

COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — ENTR/CIP/09/E/N02S001

Entrepreneurial culture of young people, and entrepreneurship education

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1. Objectives and description

This action aims to support the implementation of the Small Business Act, in particular its Principle 1, and of the Oslo Agenda for Entrepreneurship Education in Europe by promoting winning ideas in the field of education for entrepreneurship and in improving the entrepreneurial mindsets of the European youth.

Projects will be supported having some of the following objectives (priority areas):

Lot 1:

- establishing a cross-European workshop programme for entrepreneurship professors in higher education to share knowledge and learn from practitioners (Entrepreneurship Summer Academy).

Lot 2:

- creating a common on-line platform for entrepreneurship educators and related practitioners,
- creating a European Entrepreneurship Educators Network,
- fostering entrepreneurship among female university graduates,
- fostering the entrepreneurial mindsets of young people outside the educational environment,
- developing innovative and practice-based teaching material on entrepreneurship for higher (university) education, in particular by using real cases and experiential learning.

Activities must have a clear European added value. Proposals not falling into the above-mentioned priority areas can be also selected, under Lot 2, if they correspond to an initiative listed in the Oslo Agenda for Entrepreneurship Education in Europe and provide a major added value.

The Oslo Agenda for Entrepreneurship Education in Europe can be consulted and downloaded at:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/entrepreneurship/support_measures/training_education/doc/oslo_agenda_final.pdf

2. Eligible applicants

Applications must be submitted by a legal entity. Corporate bodies must be properly constituted and registered under the law.

Any public or private entity can participate in this call for proposals, provided that they can prove to have the specific experience requested under point 6.3 of this call. This may include in particular:

- public administrations at all levels; national, regional and local authorities,
- educational institutions (primary and secondary schools, vocational schools, universities, etc.),
- NGOs, associations and foundations active in the related fields,
- education and training providers (public and private),
- chambers of commerce and industry and similar bodies,
- business associations and business support networks.

Applications from legal entities established in one of the following countries are eligible:

- EU Member States,
- EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway,
- Accession countries, candidate countries and other countries participating to the CIP: Albania, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Israel, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

The Commission may select proposals from applicants in accession countries, candidate countries or other countries, provided that, on the date of selection, agreements have been signed setting out the arrangements for the participation of those countries in the Entrepreneurship and Innovation work programme for 2009 pursuant to European Parliament and Council Decision No 1639/2006/EC establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme — CIP (2007-2013).

3. Budget and project duration

The **maximum budget** allocated for the operation is approx. EUR 2 750 000.

Indicative number of projects/average size:

For Lot 1, no more than 2 projects will be supported.

For Lot 2, no more than 10 projects will be supported.

Community co-financing ceiling:

Only projects requiring a minimum EU funding of EUR 200 000, but no more than EUR 500 000 will be supported.

Community co-financing rate of eligible costs:

For Lot 1, up to 60 %.

For Lot 2, up to 50 %.

Scheduled starting date of projects: 1 November 2009.

Maximum duration of projects:

Lot 1: 36 months.

Lot 2: 15 months.

4. Deadline

Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than 20 April 2009.

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/enterprise/funding/index.htm>

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