COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

for the Phare HU0104-02 'Tackling the gender gap in the labour market' programme, issued by the Central Financing and Contracting Unit of the State Budget Office, on behalf of the Ministry of Employment and Labour of the Republic of Hungary

(ESF-type pilot programme)

(2002/C 232/07)

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/114480/D/G/HU.

2. Programme and financing source

Title of programme: Tackling the gender gap in the labour market.

Financing sources: EC budget line Phare HU0104-02, EUR 2 million.

Hungarian labour market fund: EUR 1.05 million.

Total: EUR 3,05 million.

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Within the present call for proposals, applications may be submitted for the implementation of the following activities. Developing and providing a complex package of labour market services to help the presently inactive target group, i.e. women on maternity leave or inactive women over 40 wishing to return to the labour market, in their reintegration into the labour market:

1. selecting and motivating the target group;

2. preparing said target group to return to the labour market, including them in labour market training programmes, providing a two-level, module-based training;

3. offering mentoring and subsidiary services to help target group find and retain jobs;

4. arranging legal and economic counselling, and legal aid service, familiarising and providing target group with services on offer;

5. ensuring employment for women successfully completing the training in the framework of pilot projects that support joint non-profit enterprises providing personal services and that arrange pilot employment within the framework of currently missing personal services (e.g.: day-time childcare, homecare for the elderly, etc.) or other, on the regional level currently non-existent, but necessary activities.

(b) The target area of the pilot programme is Hungary.

In the framework of the present call for proposals, all activities directly related the target group must be executed in Hungary (e.g. training, labour market preparation, employment, mentoring services, legal and economic counselling).

Eligible applicants organise and carry out their activities on local or sub-regional level. The relevant statistical data show that it is women living in small communities that stand the worst chances of finding work in Hungary. Therefore, proposals submitted by applicants that carry out activities in the form of regional cooperation involving small communities are given preference.

(c) Duration of projects: minimum 18 months. All projects must be completed by 30 September 2004.

See section 12 of the application guideline for details on project criteria.

4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

EUR 3 050 000.
5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

Non-refundable grant per applicant:

— minimum amount: EUR 100 000,
— maximum amount: EUR 300 000.

Moreover, a grant may not exceed 90% of the total eligible project costs. The balance must be financed from the lead applicant’s or partner’s own resources, or from sources other than the European Community budget or the labour market fund.

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

The number of projects awarded will be between 10 and 30.

7. Eligibility: who may apply

The following organisations may apply as lead applicants: non-profit-making, non-governmental legal entities (1). The lead applicant organisation must be registered in Hungary, and, according to its charter of foundation, must be active in the target regions. Lead applicants must submit proposals in partnerships.

Partner organisations are required to be legal entities. They may be:

— NGOs or social organisations with the exception of political parties,
— public sector operators (such as regional authorities, public employment services, (minority) local authorities and institutions, as some examples) with the exception of ministries,
— for-profit organisations (like individual entrepreneurs or enterprises).

Cooperating partners may be organisations based in EU or Phare countries, as well as in Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, demonstrating sufficient experience in the relevant fields, such as: organisations and institutions providing vocational training, public employment services, family and women’s protection services, professional organisations, chambers and social partners.

8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

31 March 2003.

9. Award criteria

Evaluation of the applications will take place under formal, professional and financial criteria with reference to the guidelines for applicants.

10. Application format and details to be provided

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form attached to the guidelines for applicants referred to point 12 below, whose format and instructions must strictly be observed.

Applicants must apply in Hungarian, but are required to submit a maximum two-page English summary of the project proposal in the requested format.

Please note that in case there is any incompatibility between the English and Hungarian sets of documents, the English version of all the texts shall prevail.

The applicant must supply one signed original and seven copies of the application documentation (Annexes A to G), however, the annexes of Annex A (i.e. the ‘application form’, see p. 19) shall be submitted in one copy only.

11. Deadline for applications

The deadline for reception of applications is 28 December 2002 at 14.00. All applications must be received in the Central Financing and Contracting Unit of the State Budget Office (1052 Budapest, Deák Ferenc u. 5) by the above deadline. Proposals received after the deadline will automatically be rejected even if they have been posted on or before the stipulated date.

(1) The following are non-profit-making, non-governmental legal entities:
— a social organisation or an association of social organisations (organisations registered at court in accordance with Article 4(1) of the 1989 Act on the Freedom of Association, with the exception of: interest representation associations of employers and employees, political parties, voluntary insurance companies and public bodies),
— foundation, public foundation, public utility company, or church-run institution.
12. Detailed information

Detailed information on this call for proposals is contained in the guidelines for applicants, which are published together with this notice on the Internet website of the Central Financing and Contracting Unit of the Hungarian Treasury as Contracting Authority: www.cfcu.hu

The Hungarian Ministry of Employment and Labour supports the applicants with regional information days and advisory services. For the concrete dates and venue of the information days, please consult the website of the CFCU (indicated above).

Any questions regarding this call for proposals may be made by telephone or sent by e-mail, fax or letter quoting the reference number of the call for proposals, to regionally based organisations indicated as information points of the application process. Following a request for appointment by phone, advisory services are available at the same organisations. For the contact details, please refer to the website of the CFCU.

In general, all applicants are encouraged to consult regularly the website of the CFCU before the deadline for applications, as the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies will be published on this web page.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Support programme for ACP cultural events in the EU (PAMCE)

issued by the European Development Fund

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1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/114341/C/G.

2. Programme and financing source

Support programme for ACP cultural events in the EU (PAMCE) No 8 ACP TPS 35 financed under the EDF.

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) The purpose of this call for proposals is to finance events involving ACP artists, authors, creators and cultural works in the EU Member States with a view to:

— increasing the number of events specifically devoted to ACP cultures,

— increasing the participation of ACP artists and creators in major European cultural events,

— consolidating (in economic terms) the networks supporting the production (in the ACP countries) and distribution (in the EU) of such works.

(b) Geographical area: the project should focus on artists/works from at least two ACP countries and present them in one or more EU Member States.

(c) Maximum project duration: 14 months.

For details, see the ‘Guidelines for applicants’ referred to in point 14.

4. Overall amount available for this programme

EUR 2 600 000.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

(a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 50 000.

(b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 150 000.

(c) Maximum proportion of eligible project costs to be covered by Community funding: 40 %.

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

50.