

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DG EAC No EAC/65/05**Call for proposals on general activities of observation, analysis and innovation, 2006****(Actions 6.1.2 and 6.2 of the Socrates programme)**

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1. Objectives and description

On the basis of the Decision of the European Parliament and the Council adopting the second phase of the Community programme Socrates (⁽¹⁾), the Commission is inviting proposals for the implementation of 'General activities of observation and analysis' (sub-action 6.1.2, points c) and d)) and 'Innovatory Initiatives responding to emerging needs' (action 6.2), in the form of measures to improve and facilitate the exchange of information and experiences and the development of innovations in the field of education among the countries participating in the Socrates programme.

2. Priority themes

The Commission is inviting proposals concerning the three following priority themes:

- **What should be the role and profile of Higher Education in relation to the European social model;**
- **Better understanding of the phenomenon of poor reading skills and poor readers, in order better to combat the problem;**
- **Improved evaluation of educational policies focusing on the needs of at-risk groups.**

3. Eligible applicants

Applications for assistance may include, or be made by, establishments in the countries participating in the Socrates programme, i.e.:

- the 25 Member States of the European Union
- EFTA and EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway
- candidate countries: Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey

Proposals may be submitted by organisations and institutions which are based in the countries participating in the Socrates programme, have the qualifications and experience needed to complete the proposed action, and actively involve, as project partners, establishments in **at least six countries** participating in the Socrates programme, **including** the project coordinator's country, and including **at least one Member State of the European Union**.

The establishments eligible to respond to this call for proposals are classified by type, in accordance with **Annex 2** to the call for proposals ('List of codes to be used in the application').

4. Budget and duration of projects

The total budget earmarked for the cofinancing of projects is of the order of **EUR 3 600 000**. Financial assistance from the Commission cannot exceed **75 %** of the total eligible costs. The maximum subsidy granted by the Commission will be **EUR 220 000** per year.

Activities must start on **1 October 2006**. The maximum duration of projects is 24 months.

5. Deadline

Applications for funding must be sent to the Commission **no later than 18 April 2006**.

(¹) Decision 253/2000/EC of 24 January 2000, OJ L 28, 3.2.2000, p. 1-15.

6. Further information

The full text of the call for proposals and the application form are available on the following website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/socrates/observation/call_en.html

Applications **must** comply with all the requirements set out in the full text and must be submitted using the form provided.
