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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

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1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,0999	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4271
JPY	Japanese yen	136,15	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,5255
DKK	Danish krone	7,4614	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,6477
GBP	Pound sterling	0,70440	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5029
SEK	Swedish krona	9,4322	KRW	South Korean won	1 274,70
CHF	Swiss franc	1,0517	ZAR	South African rand	13,6702
ISK	Iceland króna		CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	6,8299
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,9630	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5830
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	14 758,12
CZK	Czech koruna	27,039	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,1846
HUF	Hungarian forint	309,60	PHP	Philippine peso	49,873
PLN	Polish zloty	4,1229	RUB	Russian rouble	63,1740
RON	Romanian leu	4,4235	THB	Thai baht	38,215
TRY	Turkish lira	2,9975	BRL	Brazilian real	3,5932
AUD	Australian dollar	1,4844	MXN	Mexican peso	17,6836
			INR	Indian rupee	70,1379

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HERCULE III

Call for proposals — 2015

Legal Training and Studies

(2015/C 243/02)

1. Objectives and description

This notice of Call for Proposals is based on Regulation (EU) No 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ establishing the Hercule III Programme, in particular Article 8 (b) ('Eligible Actions'), as well as the Financing Decision 2015 adopting the annual work programme ⁽²⁾ for the implementation of the Hercule III Programme in 2015, in particular section 7.2.1 (Legal Training and Studies).

The Financing Decision 2015 provides for the organisation of a Call for Proposals 'Legal Training and Studies'.

2. Eligible applicants

As defined in article 6 of the Programme, applicants must be:

— National or regional administrations of a Member State and a participating country which promote the strengthening of action at Union level to protect the financial interests of the Union.

Or

— Research and educational institutes and non-profit-making entities provided that they have been established and have been operating for at least one year, in a Member State or a participating country, and promote the strengthening of action at Union level to protect the financial interests of the Union.

Article 7(2) of the Programme defines the participating countries other than Member States.

3. Eligible actions

The actions eligible for funding under this Call for Proposals are:

1. Developing high-profile research activities, including studies in comparative law;
2. Improving the cooperation between practitioners and academics (through actions such as conferences, seminars and workshops), including the organisation of the annual meeting of the Presidents of the Associations for European Criminal Law and for the Protection of the EU Financial Interests;
3. Raising the awareness of the judiciary and other branches of the legal profession for the protection of the financial interests of the Union, including the publication of scientific knowledge concerning the protection of the financial interests of the Union.

The actions can be achieved through the organisation of: studies in comparative law, conferences, seminars, workshops, periodical publications, etc.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) No 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 establishing a programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the financial interests of the European Union (Hercule III programme) (OJ L 84, 20.3.2014, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2015 and the financing for the implementation of the Hercule III Programme C(2015) 2234 of 8 April 2015.

4. **Budget**

The indicative available budget for this Call is EUR 500 000. The financial contribution will take the form of a grant. The financial contribution awarded will not exceed 80 % of the eligible costs. In exceptional and duly justified cases, the financial contribution may be increased to cover a maximum of 90 % of the eligible costs. The Call lists the criteria that will be applied to determine these exceptional and duly justified cases.

The minimum threshold for a 'Legal Training and Studies' action shall be EUR 40 000. The total budget of an action for which a grant is requested shall not be lower than this threshold.

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

5. **Deadline for submission of applications**

Applications must be submitted to the Commission no later than: **Tuesday, 22 September 2015.**

6. **Further Information**

All documents related to this Call for Proposals can be downloaded from the following internet website:

http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/policy/hercule/index_en.htm

Question and/or requests for additional information in relation to this Call have to be sent by e-mail to:

OLAF-FMB-HERCULE-LEGAL@ec.europa.eu

The questions and answers may be anonymously published in the Guidelines for filling in the Application Form on OLAF's internet website if they are relevant to other applicants.

HERCULE III
Call for proposals — 2015
Technical Assistance for the fight against EU fraud
(2015/C 243/03)

1. Objectives and description

This notice of Call for Proposals is based on Regulation (EU) No 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ establishing the Hercule III Programme, in particular Article 8 (a) ('Eligible Actions'), as well as the Financing Decision 2015 adopting the annual work programme ⁽²⁾ for the implementation of the Hercule III Programme in 2015, in particular section 6.1, actions: 1, 2, 3 and 6 ('Specific actions for technical assistance').

The Financing Decision 2015 provides for the organisation of a Call for Proposals 'Technical Assistance'.

2. Eligible applicants

The bodies eligible for funding under the Programme are national or regional administrations ('Applicants') of a Member State which promote the strengthening of European Union action to protect the European Union's financial interests.

3. Eligible actions

The actions eligible for funding under this Call for Proposals are:

1. The purchase and maintenance of investigation tools and methods, including specialised training needed to operate the investigation tools;
2. The purchase and maintenance of devices (scanners) and animals to carry out inspections of containers, trucks, railway wagons and vehicles at the Union's internal and external borders order to detect smuggled and counterfeited goods;
3. The purchase, maintenance and interconnection of systems for the recognition of vehicle number plates (Automated Number Plate Recognition Systems – ANPRS) or container codes;
4. The purchase of services to support Member States' capacity to store and destroy seized cigarettes and tobacco.

4. Budget

The indicative available budget for this Call is EUR 8 050 000. The financial contribution will take the form of a grant. The financial contribution awarded will not exceed 80 % of the eligible costs. In exceptional and duly justified cases, the financial contribution may be increased to cover a maximum of 90 % of the eligible costs. The Call lists the criteria that will be applied to determine these exceptional and duly justified cases. The minimum threshold for **the budget of an action** submitted in an application has been set at: EUR 100 000.

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

5. Deadline for submission of applications

Applications must be submitted no later than: **Tuesday, 15 September 2015.**

6. Further information

All documents related to this Call for Proposals can be downloaded from the following internet website:

http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/policy/hercule/index_en.htm

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) No 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 establishing a programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the financial interests of the European Union (Hercule III programme) (OJ L 84, 20.3.2014, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2015 and the financing for the implementation of the Hercule III Programme C(2015) 2234 of 8 April 2015.

Question and/or requests for additional information in relation to this Call have to be sent by e-mail to:

OLAF-FMB-HERCULE-TA@ec.europa.eu

The questions and answers may be anonymously published in the Guidelines for filling in the Application Form on the Commission's OLAF's internet website if they are relevant to other applicants.

HERCULE III
Call for proposals — 2015
Anti-Fraud Training
(2015/C 243/04)

1. Objectives and description

This notice of Call for Proposals is based on Regulation (EU) No 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ establishing the Hercule III Programme, in particular Article 8(b) ('Eligible Actions'), as well as the Financing Decision 2015 adopting the annual work programme ⁽²⁾ for the implementation of the Hercule III Programme in 2015, in particular section 7.1 (Conferences, seminars and digital forensics training).

The Financing Decision 2015 provides for the organisation of a Call for Proposals 'Anti-Fraud Training'.

2. Eligible applicants

As defined in Article 6 of the Programme, applicants must be:

— national or regional administrations of a Member State and a participating country which promote the strengthening of action at Union level to protect the financial interests of the Union,

or

— research and educational institutes and non-profit-making entities provided that they have been established and have been operating for at least 1 year, in a Member State or a participating country, and promote the strengthening of action at Union level to protect the financial interests of the Union.

Article 7(2) of the Programme defines the participating countries other than Member States.

3. Eligible actions

The Commission (OLAF) will award grants for actions which have as objective:

- exchanging experience and best practices between the relevant authorities in the participating countries, including specialised law enforcement services, as well as representatives of international organisations,
- disseminating knowledge, particularly on better identification of risk for investigative purposes.

These aims can be achieved through the organisation of:

conferences, seminars, colloquia, courses, e-learning and symposia, workshops, hands-on training and staff exchanges, exchanges of best practices (including on fraud risk assessment), etc.

Staff exchanges between national and regional administrations in different Member States (in particular neighbouring Member States) are to be encouraged.

4. Budget

The indicative available budget for this Call is EUR 900 000. The financial contribution will take the form of a grant. The financial contribution awarded will not exceed 80 % of the eligible costs.

The minimum threshold for a 'Training' action shall be EUR 40 000. The budget of an action for which a grant is requested shall not be lower than this threshold.

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

5. Deadline

Applications must be submitted no later than: **Tuesday, 29 September 2015.**

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) No 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 establishing a programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the financial interests of the European Union (Hercule III programme) (OJ L 84, 20.3.2014, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2015 and the financing for the implementation of the Hercule III Programme C(2015) 2234 of 8 April 2015.

6. Further information

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Questions and/or requests for additional information in relation to this Call have to be sent by email to:

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