

## III

(Notices)

## COMMISSION

## Budget heading B3-2006

## 'Pilot projects on multicultural integration'

## Call for proposals

(1999/C 120/11)

**Introduction**

In its Social Action Programme (1998 to 2000), the Commission announced its intention to launch a broad debate on the use of Article 13 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam, including a proposal for Community legislation and the possibility of a framework programme to combat all forms of discrimination.

The budget headings which refer to Article 13, providing for the preparation of future Community action to tackle discrimination, are B3-4111 and B3-2006.

The Commission attaches great importance to the consistency and complementarity of these two budget headings, each of which has its own field of application but which may together contribute to promoting a horizontal approach for combating discrimination in accordance with Article 13.

With a view to implementing these budget headings, the Commission is to publish various calls for projects, with the general aim of providing support for measures making a significant contribution to the preparation of future Community action based on the horizontal approach.

**General framework**

This call for proposals relates to budget heading B3-2006 (formerly item B3-4114), which enables the Commission to support pilot projects geared to information, communication, awareness-raising and discussion as regards anti-discrimination measures and new models for integrating ethnic minorities.

The financial support granted in connection with this call for proposals may be awarded for the establishment of networks and transnational activities aimed at improving knowledge at European level, carrying out exchanges of good practice, promoting innovative approaches and evaluating experiments of interest to the Community which contribute significantly to further developing Community action to combat racism.

The projects selected may be cofinanced to a limit of 90 % of the costs directly and exclusively linked to the abovementioned transnational activities. The maximum budget available in connection with this call for proposals will be EUR 3 880 000.

With a view to ensuring strategic concentration of Community cofunding, small-scale projects requiring Community funding of less than EUR 50 000 will not generally be considered. On the basis of an average Community subsidy of EUR 70 000 (average established on the basis of projects financed in 1998), around 55 projects are therefore likely to benefit from Community financial support.

Proposals may be put forward by private or public bodies or organisations, located in the Member States and possessing experience in the fields referred to above.

**Priority areas for action in 1999**

In order to stimulate the development of innovative methods, new partnerships and exchanges of experience, the Commission has identified a number of key areas around which it intends to centre its action in 1999.

These priority areas are:

- strengthening cooperation between the grass roots and the police and judiciary, and better access to legal advice (e.g. through law centres) and other similar fields,
- development of methods to help the press and the media to contribute towards combating racism in general and boost the visibility of relevant Community action in particular,
- promotion of methods to combat discrimination as regards access to goods and services, and the provision thereof,
- the promotion of models of leadership in society by members of ethnic minority communities,
- support for the integration and participation of ethnic minorities in businesses in both the public and private sectors,

- encouragement for the participation of ethnic minorities in national, regional and local politics, and in employers' and trade-union organisations,
- support for the development of innovatory approaches to deal with exclusion in fields such as health, education and sport,
- support for initiatives aimed at finding ways of combating urban violence,
- promotion of action 'to prevent the public forgetting', including the recognition of 27 January as a day of remembrance for the Holocaust,
- raising of awareness about the existence of ethnic minorities, such as the Sinti and Roma,
- support for partnerships fostering exchanges of experience and good practice in one or more of the above areas.

#### Tendering procedure and general information

Applicants must submit, by 15 June 1999, as evidenced by the postmark, a complete dossier, using the appropriate forms in accordance with the guidelines and instructions laid down.

The application form, together with all the information concerning the procedures to be followed for submitting proposals, the eligibility and selection criteria, and the prin-

ciples governing the Community's financial participation, is available on the following site:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg05/tender\\_de.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg05/tender_de.htm)

or may be obtained by writing to the following address:

European Commission  
Directorate-General V/D/4-J37 2/7  
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200  
B-1049 Brussels

or by sending a fax to (32-2) 295 18 99.

The Commission's work schedule is as follows:

Deadline for submission of applications	15 June 1999
Receipt, registration and examination of applications	15 June to 30 August 1999 (*)
Selection and final decision by the Commission	1 September to 15 September 1999 (*)
Notification of results, preparation and dispatch of contracts	15 September to 30 October 1999 (*)

(\*) Indicative dates.

A second call for proposals in 1999 concerning larger-scale pilot projects geared to combating various forms of discrimination will be published subsequently.

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#### CORRIGENDA

##### Corrigendum to the notice of initiation of a review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of fluorspar originating in the People's Republic of China

(Official Journal of the European Communities C 62 of 4 March 1999)

(1999/C 120/12)

On page 3, under '1. Request for review', first line:

*for:* 'The request was lodged on 8 January 1999 ...',

*read:* 'The request was lodged on 1 December 1998 ...'.

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