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Call for proposals for a grant to seminars, conferences or other activities in the field of employment and the labour market — VP/1999/012

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On 23 February 1998 the Council decided on a new legal framework for Community activities concerning analysis, research and cooperation among the Member States in the field of employment and the labour market. With this decision, a new budget line B5-5020 was created, covering the period 1998 to 2000. This call for proposals covers the grants available for 1999. The Council Decision is aimed at the development of an integrated approach to the renewal and rationalisation of Community action in this field. The objectives of this approach are set out in the 1999 work programme, a key element being the development of an active dissemination policy. The main implementation tool for this is the granting of financial support to seminars, conferences and similar activities in the field directed at the dissemination of results of initiatives undertaken.

The 1999 work programme links the Council Decision to the broader framework of the employment strategy and the Luxembourg process. The objectives of this call are therefore closely related to the principles and aims described in the Council Resolution on the 1999 Employment Guidelines.

Proposals should come from non-governmental, non-profit-oriented organisations established in one or more of the Member States of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association. The action for which a grant is requested should involve the cooperation of bodies/partners from at least three Member States.

The grant is awarded after examination of the applicant's articles of association, previous year's financial statements, detailed programme and detailed provisional budget showing all income and expenditure for the project/action for which the grant is requested, and a description of the applicant's activities in the subject domains.

Priority will be given to activities focussing on

- sectors of the EU economies which witness strong employment growth as well as the framework conditions and the policies which promote employment growth,
- the employment impact of economic and political integration beyond the EU Member States as well as on related policy measures and options,

- employment opportunities for especial vulnerable groups, in particular labour market issues related to low wages, low skilled unemployment, income differentiation and inequality with a special emphasis on promoting sustainable employment,
- exchange of experience in empirical work on labour market issues, in particular policy evaluation using longitudinal analysis.

The total budget available is 1 200 000. The expected number of beneficiaries is from 10 to 20 (the average grant is therefore expected to amount to 60 000-120 000). The total cost of the proposed action should not be less than 50 000. In any case, no grant will amount to less than 30 000 or more than 300 000. In no case will any grant exceed 75 % of eligible cost.

Detailed information on this call consists of the full text of the call for proposals, the application form, and the general terms and conditions applicable to grant agreements of the European Communities, and can be obtained:

1. by writing to:
European Commission
Directorate-General V.A.1
VP/1999/012
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels;
2. by sending a fax to **(32-2) 299 45 71**, with reference to VP/1999/012
3. by sending an e-mail to:
vp-1999-012@bxl.dg5.cec.be
4. downloading from the DG V website at:
http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/dg05/index_en.htm

The form and all documents forming part of the application must be sent in triplicate by registered mail to the address indicated in the full text of the call for proposals, not later than 1 October 1999 (postmark serving as proof).