ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/18/11
Jean Monnet programme — Key activity 1
Information and research activities for ‘Learning EU at school’
(2011/C 174/06)

1. Introduction/background

The general level of knowledge of the European Union, its policies and its institutions is less than optimal, with a large part of the population having little or no knowledge or information on the Union. This is particularly valid for young people and is reflected in the low turn-out rate at the European Parliament elections in 2009.

The ‘Learning EU at school’ initiative is the European Commission's specific response to a request by the European Parliament, which stipulates that the lifelong learning programme ‘should include measures to promote civic education (teaching and learning) on European Democratic Citizenship including studies of Europe and the European Union in the European Member States’ secondary schools' (1).

The ‘Lifelong learning programme’ (2) and more specifically its Jean Monnet programme (key activity 1) constitutes the legal basis.

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (the Agency), acting under powers delegated from the European Commission (the Commission), is responsible for the management of this call for proposals.

2. Objective(s) and priority(ies)

2.1. Objective(s):

The general objective is to bring European Union facts and knowledge on its institutions and its way of functioning to pupils and students.

The specific objective of this call for proposals is to support unilateral projects under the ‘Information and research activities’ of the Jean Monnet programme, in order to:

— raise the level of general knowledge of the European Union, its policies and its institutions, so as to reduce the growing gap between the population and the European institutions,

— develop content for EU teachers at the level of primary and secondary schools and within vocational education and training.

2.2. Priority(ies):
Priority is given to projects involving higher education institutions, institutions and/or associations as indicated in point 3 demonstrating evident experience in teaching, research and educational activities on European integration issues.

3. Eligible applicants
This call for proposals is open to applications from:

— higher education institutions;

— institutions and/or associations:
  — of professors and researchers specialising in European integration studies,
  — of teachers and pedagogues,
  — ensuring the continuing education and training of teachers,
  — of higher education institutions and/or schools.

The projects under this call for proposals are unilateral.

4. Eligible activities
In the framework of this call, eligible activities must have one or more of the following objectives:

— developing and delivering appropriate pedagogical content and new/adapted didactic material for the teaching of European integration at the level of primary and secondary schools and in vocational education and training,

— implementing teacher training and continuing education for teachers by providing them with the appropriate knowledge and skills to teach European integration at the level of primary and secondary schools and in vocational education and training institutions,

— providing specifically designed seminars or workshops on European integration to pupils at the level of primary and secondary schools and in vocational education and training institutions. Such projects must be submitted by a higher education institution having evident experience in teaching and research on European integration issues. Projects must list the schools that have agreed to take part in the activities.

The projects activities must start between 1 December 2011 and 31 January 2012. The maximum duration of projects is 12 months.

Costs incurred before the start of the eligibility period will not be considered (1).

5. Award criteria
Eligible applications/projects will be assessed on the basis of the following equally weighted criteria:

— Quality of the applicant(s)
  Quality (excellence) of the applying organisations and the project coordinators (CVs) in the specific field of European integration studies and/or pedagogy and teacher training.

— Quality of the methodology and the work programme
  Quality and detail of the planned activities. Strategy for achieving the anticipated results. Methodology and management of the work programme.

(1) Grants may not be awarded retrospectively for actions already completed. Article 112(1) FR.
Impact and relevance of the results

Likely impact of the activities on stimulating teaching of European integration at the level of primary and secondary schools and in vocational education and training institutions. Dissemination and utilisation of the results.

Innovative character

Degree of innovation of the project.

6. Budget

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is EUR 2 000 000.

The maximum grant will be EUR 60 000 (1).

The financial contribution from the Agency cannot exceed 75% of the total project costs.

Under this call, grants are awarded on the basis of a flat rate financing system calculated according to the number of participants in relation to the organisation of the educational event at the level of primary and secondary schools and within vocational education and training.

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

7. Submission of proposals and deadline

The deadline for the submission of applications is:

15 September 2011, date as postmark.

Only applications submitted on the official form, duly completed, dated, submitted in three copies (one original clearly identified as such, plus two photocopies), and signed by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation will be accepted.

Applications which do not include all the stipulated documents in the required languages and which are not submitted by the deadline will not be considered.

Applications must be sent by post to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
Unit P2 — Lifelong Learning: Erasmus, Jean Monnet
Call for proposals — EACEA/18/11 — ‘Learning EU at School’
Office: BOU2 3/57
Avenue du Bourget/Bourgetlaan 1
1040 Bruxelles/Brussel
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Applications sent only by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

8. Full details

The guidelines for applicants and the application forms are available at the following address:


(1) Articles 113 FR; 167, 172 IR.