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Call for proposals under the multiannual Community Programme on promoting safer use of the Internet and new online technologies (Safer Internet plus)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. Objectives and description

The European Commission has adopted a Work Programme and a Call for proposals to implement the Safer Internet plus Programme ⁽¹⁾.

The present call is open for proposals addressing the following actions:

1. *Fighting against illegal content*

1.1. Integrated network: Hotlines for reporting illegal content.

1.2. Integrated network: Hotline co-ordinator.

1.3. Targeted project: Enhancing law enforcement agencies' analysis of illegal material.

2. *Tackling unwanted and harmful content*

There will not be a call for new actions under this action line in 2008.

3. *Promoting a safer environment*

3.1. Knowledge enhancement projects: Online victimisation of children.

3.2. Knowledge enhancement projects: Strengthening the knowledge base.

4. *Awareness-raising*

4.1. Integrated network: Awareness nodes.

4.2. Integrated network: Awareness network co-ordinator.

4.3. Integrated network: Helplines, where children can raise concerns about illegal and harmful content and uncomfortable or scary experiences related to their use of online technologies.

⁽¹⁾ Decision No 854/2005/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 May 2005 adopting a multiannual Community Programme on promoting safer use of the Internet and new online technologies (OJ L 149, 11.6.2005, p. 1).

2. Eligible applicants

The call for proposals under this Work Programme is open to all legal entities established in the Member States. It is also open to participation of legal entities established in EFTA States which are contracting parties to the EEA Agreement (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein).

It is furthermore open to legal entities established in Turkey, Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁽¹⁾. If proposals submitted by legal entities from these countries are selected for funding, a grant agreement will only be signed once the necessary steps have been taken for the country concerned to join the Programme through signature of a bilateral agreement. Up to date information on which countries are part of the Programme is available on the programme website at: <http://ec.europa.eu/saferinternet>.

Legal entities established in third countries and international organisations may take part in all projects at their own expense.

3. Budget

The indicative total budget available for this call is EUR 13,11 million of Community contribution under the 2008 budget.

4. Deadline

The deadline for receipt of proposals by the Commission is **28 May 2008 at 17.00 (Luxembourg local time)**.

5. Further information

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

<http://ec.europa.eu/saferinternet>

All applications must comply with the specifications and conditions described in the full text of the call for proposals, the Work Programme and the Guide for proposers which are available in English on the Commission's above-mentioned internet site. These include information on how to prepare and submit proposals.

The evaluation of proposals will be based on the principles of transparency and equality of treatment. It will be carried out by the Commission with the assistance of outside experts. Each submission will be assessed on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in the Safer Internet *plus* 2008 Work Programme.

All proposals received by the European Commission will be treated in strict confidence.

⁽¹⁾ Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part (OJ L 84, 20.3.2004, p. 13). Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the general principles for the participation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in Community programmes (OJ L 192, 22.7.2005, p. 23).