

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

for cross-border initiatives between local and regional authorities in EU regions bordering the candidate countries

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1. Publication reference

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Greece: Anatoliki Makedonia-Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Kriti, Notio Aigaio, Voreio Aigaio,

Austria: Burgenland, Kärnten, Niederösterreich, Oberösterreich, Steiermark, Wien,

2. Programme and financing source

B5-3003 (2002) — Pilot project on the impact of enlargement for the regions bordering the candidate countries.

Germany: Berlin, Brandenburg, Chemnitz, Dresden, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Niederbayern, Oberfranken, Oberpfalz.

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Nature of activities

The objective of this programme is to strengthen the capacity of local and regional authorities in the EU border regions to adopt strategies and action plans to prepare for the administrative effects of enlargement, such as increased migration. To achieve this objective, the programme will support cross border initiatives which

- (i) improve the collaboration and pooling of experience between local and regional authorities;
- (ii) intensify and consolidate cross-border dialogue, and establish institutional relationships, between administrations to facilitate the integration of regions, communities and citizens;
- (iii) focus on institutional and administrative capacity building including developing frameworks for operations and management, needs assessment, human resources, and service delivery;
- (iv) equip local and regional authority actors with the skills and know-how to develop, implement and manage the administrative and technical aspects of enlargement and increased migration.

(b) Geographical area

Activities must take place in at least two of the following EU border regions:

Finland: Etelä-Suomi, Uusimaa,

Italy: Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Veneto,

(c) *Minimum project duration:* 12 months.

Maximum project duration: 24 months.

For details, see the 'Guidelines for applicants' referred to in point 12.

4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

EUR 1,5 million.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

(a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 250 000.

(b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 500 000.

(c) Maximum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 80 %.

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

Six.

7. Eligibility: Who may apply

Local or regional authority or administration, municipality or association of municipalities from a EU Member State.

8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

November 2002.

9. Award criteria

Please refer to section II.2.3. of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12.

10. Application format and details to be provided

Applications must be submitted using the **standard application form** attached to the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed. For each application, **one signed original** and **three copies** must be supplied by the applicant.

11. Deadline for applications

1 October 2002 at 16.00 CET.

Applications must be received in a sealed envelope by registered mail, by express messenger or by hand delivery to the address indicated in the guidelines for applicants, section 2.2.2.

The envelope must bear the reference number of the notice of publication for the call for proposals, the full name of the applicant, the address of the organisation, and the words 'Not to be opened before the opening session'.

Any application received by the Contracting Authority after this deadline or, if sent by registered mail, post-marked after the deadline will not be considered.

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 DG Enlargement:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/borderregions/index.htm>

Any questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent by e-mail (including the publication reference of this call for proposals shown in point 1) to:

elarg-admin@cec.eu.int

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