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## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EAC/S05/13

**European Policy Network of National Literacy Organisations****(open call)**

(2013/C 130/07)

**1. Objectives and description**

The purpose of this call is to strengthen cross-European collaboration between foundations and associations, ministries and other organisations active in the field of literacy promotion in order to raise levels of literacy amongst children, young people and adults in Europe. The network will be supported by a grant for an action with multiple beneficiaries from the Lifelong Learning Programme, as defined in the annual work programme 2013, paragraph 4.1.4, adopted on 27 of March 2013.

The call aims to support the establishment of one European policy network to raise awareness, gather and analyse policy information, and exchange policy approaches, good practice and promising campaigns and initiatives to promote literacy and in light of the education and training framework ('ET 2020') benchmark to reduce the number of low achievers in reading by 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>.

The applicant shall submit a work programme outlining the concrete actions and outputs proposed in order to achieve the objectives set out in this call for proposals. The work programme should include clear targets, indicators and a timetable.

The scope of the proposed work programme shall cover:

- development of country-specific knowledge,
- facilitating the exchange of good practice,
- awareness-raising initiatives,
- cooperation with other institutions and organisations working in the field of literacy both at national and EU level to promote effective literacy policies.

The Commission department responsible for implementation and management of this action is the School Education and Comenius Unit of the Directorate-General for Education and Culture.

<sup>(1)</sup> By 2020, the share of low-achieving 15-years olds in reading, mathematics and science should be less than 15 % — <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:119:0002:0010:EN:PDF>

## 2. Eligibility

### 2.1. Applicant

Only applications from legal entities established in the following countries are eligible:

- 27 Member States of the European Union,
- acceding country: Croatia,
- candidate countries: Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey,
- EFTA States: Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.

Proposals from applicants in candidate countries may be selected provided that, on the date of award, agreements have been signed setting out the arrangements for the participation of those countries in the Lifelong Learning Programme.

The network should cover at least 20 LLP participating countries with a good geographical balance. In order to achieve a good geographical balance, the members of the network should represent at least 15 EU Member States.

### 2.2. Proposals

Under this call for proposals, the following proposals are eligible:

- proposals received by the deadline stipulated in this call for proposals,
- proposals submitted using the official application form and complying with its requirements, completed in full and signed,
- applications must be drafted in one of the EU official languages.

## 3. Budget and project duration

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of the action is estimated at EUR 3 000 000 maximum, for the period 2013-2015.

The financial contribution from the Commission cannot exceed 75 % of the total eligible costs.

The Commission reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

Implementation period:

- activities should start after signature of the grant agreement (December 2013 the latest),
- activities are to be completed 24 months after signature of the grant agreement,
- the maximum duration of the action is 24 months.

## 4. Deadline for applications

Applications must be sent no later than on **29 August 2013 — 12.00**, date as per postmark, to:

'Call for proposals European Policy Network of National Literacy Organisations EAC/S05/13'  
For the attention of Mr João DELGADO  
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Directorate-General for Education and Culture  
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**5. Further information**

The other texts relating to this call for proposals, which include the application form and the programme guide containing the technical and administrative specifications, can be found at the following Internet address:

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/index_en.htm)

Applications must comply with the abovementioned texts and must be submitted on the forms provided.

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