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## I

*(Information)*

## COMMISSION

**Euro exchange rates <sup>(1)</sup>****29 April 2002**

(2002/C 103/01)

<b>1 euro</b>	=	7,4335	Danish krone
	=	9,24	Swedish krona
	=	0,6186	Pound sterling
	=	0,9038	United States dollar
	=	1,413	Canadian dollar
	=	115,69	Japanese yen
	=	1,4637	Swiss franc
	=	7,5745	Norwegian krone
	=	84,72	Icelandic króna <sup>(2)</sup>
	=	1,6689	Australian dollar
	=	2,0122	New Zealand dollar
	=	9,5814	South African rand <sup>(2)</sup>

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<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Commission.

**Commission notice updating the list of parties under examination pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 88/97 on the exemption from the extended anti-dumping duty on imports of certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China**

(2002/C 103/02)

Commission Regulation (EC) No 88/97 <sup>(1)</sup> of 20 January 1997 authorises the exemption from the extended anti-dumping duty on imports of certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China. This duty resulted from the extension by Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 <sup>(2)</sup> of the anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93 <sup>(3)</sup>, and maintained by Council Regulation (EC) No 1524/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>. Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 88/97 comprises a list of parties whose requests for authorisation for exemption from the extended duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 71/97 were under examination.

Interested parties are hereby informed of the receipt of further requests for exemption, pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 88/97, and of requests which are still under examination at this stage. The suspension from the extended duty, following these requests, took effect as shown in Annex I to this notice, which constitutes an updated list of parties under examination.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 17, 21.1.1997, p. 17.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 16, 18.1.1997, p. 55.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 228, 9.9.1993, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 39.

## ANNEX I

## Parties under examination

Name	Address	Country	Suspension pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 88/97	Date of effect	TARIC additional code
Cicli Adriatica SRL Uninomiale	Via Toscana, 13 I-61100 Pesaro	Italy	Article 5	14.10.1999	A088
SBB SRL	Via Cuneo, 121/A I-12020 Cervasca (CN)	Italy	Article 5	25.2.2000	A164
F.lli Zanoni SRL	Via Castiglioni, 27 I-20010 Arluno (MI)	Italy	Article 5	7.3.2000	A162
Bicicletas Monty, SA	Poligono El Pla, 106 E-08980 Sant Feliu de Llobregat	Spain	Article 5	10.3.2000	A165
Cicli Douglas di Battistello Albano & C. SNC	Via Copernico, 3 I-35028 Piove di Sacco (PD)	Italy	Article 5	4.5.2000	A169
Cycles Eddie Koepler SARL	ZI No 2 de Rouvignies Rue Louis Dacquin	France	Article 5	15.6.2000	A177
Kynast GmbH	Artlandstraße 55 D-49610 Quakenbrück	Germany	Article 5	1.11.2000	A284
GTA-my bicycle SAS di Ardillica Gilberto, Gian Maria & C.	Viale Stazione, 55 I-35029 Pontelongo (PD)	Italy	Article 5	5.12.2000	A221
Fabrica Biciclette Trubbiani & C. SNC di Trubbiani Ferdinando, Balducci Franco, Feliziani Amintore e Ruani Pietro	Via Arno, 1 I-62010 Treia (MC)	Italy	Article 5	3.1.2001	A232
Ottobici SRL	Z.I. Località Terzerie I-84053 Cicerale (SA)	Italy	Article 5	5.1.2001	A243
Cobran di Perrino Agostino & C. SNC	Via della Zingarina, 6 I-47037 Rimini (RN)	Italy	Article 5	11.1.2001	A246
AT Zweirad GmbH	Boschstraße 18 D-48341 Altenberge	Germany	Article 5	15.1.2001	A247
VILAR — Indústrias Metalúrgicas, SA	Rua Central do Ribeiro, 512 P-4745-094 Alvarelhos — Trofa	Portugal	Article 5	5.2.2001	A248
FARAM SRL	Zona Ind — Traversa Via della Meccanica I-02010 S. Rufina di Cittaducale (RI)	Italy	Article 5	22.2.2001	A249
Shock Blaze SRL	Via Mezzomonte, 7 — Loc. Cornadella I-33077 Sacile (PN)	Italy	Article 5	5.3.2001	A250
Love Bike SRL	Borgata Ercole, 12 I-12020 Roccabruna (CN)	Italy	Article 5	8.3.2001	A251
Family Bike SRL	Via Serenissima, 6 I-36075 Montebelluna (VI)	Italy	Article 5	15.3.2001	A254

Name	Address	Country	Suspension pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 88/97	Date of effect	TARIC additional code
Paul Lange & Co.	Hofener Straße 114 D-70372 Stuttgart	Germany	Article 5	27.4.2001	A288
SPDAD Lda	Rua do Pinhal, lote 9-12 P-4470 Maia	Portugal	Article 5	22.5.2001	A320
Cicli Lombardo di Gaspare Lombardo & C. SNC	Via Roma, 233 I-91012 Buseto Palizzolo (TP)	Italy	Article 5	23.5.2001	A271
Diamant Fahrradwerke GmbH	Schönaicher Straße 1 D-09232 Hartmannsdorf	Germany	Article 5	1.9.2001	A346
Dutch Bicycle Group BV	Adriaen Banckertstraat 7 3115 JF Schiedam	The Netherlands	Article 5	1.9.2001	A287
Forza A/S	Industrivej 20 DK-5750 Ringe	Denmark	Article 5	11.9.2001	A289
Rex Industri AB	Box 303 S-30 108 Halmstad	Sweden	Article 5	1.11.2001	A311
Cicli Casadei SRL	Via dei Mestieri, 24 I-44020 S. Giuseppe di Commacchio	Italy	Article 5	1.1.2002	A326
Dino Bikes SpA	Via Cuneo, 11 I-12011 Borgo San Dalmazzo	Italy	Article 5	1.1.2002	A327
Teikotec Bike-Trading GmbH	Robert-Bosch-Straße 6 D-56727 Mayen	Germany	Article 5	1.1.2002	A328
Shivati Bicycles BV	Straelseweg 27a 5911 CL Venlo	The Netherlands	Article 5	2.1.2002	A321
Checker Pig GmbH	Mönkestraße 37 D-97980 Bad Mergentheim	Germany	Article 5	9.1.2002	A322
United Bicycles Assembly NV	Oude Bunders 2030 B-3630 Maasmechelen	Belgium	Article 5	15.2.2002	A347
Officine Meccaniche Leri SNC di Giovanni & Rosina Rinaldi	Borgata Ercole 12 I-12020 Roccabruna	Italy	Article 5	25.2.2002	A348
Pro-Fit Sportprodukte GmbH	Biaser Straße 29 D-39261 Zerbst	Germany	Article 5	1.3.2002	A349
Biciclasse CS SRL	Via Roma, 4 I-84020 Oliveto Citra (SA)	Italy	Article 5	1.3.2002	A359
Gatsoulis	8 Thessalonikis Str. N. Philadelphia 143-42 Athens	Greece	Article 5	4.3.2002	A350
Faema Cicli Picc.Soc.Coop. ARL	Via Nicosia 6 I-93017 San Cataldo	Italy	Article 5	13.3.2002	A358
GFM Bike di Ingarao Franco	Via Circonvallazione, 32 I-94011 Agira (EN)	Italy	Article 5	18.3.2002	A360

## III

(Notices)

## COMMISSION

## Outcome of the invitations to tender (Community food aid)

(2002/C 103/03)

as provided for in Article 9(7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied under Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23)

23 April 2002

Regulation (EC) No/ Decision of	Lot	Action No	Beneficiary/ Destination	Product	Quantity (t)	Delivery stage	Successful tenderer	Awarded price (EUR/t)
605/2002	A	192/01	WFP/North Korea	SUB	600	DEB	LIMAKO SUIKER BV — BREDA (NL)	354,95
606/2002	A	191/01	WFP/North Korea	HCOLZ	2 000	DEB	ALFRED C. TÖPFER INT. GMBH — HAMBURG (D)	697,60
	B	193/01	WFP/Angola	HCOLZ	1 500	DEB	MUTUAL AID ADM. SERVICES NV — ANTWERP (B)	791,00
	C	196/01	WFP/Somalia	HCOLZ	500	EMB	AOH ALGEMENE OLIEHANDEL BV — UTRECHT (NL)	675,00
	D	193/00	EuronAid/ Burkina Faso	HCOLZ	45	EMB	AOR NV — ANTWERP (B)	683,00

BLT:	Common wheat	FABA:	Broad beans ( <i>Vicia faba major</i> )	WSB:	Wheat/soya blend
DUR:	Durum wheat	FEQ:	Horse beans ( <i>Vicia faba equina</i> )	Lsub1:	Infant formula
ORG:	Barley	PISUM:	Split peas	Lsub2:	Follow-on formula
MAI:	Maize	SUB:	White sugar	LHE:	High energy milk
SEG:	Rye	HCOLZ:	Rape seed oil	AC:	Compound food
SOR:	Sorghum	HTOUR:	Sunflower oil	PAL:	Pasta
CBR/M/L:	Milled round, medium or long grain rice	HOLI:	Olive oil	SAR:	Tinned sardines
RPR/M/L:	Parboiled round, medium or long grain rice	HMAI:	Maize oil	CM:	Tinned mackerel
BRI:	Broken rice	HSOJA:	Soya oil	CB:	Corned beef
FBLT:	Common wheat flour	LEP:	Skimmed milk powder	BPJ:	Canned beef
FMAI:	Maize flour	LEPv:	Vitaminized skimmed milk powder	PFB:	Beef liver pâté
FSEG:	Rye flour	LDEP:	Semi-skimmed milk powder	CP:	Canned pork
SDUR:	Durum wheat meal	LENP:	Whole milk powder	PPF:	Pig liver pâté
SMAI:	Maize gritz	B:	Butter	CV:	Canned poultrymeat
FHAF:	Oat flakes	BO:	Butteroil	DEST:	Free at destination
CT:	Tomato concentrate	FETA:	Feta-type cheese	DEB:	Free at port of landing — landed
PT:	Tomato powder	FROF:	Processed cheese	DEN:	Free at port of landing — ex ship
COR:	Currants	BABYF:	Cereal-based weaning food	EMB:	Free at port of shipment
		BISC:	Biscuits	EXW:	Ex works

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### for the European initiative for democracy and human rights (support for the abolition of the death penalty)

#### issued by the European Commission

(2002/C 103/04)

#### 1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/113820/C/G.

#### 2. Programme and financing source

Established upon the initiative of the European Parliament in 1994, the main aim of the European initiative for democracy and human rights (EIDHR) <sup>(1)</sup> is to promote human rights, democracy and conflict prevention in third countries <sup>(2)</sup> by providing financial support for activities supporting these goals. A report on projects funded by the EIDHR between 1996 and 1999 is available at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/ddh/documents\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/ddh/documents_en.htm)

#### 3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) In May 2001, the Commission adopted a policy statement, or Communication <sup>(3)</sup>, on the EU's role in promoting human rights and democratisation in third countries. The Commission has identified themes, which will be subject of four calls for proposals in 2002:

- Support for the abolition of the death penalty.
- (i) The prevention of torture, and (ii) the provision of support for the rehabilitation of torture victims.
- Combating impunity and promoting international justice in particular through support for the work of the international tribunals and the establishment and operation of an international criminal court.
- (i) Combating racism and xenophobia (by implementing parts of the action plan produced by the UN World Conference against Racism in 2001, and (ii) discrimination against ethnic minorities and indigenous people.

The present notice concerns the call for proposals covering the support for the abolition of the death penalty.

<sup>(1)</sup> EIDHR is based on Council Regulations (EC) No 975/1999 and (EC) No 976/1999 of 29 April 1999 (OJ L 120, 8.5.1999, p. 8).

<sup>(2)</sup> That is, outside of the European Union.

<sup>(3)</sup> COM(2001) 252 final.

(b) Geographical area: Activities may take place in one or more of the countries where the death penalty still exists, as well as at a regional level (at least two countries in the same geographic region) and global level.

(c) Maximum project duration: 36 months.

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

#### 4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

The global indicative amount available under the present call for proposals is EUR 7 million.

#### 5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

(a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 300 000.

(b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 1 500 000.

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

(d) Minimum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 50 %.

#### 6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

23.

#### 7. Eligibility: Who may apply

Applicants must be non-profit-making and be a non-governmental organisation <sup>(4)</sup> or a higher education institution and normally have their headquarters within the European Union or in a beneficiary country.

#### 8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

November 2002.

#### 9. Award criteria

See section 2.3 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12.

<sup>(4)</sup> That is, not a State, national or international governmental institution or organisation or an organisation effectively controlled by such an institution. Whether a potential applicant is likely to be considered as effectively controlled by such an institution will depend on the extent to which such an applicant can demonstrate that it is independent of the State as regards decision-making, budgetary control and the appointment of staff (including members of its controlling body).



**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, **the applicant must supply one signed original and three copies, and a 3½" diskette with a data version.**

**11. Deadline for applications**

Monday 29 July 2002, 16.00 central European time.

Any application received by the European Commission 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 EuropeAid cooperation office:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](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:

EuropeAid-ADP@cec.eu.int

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.

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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**for the European initiative for democracy and human rights (fighting impunity and promoting international justice)**

**issued by the European Commission**

(2002/C 103/05)

**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/113821/C/G.

**2. Programme and financing source**

Established upon the initiative of the European Parliament in 1994, the main aim of the European initiative for democracy and human rights (EIDHR) <sup>(1)</sup> is to promote human rights, democracy and conflict prevention in third countries <sup>(2)</sup> by providing financial support for activities supporting these goals. A report on projects funded by the EIDHR between 1996 and 1999 is available at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/ddh/documents\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/ddh/documents_en.htm)

**3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration**

(a) In May 2001, the Commission adopted a policy statement, or Communication <sup>(3)</sup>, on the EU's role in promoting human rights and democratisation in third countries. The Commission has identified themes, which will be subject of four calls for proposals in 2002:

- Support for the abolition of the death penalty.
- (i) The prevention of torture, and (ii) the provision of support for the rehabilitation of torture victims.
- Combating impunity and promoting international justice in particular through support for the work of the international tribunals and the establishment and operation of an international criminal court.

<sup>(1)</sup> EIDHR is based on Council Regulations (EC) No 975/1999 and (EC) No 976/1999 of 29 April 1999 (OJ L 120, 8.5.1999, p. 8).

<sup>(2)</sup> That is, outside of the European Union.

<sup>(3)</sup> COM(2001) 252 final.

- (i) Combating racism and xenophobia (by implementing parts of the action plan produced by the UN World Conference against Racism in 2001, and (ii) discrimination against ethnic minorities and indigenous people.

The present notice concerns the call for proposals covering the promotion of the international justice.

- (b) Geographical area: Activities may take place in, or be directed towards, the following countries: (a) Rwanda, (b) countries of ex-Yugoslavia, (c) countries where the ICC Treaty has not yet been ratified, or where no national implementing legislation exists, (d) any two or more countries in the same geographic region.

- (c) Maximum project duration: 36 months.

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

#### 4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

The global indicative amount available under the present call for proposals is EUR 6 million.

#### 5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

- (a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 300 000.
- (b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 1 500 000.
- (c) Maximum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 80 %.
- (d) Minimum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 50 %.

#### 6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

20.

#### 7. Eligibility: Who may apply

Applicants must be non-profit-making and be a non-governmental organisation <sup>(1)</sup> or a higher education

institution and normally have their headquarters within the European Union or in a beneficiary country.

#### 8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

November 2002.

#### 9. Award criteria

See section 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, **the applicant must supply one signed original and three copies, and a 3½" diskette with a data version.**

#### 11. Deadline for applications

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#### 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 EuropeAid cooperation office:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](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:

EuropeAid-PJJ@cec.eu.int

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.

<sup>(1)</sup> That is, not a State, national or international governmental institution or organisation or an organisation effectively controlled by such an institution. Whether a potential applicant is likely to be considered as effectively controlled by such an institution will depend on the extent to which such an applicant can demonstrate that it is independent of the State as regards decision-making, budgetary control and the appointment of staff (including members of its controlling body).

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### for the European initiative for democracy and human rights (combating racism and xenophobia and discrimination against ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples)

issued by the European Commission

(2002/C 103/06)

#### 1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/113822/C/G.

#### 2. Programme and financing source

Established upon the initiative of the European Parliament in 1994, the main aim of the European initiative for democracy and human rights (EIDHR) <sup>(1)</sup> is to promote human rights, democracy and conflict prevention in third countries <sup>(2)</sup> by providing financial support for activities supporting these goals. A report on projects funded by the EIDHR between 1996 and 1999 is available at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/ddh/documents\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/ddh/documents_en.htm)

#### 3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) In May 2001, the Commission adopted a policy statement, or Communication <sup>(3)</sup>, on the EU's role in promoting human rights and democratisation in third countries. The Commission has identified themes, which will be subject of four calls for proposals in 2002:

- Support for the abolition of the death penalty.
- (i) The prevention of torture, and (ii) the provision of support for the rehabilitation of torture victims.
- Fighting impunity and promoting international justice in particular through support for the work of the international tribunals and the establishment and operation of an international criminal court.
- (i) Combating racism and xenophobia (by implementing parts of the action plan produced by the UN World Conference against Racism in 2001), and (ii) discrimination against ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples.

The present notice concerns the call for proposals covering the combat against racism and xenophobia,

<sup>(1)</sup> EIDHR is based on Council Regulations (EC) No 975/1999 and (EC) No 976/1999 of 29 April 1999 (OJ L 120, 8.5.1999, p. 8).

<sup>(2)</sup> That is, outside of the European Union.

<sup>(3)</sup> COM(2001) 252 final.

and discrimination against ethnic minorities and indigenous people in countries outside the EU.

(b) Geographical area: Activities may take place in any country, as well as at regional level (i.e. two or more countries in the same geographic region), but all target beneficiaries must be in third countries (i.e. outside the EU).

(c) Maximum project duration: 36 months.

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

#### 4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

The global indicative amount available under the present call for proposals is EUR 26 million.

#### 5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

- (a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 300 000.
- (b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 1 500 000.
- (c) Maximum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 80 %.
- (d) Minimum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 50 %.

#### 6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

86.

#### 7. Eligibility: Who may apply

Applicants must be non-profit-making and be a non-governmental organisation <sup>(4)</sup> or a higher education institution and normally have their headquarters within the European Union or in a beneficiary country.

#### 8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

November 2002.

<sup>(4)</sup> That is, not a State, national or international governmental institution or organisation or an organisation effectively controlled by such an institution. Whether a potential applicant is likely to be considered as effectively controlled by such an institution will depend on the extent to which such an applicant can demonstrate that it is independent of the State as regards decision-making, budgetary control and the appointment of staff (including members of its controlling body).

## 9. Award criteria

See section 2.3 of guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12.

## 10. Application format and details to be provided

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## 11. Deadline for applications

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS (DG EAC No 04/02)

### Joint actions: Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci and Youth programmes

(2002/C 103/07)

## 1. CONTEXT

The joint actions offer a possibility provided for in the decisions establishing the Socrates (education), Leonardo da Vinci (vocational training) and Youth<sup>(1)</sup> programmes to implement joint projects in order to encourage synergy.

Overall, the joint actions aim to promote a Europe of knowledge<sup>(2)</sup> and should focus on themes that by their very nature do not belong to one single domain — education, training and youth. They call on reinforced cooperation between actors from different sectors and fields of knowledge.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

With the general objective of promoting a Europe of knowledge, the joint actions aim to encourage the development of innovative approaches in the analysis and in the solutions to

problems which are transversal or which cut across several areas. This objective shall be attained notably by:

- cooperation between different sectors at different levels,
- transnational networking of different types of actors,
- removing barriers between modes of intervention.

The joint actions should provide added value by comparison with the individual actions under the programmes. Notably, the groups targeted by the different programmes will be able to participate in actions from which they would be excluded by the individual programmes and to pool their resources, environments and ideas in contributing to a shared goal. By definition, a joint action must be multidisciplinary. The interests of the different domains concerned must be taken into account in a balanced manner.

The potential promoters of 'joint action' projects are invited to develop networks *inter se*. Wherever necessary the Director-General for Education and Culture will invite tenderers to merge their proposals in order to benefit from cooperation between the different dimensions of a single theme.

<sup>(1)</sup> Socrates programme: Article 6 of Decision No 253/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 28, 3.2.2000), Leonardo da Vinci programme: Article 6 of Decision No 99/382/EC of the Council (OJ L 146, 11.6.1999), Youth programme: Article 6 of Decision No 1031/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 117, 18.5.2000).

<sup>(2)</sup> Communication from the Commission 'Toward a Europe of knowledge', COM(97) 563 of 12 November 1997.

### 3. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The budget available for this call is EUR 3,4 million. On the basis of this amount, the Director-General for Education and Culture envisages supporting a **limited number** of pilot projects, starting from 1 November 2002.

### 4. THEMES OF THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This call for proposals covers three themes. These themes reflect the common objectives of the three programmes Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci and Youth and also support the European Union's policy initiatives in the field of Europe and knowledge as defined in:

- the communication from the Commission 'Making a European area of lifelong learning a reality' <sup>(1)</sup>,
- the objectives for the education and training systems <sup>(2)</sup>,
- the Commission's White Paper: 'A new impetus for European youth' <sup>(3)</sup>.

The proposed themes will allow experimentation with the new innovative approaches (laboratories) and cooperation between the actors in the different domains concerned (networking).

#### 4.1. Theme 1: Social integration of target groups

##### Context

In line with the Commission's communication 'Making a European area of lifelong learning a reality', this theme follows up the approach of aligning the supply of education with the training of learners. It also contributes to implementing the White Paper on Youth, which prioritises social integration.

##### Objective

Identify priority target groups and develop a basket of activities to help them by mobilising all actors in the field of education, training, youth and culture. The objective is to put in place a limited number of innovative (laboratory) projects at local level on the basis of a multidisciplinary approach. A partnership will have to be developed between all players with a view to investing in the education and training of these target groups and promoting active citizenship. The development of basic skills and language learning will be considered as priority goals.

<sup>(1)</sup> Communication from the Commission: 'Making a European area of lifelong learning a reality', COM(2001) 678 of 21 November 2001.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council report, Doc 5680/01 EDUC 18.

<sup>(3)</sup> White Paper from the Commission: 'A new impetus for European youth', COM(2001) 681 of 21 November 2001.

### Content of the proposals and expected outcomes

The call for projects aims to promote the social integration of two to three clearly identified priority target groups. These target groups will be identified on the basis of their sociological characteristics, for example young people in difficulty, minorities, immigrants, migrants, the disabled, prisoners and ex-prisoners etc., or on the basis of their geographical characteristics, by targeting for example rural, border, industrial or urban zones, islands, etc. For these target groups, a partnership will be developed between all the organisations concerned, for example schools, training establishments, teachers, parents, associations and non-governmental organisations, local and regional authorities, social workers, professional organisations, enterprises, research centres and cultural bodies. The contribution of culture to education and social integration should be taken into account. The chosen approach must be focused and multidisciplinary, and in exploring the themes the stress must be on fighting racism and xenophobia and the problems of violence. The use of new information and communication technologies is strongly encouraged in the design of the cooperation strategies and, to this end, tenderers may consult the various actions and calls for proposals organised by the e-Learning initiative <sup>(4)</sup>.

### Budget

It is planned to support a limited number of projects with a ceiling of EUR 200 000 per project.

### Potential promoters

Transnational partnerships of organisations with experience in the field of social integration. Partnerships must also be able to ensure a strong impact on the identified target group. They must also be able to undertake the targeted and multidisciplinary work referred to above.

#### 4.2. Theme 2: Active citizenship of young people

##### Context

Active citizenship is one of the priority themes of the Commission White Paper 'A new impetus for European youth' <sup>(5)</sup>. According to the White Paper, citizenship and participation of young people can be developed primarily at local level. Promoting active citizenship is also part of the education and training process as described in the report on 'Concrete future objectives of education and training systems' <sup>(6)</sup>.

<sup>(4)</sup> Internet sites:  
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/elearning/index.html>  
 Tenderers are also invited to consult the regularly updated electronic magazine  
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/elearning/what.htm>.

<sup>(5)</sup> Commission White Paper: 'A new impetus for European youth', COM(2001) 681 of 21 November 2001.

<sup>(6)</sup> Council Report, Doc. 5680/01 EDUC 18.

**Objective**

The idea is to pool the resources offered by education, training and youth policy with a view to promoting citizenship — more precisely the development of participation, information, voluntary youth activities, and inter-cultural learning.

The idea is to mount a limited number of innovative (laboratory) projects at local level based on an interdisciplinary and targeted approach on the topic of citizenship.

**Content of the proposals and expected outcomes**

This theme should develop actions to promote active citizenship on the part of young people at local level, with a view to pooling experiences with other local bodies in other countries. The local partnership should involve several environments (education and training, civil society, cultural activities) and players (schools, local authorities, associations, parents, cultural bodies, etc.). The projects should make it possible to develop the following dimensions:

— *Participation of young people in decisions which concern them:*

The idea is to get young people to participate in decisions which concern them, at local, regional or national level, but also more widely in the construction of Europe. This participation will not be limited to the mechanisms of representative democracy but may also cover new forms of participation.

— *Information of young people and persons in contact with young people:*

Information is an important prerequisite for participation. The goal is to explain to young people in their own language the policies which concern them at different levels, including the European level.

— *Education focusing on citizenship:*

The idea is to open education and informal learning on social questions by focusing on the European society under construction.

— *Voluntary work at local level:*

Voluntary work can allow young people to experience social participation and widen their education. At the same time it can promote social integration and contribute in a very tangible way to combating prejudice.

— *Intercultural learning and European citizenship:*

The idea is to create a link between intercultural learning and the war on racism and xenophobia on the one hand and the feeling of belonging to a Europe based on the shared values of solidarity, equality and multiculturalism on the other hand.

The activities envisaged in the framework of this theme may be supplemented by mobility measures.

**Budget**

It is planned to support a limited number of projects with a ceiling of EUR 200 000 per project.

**Potential promoters**

Transnational partnerships of organisations with experience in the field of citizenship and youth participation. The partnerships must be also capable of undertaking multidisciplinary and innovative work as described above.

**4.3. Theme 3: Local guidance networks****Context**

The consultations in the framework of the communication 'Making a European area of lifelong learning a reality' have shown the need for consistent, integration-oriented, flexible and transparent guidance systems for citizens and have led to the recommendation for the development of networks of services transcending the existing frontiers. On this basis, it is necessary to promote the creation of local guidance structures and the development of support tools.

**Objective**

The idea is to put in place a limited number of local guidance projects, with the help of all the local players, in the domains of education, training, youth and culture. In addition, and in parallel, it is planned to develop tools to aid these local projects in the field of training and evaluation.

**Content of the proposals and expected outcomes**

The call for proposals aims to promote projects to develop and evaluate local networks with the help of all the actors concerned in the fields of education, training and youth. The objective of these local networks will be to provide coordinated information, guidance and counselling services for young people and adults, depending on their needs and requirements. These networks must be flexible so as to ensure they reach the maximum number of young people and adults.

The implementation of the projects will allow the development of model good practices in operating these networks, by promoting support activities such as training, guidance and evaluation models of the guidance networks. These networks will target: guidance services, persons responsible for education, training and employment, associations active in the field of guidance, schools at all levels, vocational training establishments, universities, public authorities, social partners, enterprises, non-governmental organisations, youth organisations, cultural bodies, libraries, etc.

The call for projects aims to develop certain tools for local level networking, for example training programmes, guidance and evaluation methods on the basis of cooperation at European level.

Secondly, it is planned to support certain projects to create local pilot networks which should lead to networking of the different local networks at European level.

#### **Budget**

A limited number of projects will be supported with a ceiling of EUR 250 000 per project and some local projects with a ceiling of EUR 200 000 per project.

#### **Potential promoters**

Transnational partnerships of organisations with experience in the operation of local guidance networks. The partnerships must also be able to ensure international dissemination of experience in the field of networking. Besides, they must include organisations which are perfectly qualified to undertake the analytical work described above.

#### **5. WHO CAN SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?**

Any institution and/or organisation meeting the eligibility criteria (see point 7(3)) and working in the fields covered by this call for proposals, that is to say, education, training and youth, may present themselves as applicant or coordinating/promoting organisation.

Each proposal must be submitted to the Commission by a single, coordinating/promoting institution/organisation within a transnational partnership.

#### **6. MAXIMUM DURATION OF PROJECTS**

Two years.

#### **7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Only proposals submitted on the official application form, completed in full, and received by the specified closing date (see point 10) will be considered.

Proposals should include the participation of at least four of the countries mentioned in point 7(3), of which at least two must be EU Member States. Proof of participation should be provided in the form of participation letters from the partner institutions.

#### **7.3. Eligibility of applicants**

The coordinating/promoting institution and/or other organisation must possess a legal identity.

Both the coordinating/promoting organisation and the partner organisations must be established in one of the 15 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Lithuania and Romania.

#### **8. SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Commission will attribute the grants after having taken into consideration the following criteria:

##### **Coverage across sectors**

Assessment of the following aspects:

- cooperation across sectors between the domains of education, training and youth,
- the cultural dimension of the proposed actions,
- the target public,
- demonstration of the added value of an approach across sectors in terms of objectives, work methods and expected results as compared with the 'classic' type of projects under the individual programmes.

##### **Innovative character**

Assessment of innovative aspects, in particular concerning:

- the forms of cooperation foreseen,
- the organisation and content of activities as well as the methods proposed, if appropriate,
- the composition of the partnership for each of the participating countries.

##### **Quality of the partnership**

The following aspects will be assessed:

- knowledge and experience of the members of the partnership against the areas to be addressed,

- understanding of the specific issues at stake in the implementation of a joint action project,
- capacity of the partners to involve the relevant actors at the different levels in the implementation of the project.

### **European added value**

The expected outcomes will be assessed on the basis of their potential for:

- being implemented on a trial basis at European level,
- transferability,
- promotion of good practice.

### **Dissemination and valorisation**

- In this context, the Commission will pay particular attention to the strategies and methods for disseminating the results envisaged (processes and products) and particularly in the use of the new information and communication technologies.
- The Commission will also assess the mechanisms to enhance the value of the results by aiming to integrate them in systems and practice at national level.

### **Organisational and budgetary aspects of the proposals**

The following elements will be assessed:

- work plan (for its clarity and its appropriateness with regard to the objectives and means proposed),
- project calendar,
- balance in the division of work between the partners,
- coherence of the budget with the work plan,
- monitoring and evaluation methodology,
- capacity for technical follow-up and financial capacity.

## **9. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

Community grants are an incentive to carry out an action which would not be able to be carried out without the financial support of the Commission, and are based on the principle of co-financing. They complement the applicant's own financial contribution and/or national, regional or local assistance that has been obtained elsewhere.

### **Financial contribution of the Community**

Up to 75 % of the eligible costs with a fixed ceiling (see point 4). Only costs made as from 1 November 2002 will be taken into consideration.

The grant application must include a detailed, provisional budget (a model of which is in annex to the form mentioned under point 10).

### **Eligible costs**

Only the categories of costs that follow are eligible, in so far as they are properly calculated and valued according to market conditions and that they can be identified and verified. They are direct costs incurred in the implementation of the project:

- personnel costs for working on the implementation of the action described in the proposal,
- travel, accommodation and subsistence costs related to the carrying out of the action (meetings, European encounters, mobility for training, etc.),
- publication and dissemination costs,
- equipment costs (in the case of purchase of hardware, only the annual depreciation can be taken into account),
- costs of consumables and stationery,
- communication costs,
- contingency provision with a ceiling of 5 % of the total direct costs eligible.

### **Ineligible costs**

Excluded from the co-financing budget request are costs incurred by a third party and not reimbursed by the beneficiary organisation; contributions in kind which do not involve a financial transaction; expenditure related to infrastructure acquisition (with the exception of the annual depreciation of material purchased); expenditure not related to the specific activities of the project (notably, running costs and/or expenditure related to statutory obligations); expenditure that is clearly unnecessary or excessive.

## **10. PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

### **Publication**

The call for proposals will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and disseminated on the Internet sites of the DG Education and Culture programmes at the following address:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/jointact\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/jointact_en.html)

or on the site of the Technical Assistance Office for Socrates, Leonardo and Youth at:

<http://www.socleoyouth.be>



**Application forms**

The grant requests should be made, using the form specifically designed for this purpose, in one of the 11 official EU languages. Please note that only typed applications will be taken into consideration.

The application forms (available in the 11 official EU languages) may be obtained on the Internet at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/jointact\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/jointact_en.html)

<http://www.socleoyouth.be>

or by writing to:

Technical Assistance Office  
Socrates, Leonardo and Jeunesse  
T-61  
B-1049 Brussels.

Only one copy of the form will be sent out per request.

**Proof of technical and financial capacity**

The application form must be accompanied by:

- the most recent activity report and/or the last statement of accounts of the coordinating/promoting institution,
- the curricula vitae of the persons responsible for the implementation of the project within each of the partner institutions.

**Presentation of the grant application**

Three copies of the grant application must be transmitted. It should provide complete information that can be checked against the criteria defined in points 7 and 8. All additional information that is considered necessary by the applicant can be included on separate sheets.

In addition, the applicant organisation must adjoin to the dossier, a copy of its statutes or articles of association, except if it is a public or semi-public organisation. This document must be provided in one of the 11 official EU languages.

The application must be duly completed, signed and accompanied by an official letter from the applicant organisation.

The applications must be sent to the address below by ordinary or registered post by **30 June 2002** at the latest (as per

postmark). Applications sent via Internet, fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

The envelopes should be addressed as follows:

Call for proposals 'Joint actions'  
Technical Assistance Office  
Socrates, Leonardo and Jeunesse  
T-61  
B-1049 Brussels.

**11. EXAMINATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF APPLICATIONS**

Applicants will be informed of the receipt of their proposals within 10 working days.

Only applications that fulfil the eligibility criteria will be considered for a possible grant. Ineligible applications will be responded to, indicating the reasons for their ineligibility.

All unsuccessful applicants will be informed in writing. The results of the selection will be communicated as soon as possible so that the projects can commence as rapidly as possible.

The selected proposals will be subject to detailed financial examination, at which stage the Commission may request complementary information from the persons responsible for the proposed actions.

In the event of final approval by the Commission, a financial contract, drawn up in euro and detailing the conditions and level of funding, will be concluded between the Commission and the beneficiary. This contract (the original) must be signed and returned to the Commission immediately.

**12. PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN**

According to the terms of the financial agreement, persons responsible for proposals approved and financed by the Commission must submit an interim report after six months and a final report on completion of the project. These reports, which should provide a succinct but complete description of the results of the activities outlined in the proposal, should also be accompanied by any publications produced (brochures, teaching material, videos, multimedia, press clippings, etc.).

The final financial statement, annexed to the final report, should show real costs and receipts. The beneficiary must set up an accounting system for the co-financed action and keep all original supporting documents for possible auditing for a period of five years as from the date of completion of the agreement.

**SOCRATES PROGRAMME****CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES**

(2002/C 103/08)

**1. OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL CONTEXT OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Socrates is the European Union's action programme in the field of education. Its purpose is to help enhance the quality and strengthen the European dimension of education, by promoting cooperation and mobility across the 30 countries participating in the programme. For Socrates to be fully successful, it is not enough for projects of good quality to be devised by the educational community and supported by the European Commission during their development and implementation phase. It is equally vital that the results and insights deriving from these projects are actively brought to the attention of those potentially interested and, where appropriate, the public in general.

With this aim in view, the Commission is developing a comprehensive strategy for the dissemination of the results of Socrates projects. This will be implemented in the form of a **three-year dissemination plan** covering the period 2001-2003.

The present call for proposals is an important part of this plan. Its purpose is to encourage the educational community to participate more actively and widely in the process of exchanging good practice and experience across Europe. By drawing attention to the outcomes and achievements of the projects supported under the various 'actions' of Socrates, the call also seeks to increase the visibility of the Socrates programme as a whole, throughout all of the 30 participating countries.

By inviting proposals for projects devoted specifically to dissemination, and by doing so across the Socrates programme as a whole, the call is designed to complement the dissemination activities which each specific project is expected to undertake, in particular within the institutions participating in the project and among those parts of the broader educational community with which the project partners are in direct contact. It also complements the dissemination-related initiatives that have been taken over the years by certain specific actions in the programme, notably Comenius and Erasmus in the school and higher education sectors respectively. For this reason, the present call, as set out in greater detail below, places particular (though not exclusive) emphasis on dissemination activities which go beyond the confines of any one action of the programme.

A further objective of the call is to contribute to the further development of dissemination strategies and methods that are relevant for Socrates-type activities. It is hoped that the dissemination projects to be supported pursuant to the call will open up new dissemination channels and demonstrate innovative, creative and imaginative dissemination approaches

which will, in the medium term, help improve the dissemination efforts undertaken by future projects under all actions of the Socrates programme.

Finally, by helping to draw together the results of several projects working in similar fields, or in a particular sector of education, or in particular regions and localities, or on a specific theme spanning several educational sectors, the present call for proposals should help to develop more effective links and synergies between the projects supported by the programme, thereby adding to their intrinsic value and supporting their sustainability over a longer period of time.

In all these ways, the call is seen as a means of helping to improve the overall effectiveness of the Socrates programme, and of ensuring that the Community funds invested in the programme generate the maximum return possible for the European educational community as a whole.

**2. RESULTS TO BE DISSEMINATED**

Under the present call, proposals are invited which aim to disseminate outcomes from one or more of the 'centralised actions' of the Socrates programme, i.e. those under which the projects for support are submitted to and selected by the Commission. Such outcomes may be either 'products', in the sense of tangible results, or 'processes' (i.e. the totality of the experience or know-how derived from the project or network, including methods of collaborating effectively across borders).

The centralised actions concerned are as follows:

**(a) projects or networks supported during the first phase (1995-1999) of the Socrates programme:****— Comenius (school education):**

— *Comenius action 2*: Transnational projects relating to intercultural education; education for the children of migrants, travellers and gypsies, and occupational travellers.

— *Comenius action 3.1*: Transnational projects for the in-service training of school education staff, and in particular the training courses developed by such projects.

**— Erasmus (higher education):**

— *Erasmus action 1*: European inter-university cooperation (curriculum development projects and intensive programmes supported within inter-university cooperation programmes in 1995-1996 or 1996-1997, and the institutional contracts awarded in 1997, 1998 or 1999).

- *Erasmus action 3*: Thematic networks.
  - **Adult education**
  - **Lingua (language learning)**:
    - *Lingua action A*: European cooperation programmes for language teacher training.
    - *Lingua action D*: Development of tools and materials for language teaching and learning.
  - **Open and distance learning (ODL)**
  - **Exchange of information and experience on education systems and policy**
  - **Complementary measures.**
- (b) **projects and networks supported so far during the second phase of Socrates, commencing in the year 2000** (proposals relating to the dissemination of outcomes from these projects and networks will be concerned more with cooperation processes than with final outcomes, as most of the projects and networks in question have not yet been completed):
- **Comenius (school education)**:
    - *Comenius 2.1*: European cooperation projects for the initial and in-service training of school education staff.
    - *Comenius 3*: Comenius networks.
  - **Erasmus (higher education)**:
    - *Erasmus action 1*: European inter-university cooperation (curriculum development projects and intensive programmes supported within the institutional contracts awarded in 2000 and 2001).
    - *Erasmus action 3*: Thematic networks.
  - **Grundtvig (adult education and other educational pathways)**:
    - *Grundtvig 1*: European cooperation projects.
    - *Grundtvig 4*: Grundtvig networks.
  - **Lingua (language learning)**:
    - *Lingua 1*: Promotion of language learning.
    - *Lingua 2*: Development of tools and materials.
  - **Minerva (open and distance learning; information and communication technologies in the field of education)**
  - **Observation of educational systems, policies and innovation (action 6.1)**

— **Accompanying measures.**

Dissemination projects which also seek to establish links with outcomes from projects supported under other Community programmes, such as Leonardo da Vinci, will be welcome.

**3. TYPES OF ORGANISATION LIKELY TO BE INTERESTED BY THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Any type of organisation demonstrating that it has the necessary capacity to carry out useful dissemination activities, may apply for support under the call. The following types of organisation are likely to be particularly interested in participating:

- organisations that are or have been involved in Socrates projects/networks either as coordinators or as partners,
- local and regional authorities,
- national authorities,
- important national bodies,
- associations active in the educational field,
- other agencies and institutions with expertise in dissemination of the results of education projects,
- social partners,
- NGOs (particularly with activities on women, disability, anti-racism).

Depending on the type of dissemination activity envisaged (see section 4 below), other types of organisation such as publishing houses and the media.

**4. TYPES OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES ENVISAGED**

The dissemination activities to be conducted by the projects supported under the call may be of any kind, provided they are demonstrably appropriate for the particular dissemination objectives the project aims to fulfil. A good dissemination project proposal will set out notably how it is intended to:

- identify good quality results of the particular Socrates projects/networks on whose results the dissemination project will be focusing its attention,
- ensure that a broader public, and in particular, those professionally concerned with the field covered, will be made familiar with the results to be disseminated, and how the results are to be presented for this purpose,
- define the particular target groups likely to be able to benefit from the results of the dissemination projects,

- make visible how projects and networks have been developed and implemented, and which collaborative processes have been particularly effective and why,
- set the results of Socrates projects in a larger framework, and relate them if possible to the results of other projects supported at regional, national or European level by other programmes,
- communicate the results in a professional way in order to achieve a possibly wide-reaching impact.

To be supported under the call, a dissemination project will need to do more than merely repeat the dissemination activities already carried out by the project/network concerned. Rather, it is expected that each dissemination project will draw together results deriving from a substantial range of projects/networks:

- either from one specific Socrates action (whether during the first or second phase of Socrates or both),
- or from several such actions.

With this coverage in view, the project will propose dissemination activities designed to ensure exploitation of project/network results:

- in several countries and/or regions, or at European level,
- in a specific thematic area,
- for specific target groups in the educational community/the interested public at large.

These three approaches may also be combined within one dissemination project.

The precise dissemination activities will depend on the dissemination objectives to be fulfilled by the project, in terms of the specific results to be disseminated, the countries/regions to be targeted, the thematic topics to be covered and the groups to be addressed. They may for example include the organisation of conferences, workshops, seminars, travelling exhibitions, information campaigns in the media (TV, newspapers, magazines, radio) and other awareness-raising activities, Internet-based activities (websites, information platforms, internet forums etc.) and various written forms of dissemination such as specialised periodicals or monographs, or texts written in appropriate publications for a wider audience.

Where activities involving information and communication technology are proposed, applicants will be expected to give precise details on the hardware and software to be used, and on the precise strategy envisaged for the development, implementation and maintenance of the websites etc. proposed.

## 5. POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISSEMINATION ON A THEMATIC BASIS

If an applicant wishes to propose a dissemination project oriented towards a particular thematic area, it is up to the applicant to make a case for choosing that area, indicating the reasons why that choice of thematic area is meaningful and relevant. Where such a thematic approach to dissemination is proposed, priority will normally be given to dissemination projects drawing together the results of Socrates projects and networks supported under more than one action of the programme in the thematic area chosen. Without being in any way exhaustive, the following list provides some examples of the kind of themes which might usefully be proposed:

- basic skills,
- education for citizenship (active participation in society),
- information and communication technology, media education, open and distance learning,
- intercultural learning; education relating to gypsies and travellers, ethnic minorities, people with itinerant occupations, combating racism and xenophobia,
- learning about Europe, European Union, European countries,
- raising awareness for a multilingual/multicultural Europe,
- language teaching and learning,
- the European dimension in a specific academic field of study or a multidisciplinary area,
- access to teaching and learning resources,
- education for parents and families/intergenerational learning,
- learning communities/cities/regions,
- gender issues,
- arts and culture,
- Health education
- environment education; education for sustainable development,
- consumer education,
- stimulation of demand for learning among socially marginalised groups,
- promotion of lifelong learning,

- initial and further training of teaching staff,
- initial and further training of managerial and administrative staff involved in education,
- innovation in the teaching/learning process,
- funding of transnational cooperation activities in the field of education,
- mobility for teachers and learners,
- curriculum development in a specific field or multidisciplinary area,
- Socrates contribution to enhancing employability,
- information services on education/guidance and counselling,
- certification, assessment, validation, accreditation of institutions and educational performance, self-assessment, credit for prior experiential learning, credit accumulation and transfer within a given country,
- methods for transnational transfer of study credits,
- quality assurance strategies, performance indicators in education,
- management of European cooperation activities,
- methods for evaluating European cooperation activities.

## 6. SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

The Commission will check the eligibility of proposals (see section 6.1) and assess those considered eligible against the general and specific quality criteria (see section 6.2). It may call upon independent experts to assist it in the selection process and reserves the right to request from applicants any additional information, particularly of a budgetary nature, which may be necessary.

### 6.1. Eligibility criteria

Proposals must be submitted on the official application form, which can be obtained from the address indicated in section 8 below. The form must be completed in full, in one of the 11 official languages of the European Community, and despatched (postmark) at the latest by the closing date and in accordance with the procedure specified in section 8 below.

Each proposal must be submitted by one 'coordinating organisation' on behalf of the whole partnership participating in the project. The coordinating organisation must have legal status and be located in one of the 15 Member States of the European Union, the three EFTA/EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or the 12 accession candidate countries participating in Socrates (Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia).

Each proposal must include participation from at least four of the countries mentioned above, of which at least one must be EU Member States. Proof of participation must be provided in the form of written confirmation from each of the partner institutions that it is in agreement with the application as submitted.

### 6.2. Selection criteria

#### 6.2.1. General selection criteria

Proposals will be assessed against the following general selection criteria, which refer to all projects under the 'centralised actions' of the Socrates programme:

- clarity of the dissemination project's objectives and target groups,
- clarity and consistency of the general design of the dissemination project, and likelihood of its attaining the desired goals within the project period,
- quality of the management of the dissemination project (commitment and balanced involvement of the partners, precise work plans and budget, clarity of coordination),
- quality of the arrangements proposed by the dissemination project to ensure that it is properly monitored and evaluated, for quality assurance of its outcomes and for assessing its impact at local/regional/national/European level,
- experience of the participating organisations and quality of their human and, where appropriate, technological resources,
- the project's potential contribution to enhancing quality and promoting innovation in the field concerned; relevance of the themes and activities chosen in the light of demonstrated need,
- concrete ways in which the project will promote equality between women and men and equal opportunities for disabled persons, and contribute to the fight against racism and xenophobia.

### 6.2.2. Specific selection criteria

In addition to the general selection criteria set out in section 6.2.1 above, preference will be given to those proposals which demonstrate:

- a convincing (i.e. plausible, appropriate and feasible) methodology for selecting the particular projects/networks whose results are to be disseminated, for assessing the quality of these results, and for determining their usefulness for a broader group of end-users than those involved in the project/network which initially produced them. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to select results drawn from a significant selection of countries in different parts of Europe,
- the need and importance, from a European perspective, for disseminating the results chosen by the dissemination project,
- a clear rationale for disseminating these results to the particular regions, countries and target groups addressed by the dissemination project (why these, and not others),
- the partnership's capacity and strategy for disseminating the results chosen to the regions, countries and target groups addressed by the dissemination project,
- how the dissemination project now proposed will produce genuine added value compared with the dissemination of results by each individual project/network,
- how the project proposes to overcome linguistic barriers in the dissemination of project results,
- a clear potential, through the dissemination activities envisaged, to stimulate innovation and experimentation with new educational concepts and models. Priority will be given to dissemination projects which go beyond the mere wider distribution of existing results, by indicating how these results can be effectively adapted and exploited in particular contexts,
- an innovative use of modern information and communication technology in the dissemination activities.

While dissemination projects focussing on one action of Socrates only are not excluded, proposals which intend to link up products and processes developed by projects/networks under two or more actions will be particularly welcome.

## 7. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The budget available for the dissemination activities to be supported under this call for proposals is around EUR 1,5 million, drawn from the Socrates centralised action budget for the year 2002. It is expected that some 15 to 30 dissemi-

nation projects, normally with an average Community grant in the range of EUR 50 000 to EUR 100 000 per project, will be supported. The Community grant will not cover more than 75 % of the total cost of each dissemination project. The Commission will take particular care to avoid any duplication of funding of dissemination activities through projects supported under the specific actions of Socrates and dissemination projects to be supported pursuant to this call.

Before taking a final decision on which proposals to support and the grant to be awarded in each case, the Commission will subject the shortlisted proposals to rigorous budgetary scrutiny. The total amount of funding provided for a project and the relative weight given to the activities for which it is awarded, may differ from those set out in the applicant's initial proposal.

Projects will be supported for a maximum of one year and should start from February 2003.

## 8. PROCEDURE AND CLOSING DATE SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

The application form (available in the 11 official EU languages) may be obtained on the Internet at: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/progr.html>, or from the Socrates, Leonardo and Youth Technical Assistance Office (TAO) at the postal address indicated below.

Applicants must comply with the specifications set out in the application form, notably as regards the number of copies to be submitted and the additional accompanying documents to be supplied.

Proposals should be addressed as follows:

'Call for proposals — Socrates dissemination'  
Socrates, Leonardo and Youth Technical Assistance Office (TAO)  
T-61  
B-1049 Brussels,

and despatched by ordinary or registered post by **1 October 2002** at the latest (as per postmark). Applications sent via Internet, fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

## 9. INFORMATION ON THE OUTCOME OF APPLICATIONS

The Commission will acknowledge the receipt of all applications as soon as possible after receiving them, and will notify applicants of the outcome of their application when the selection process has been completed (foreseen for January 2003).

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