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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — No 28/G/ENT/CIP/12/E/N01C01

Entrepreneurship education

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1. Objectives and description

This call aims to support the implementation of principle 1 of the Small Business Act and the Oslo Agenda for Entrepreneurship Education in Europe. The Small Business Act recommends stimulating innovative and entrepreneurial mindsets among young people by introducing entrepreneurship as a key competence in school curricula and ensuring that the importance of entrepreneurship is correctly reflected in teacher training.

Consequently, the objective of this call is to promote projects with a high added value at European level in education for entrepreneurship. Actions will target teachers and young people in primary, secondary and tertiary education.

Projects to be supported will focus on one of the following objectives (priority areas):

Lot 1:

- (a) creating trans-European models for primary and secondary school teachers to support the development of their skills and methods in applying entrepreneurial learning to different teaching subjects and to different contexts;
- (b) developing, organising and executing cross-European training/education workshops for teachers of entrepreneurship at institutions of higher education (universities, colleges, business schools, universities of applied sciences, etc.).

Lot 2:

Creating a European online platform for teachers/educators to enable the cross-border exchange of good practice, methods and teaching materials in the field of entrepreneurship education.

Lot 3:

Developing and testing a European common framework of tools and indicators to assess entrepreneurial mindsets, attitudes and skills acquired by students in entrepreneurship education.

Proposals should address one objective (priority area) among those mentioned above. Applicants will have to indicate clearly in their proposal for which one of the above lots they are applying. Activities must have a clear European added value. They should support European integration and cross-border cooperation.

Projects should have an impact in addressing a problem that can be better solved at European level, and in creating new models that can be widely replicated throughout Europe. The sustainability of projects after the termination of EU funding must be ensured.

2. Eligible applicants

Applications from legal entities established in one of the following countries are eligible:

1. EU Member States;
2. EEA countries: Liechtenstein and Norway;
3. Candidate countries: Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey;
4. Albania, Israel and Serbia (competitiveness and innovation programme participants).

Applicants must act in a transnational consortium with partner organisations from at least two other countries.

In addition, the following rules apply:

1. partners of the lead organisation must satisfy the same eligibility criteria as those for applicants; the applicant will be the coordinator;
2. applicants must be legal persons;
3. applicants must meet the following definition: any public or private entity whose core activity is in the field of entrepreneurship education. Such entities may include:
 - public administrations at all levels,
 - national, regional and local authorities,
 - educational institutions (primary and secondary schools, vocational schools, universities, etc.),
 - NGOs, associations and foundations active in the related fields,
 - education and training providers (public and private),
 - chambers of commerce and industry and similar bodies,
 - business associations and business support networks;
4. corporate bodies must be properly constituted and registered under the law. If a body or organisation is not constituted under the law, a physical person must be designated to provide the legal responsibility.

3. Budget and project duration

The maximum budget allocated for the operation is approx. EUR 2 450 000.

The indicative number of projects to be supported is four to eight, depending on the size and quality of proposals received.

In particular:

for lot 1, not more than 4 projects will be supported;

for lot 2, not more than 2 projects will be supported;

for lot 3, not more than 2 projects will be supported.

Maximum EU co-financing rate of eligible costs:

up to 60 % (for all lots).

Maximum EU co-financing ceiling per project:

for lot 1, up to EUR 500 000;

for lot 2, up to EUR 400 000;

for lot 3, up to EUR 250 000.

Scheduled starting date of projects: 1 November 2012.

The maximum duration of actions is:

lot 1: 36 months;

lot 2: 24 months;

lot 3: 18 months.

4. Deadline

Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than **16 April 2012**.

5. Further information

The full text of the call for proposals and the application forms are available on the following website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/funding/index.htm>

Applications must comply with the requirements set out in the full text.
