions on the European integration process in the form of recommendations for policy makers at European level;
- (d) encourage the dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the EU, empowering citizens as regards EU policies and their impact, and ensuring appropriate follow up of citizens' opinions by the EU institutions.

Applicants under this programme are invited to address in their projects **at least one** of the following **priority themes**:

- intercultural dialogue,
- new institutional developments: a new momentum for active European citizenship,
- women participation in political life,
- sport for active citizenship and social inclusion,
- the European Year of Creativity and Innovation 2009.

⁽¹⁾ Reference: Decision No 1904/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing for the period 2007-2013 the Programme 'Europe for Citizens' to promote active European citizenship (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 32).

2. Eligible applicants

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

- it must be a public body or a non-profit-making organisation with a **legal status** and **legal personality**. Consequently, natural persons — i.e. individuals — are not eligible,
- it must be established in an eligible country.

Project must involve **partner organisations** from at **least four different eligible countries other than the country of the applicant**, fulfilling the eligibility criteria as defined above.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

- (a) **the 27 Member States of the European Union:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom;
- (b) **Croatia;**
- (c) information concerning the agreements establishing the participation of other countries can be consulted on our webpage: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm

3. Budget and project duration

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects within this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 920 000. The grant awarded may not exceed 60 % of the total amount of the project's eligible costs as specified in the detailed budget estimate. Each grant will amount to between EUR 75 000 and EUR 150 000.

Activities must start between 1 December 2008 and 28 February 2009. Activities must end before 31 December 2009. The maximum duration of projects is 10 months.

4. Deadline

Applications must be sent to the Agency no later than **1 July 2008**.

5. Further information

The full text of the call for proposals, the application form and all related documents are available on the webpage of the Agency (EACEA):

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm

Applications must comply with the requirement set out in the full text and be submitted using the forms provided.
