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(Notices)

COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

for CARDS democratic and stabilisation programme issued by the European Commission

Support to the rule of law, good governance, public accountability and freedom of opinion in the western Balkans

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1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/114716/C/G/Multi.

2. Programme and financing source

Democratic stabilisation programme B7-541 CARDS.

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Activities to support the rule of law, good governance, public accountability and freedom of opinion in the western Balkans.

(b) Geographical area: western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Croatia).

(c) Maximum project duration: 18 months.

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

4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

EUR 1,4 million.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

(a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 100 000.

(b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 250 000.

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

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

Fourteen projects.

7. Eligibility: who may apply

Non-profit-making organisations which have their headquarters in the European Union or in one of the countries eligible to participate in the CARDS programme. See section 2.1 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12, for the full list of criteria.

8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

July 2003.

9. Award criteria

See section 2.3(3) and the evaluation grid contained in 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 **four copies** must be supplied by the applicant.

11. Deadline for applications**28 February 2003.**

Any application received by the contracting authority after this 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 the SCR:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index_en.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:

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All applicants are encouraged to consult the above Internet web page regularly before the deadline for applications since the Commission will publish the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies.