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Welcome

Welcome to issue 18 of our Bulletin. Various calls have been announced this month, details and weblinks are provided in the pages that follow. If you or any of your colleagues are interested in responding to any of the calls, then we are here to support you, so please feel free to contact us. You will find a summary of the support we offer on page 20 of this bulletin.

HEEFS website

Our new website was launched earlier this month, some of you may have already visited it, but if not please take a look and let us know what you think. The website provides information about HEEFS, our mission, role and services and is an information resource on a wide range of EU Programmes offering opportunities for UK HEIs.

Our activities

During the last month we have worked in collaboration with an HEI preparing a proposal for the LIFE+ Programme; provided advice and support to an HEI preparing applications for the Culture Programme; and advised an Institution on the development of projects for the Lifelong Learning Programme. This work will continue during the summer when we will also begin work with a number of HEIs to assess their capacity to participate in and benefit from EU Programmes.

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Progress Programme

Calls for Proposals

I. Restructuring, well-being at work and financial participation

VP/2010/013

Deadline: 30 July 2010

Background

Progress is the EU's employment and social solidarity programme, set up to support the EU's objectives in terms of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities. A summary of the Programme and further information can be obtained from our website:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=49>

Purpose of the call

This call aims to fund projects concerned with the development and dissemination of expertise in anticipating, preparing and providing socially acceptable responses when employment restructuring occurs; taking into consideration health and well-being at work and the promotion of financial participation of workers. It is to be delivered through 3 sub-programmes:-

- I. Improvement of expertise in restructuring
- II. Better understanding of health and well-being at work during change
- III. Promoting the financial participation of workers

The overall budget for 2010 is €1.26m.

The Sub-programmes in detail

I. Improvement of expertise in restructuring

Objectives

- To promote exchanges of information and experience and to develop capabilities of the parties taking active part in restructuring and to promote good practices in Europe
- To encourage activities in the context of partnerships either within companies or externally
- To develop at national level tools to anticipate the future skills needs of various sectors in order to make workers more employable and offer companies a better match between their needs and the training offered to workers and students

Eligible activities

- Meetings
- Organisation of round tables, exchanges of experiences and networks of actors/experts, notably in the area of identifying needs and skills at sectoral level
- Studies and other initiatives to reinforce the collection and exploitation of information on the national systems in force and on good practices
- Conferences and seminars on restructuring and best practices

II. Better understanding of health and well-being at work during change

Objectives

- to promote activities by or with enterprises, social partners and other authorities to prevent and treat health problems of workers faced with restructuring
- to raise awareness of stress factors and resistance to change during restructuring

- to encourage activities to prevent the negative impact of change in terms of health and psychosocial risks
- to produce recommendations and a guide of good practice to avoid or reduce the harmful consequences of restructuring on human health and identify preventive measures.

Eligible activities

- creation of expert networks in psychosociology and health at work
- programmes intended to prevent or treat the negative impact of restructuring on workers' health
- organisation of seminars, conferences and round-tables etc.

III. Promoting the financial participation of workers

Objectives

- To exchange information and good practices to promote the financial participation of workers, including with regard to corporate governance aspects

Eligible activities

- Meetings, seminars and conferences
- Training activities

Technical Features

- Start date must fall between 22 November and 22 December 2010
- Maximum duration of a project will be 12 months
- Maximum grant rate is 80% of eligible costs
- Projects must have a transnational dimension (i.e. be promoted by a European (or international) organisation; or involve partners (or participants) from various countries participating in the Progress Programme¹; or cover clearly transnational problems)

Selection Criteria

In addition to an assessment of the financial and technical capacity of the applicant organisation, applications will be assessed against the following criteria:-

Criteria	Percentage of score available
Extent to which the proposal meets the priorities of the call	30%
Extent to which the proposal has a genuine transnational dimension	10%
Quality of the partnership	10%
Added value and innovativeness of the activity	10%
Lasting impact and/or multiplier effect of the activity	10%
Arrangements for publicising the activity and the dissemination methods envisaged	10%
Overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget explanation	10%
Financial quality including cost effectiveness	10%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for proposals can be found at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=264&furtherCalls=yes>

¹ EU member states, EFTA/EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein), EU candidate countries (Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Turkey) and Serbia

Progress Programme

Calls for Proposals

2. Social Experimentation

VP/2010/007

Deadline: 31 August 2010

Background

Progress is the EU's employment and social solidarity programme, set up to support the EU's objectives in terms of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities. A summary of the Programme and further information can be obtained from our website:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=49>

Purpose of the call

This call seeks to promote social experimentation as a source of innovation in the social policies falling within the open method of coordination applied to social protection and social inclusion (the social OMC) in the EU.

Social experiments are intended to:-

- Provide innovative answers to social needs
- Initially be undertaken on a small scale owing to existing uncertainty as to their effects
- Be implemented in conditions which ensure the possibility of measuring their effects
- Be repeated on a wider scale if the results prove convincing

Projects should therefore contribute to developing and testing socially innovative approaches to EU policy priorities in the context of the social OMC, such as social inclusion, housing exclusion and homelessness, child poverty and social inclusion of migrants. Particular emphasis is placed on projects with a focus on the social inclusion of young people. The Commission would also welcome innovative projects related to the transition from institutional care to community based alternatives in respect of the elderly, children and people with disabilities.

It is intended that projects selected will increase mutual learning across the EU, they must, therefore, be transnational in nature, involving partner organisations from at least one other country participating in the Progress Programme. Proposals should address networking activities, evaluation and transferability. The Commission is keen to transfer the results of the projects to the ESF authorities in Member States and to encourage them to use ESF to implement the outcomes in their own delivery.

The budget for this call is €2.5m and it is expected to fund around 10 projects.

Technical Features

- Maximum grant rate is 80% of eligible costs
- Projects must involve partners from at least one other country participating in the Progress Programme
- Projects must start between 1 January and 31 March 2011
- Maximum duration for a projects is 24 months, minimum duration is 12 months

Selection Criteria

In addition to an assessment of the financial and technical capacity of the applicant organisation, applications will be assessed against the following criteria:-

Criteria

- Relevance and degree to which the proposal meets the objectives of the call, and the needs of the target groups
- Methodology used to address the issues, including the quality of the evaluation framework
- Consistency of the project with the social inclusion objectives promoted by the EU, in particular with respect to the open method of coordination
- Innovative character of the proposed action
- Mutual learning: the extent to which the proposal contributes to enhancing mutual learning and policy adaptations and to improving governance
- Impact: the extent to which the project responds to the needs of the target groups and will provide them with sustainable benefits
- Transnational dimension: added value at European level in view of the project's ability to ensure exchange of information, transfer of experience and dissemination of results.

Further Information

All information relating to this call for proposals can be found at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=263&furtherCalls=yes>

Progress Programme

Call for Tenders

Background

Progress is the EU's employment and social solidarity programme, set up to support the EU's objectives in terms of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities. There are currently 6 calls for tenders, which may be of interest to HEIs, to undertake a range of studies into specific areas of concern to the Programme. Details of each call are set out below. A summary of the Programme and further information can be obtained from our website:- <http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=49>

1. Study on 'The impact of the global economic crisis on decent work and decent work policies in key emerging economies',

Deadline: 13 July 2010

VT/2010/20

Purpose of the contract

The study aims to contribute to the Commission's long term policy priorities in relation to improving decent work for all on a global scale and to achieving more and better jobs in the EU labour market.

Specifically, the Commission requires the study to inform on how far the world economic downturn, since 2008, has impacted on the promotion of decent work at the global level, and in particular in selected emerging economies (i.e. China, India and Brazil). The study should look at the consequences of these global developments on the EU economy to feed into the Commission's knowledge base and specifically the forthcoming progress report on decent work.

The tender documentation identifies 4 tasks to be undertaken by the contractor, as follows:-

- 1) Review of available information, literature research
- 2) Analyse the impact of the crisis on decent work policies in selected emerging economies, notably China, Brazil and India
- 3) Analyse possible impact of the new global economic context following the global crisis on labour markets in the EU
- 4) Prepare a final report

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 12 months
- Maximum size of contract is €200,000

Selection Criteria

Contractors will be required to demonstrate their technical and financial capacity to deliver the contract. The contract will be awarded to the bid offering the best price/quality ratio, taking account of the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of score available
Approach	25%
Methodology	50%
Work organisation	25%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for tenders is available at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=261&furtherCalls=yes>

2. Study on Employment policy priorities including development of a methodological capacity to strengthen employment dimension of the EU 2020 Agenda

Deadline: 4 August 2010

VT/2010/16

Purpose of the contract

The Europe 2020 Strategy identifies the following three priorities for economic growth:-

- Smart growth which means strengthening knowledge and innovation as drivers for our future growth
- Green growth which means building a sustainable and competitive economy, exploiting Europe's leadership in the race to develop greener and cleaner technology
- Inclusive growth which means empowering people through high levels of employment and fighting poverty and exclusion

In order to inform the employment policy elements of this strategy the Commission requires a framework for assessing Member States' progress in terms of employment objectives. The purpose of the study, therefore, is twofold:-

- To provide the Commission with a proposal for an economic model or framework to help ranking the urgency of action in key employment policy areas at Member State and EU level. This proposal should identify policy areas representing the most significant potential in terms of growth and jobs within Member States and the EU level. Criteria for policy assessment should also be formulated, including theoretical and empirical guidance for assessing policy response in these different key policy areas.
- To provide the Commission with a proposal for a transparent assessment methodology to evaluate and determine Member State and EU progress made within the employment field of the new EU2020 strategy. The purpose of this task is to analyse and provide an overall approach for how yearly progress towards employment (and social) objectives within a new strategy can be monitored and evaluated in a transparent, comparable and justifiable manner. A concrete set of adequate assessment indicators should be proposed, building on the indicators already existing within the European Employment Strategy.

Tasks to be carried out by the contractor include the following:-

- Determine policy priorities
- Establish a transparent assessment methodology

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 12 months
- Maximum size of contract is €200,000

Selection Criteria

Contractors will be required to demonstrate their technical and financial capacity to deliver the contract. The contract will be awarded to the bid offering the best price/quality ratio, taking account of the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of score available
Quality of the offer	30%
Methodological approach	70%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for tenders is available at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=270&furtherCalls=yes>

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3. Study on ‘Short-time working arrangements during the crisis and lessons to learn’

Deadline: 4 August 2010

VT/2010/17

Purpose of the contract

In response to the current economic crisis European Governments have invested heavily in Short Time Work Arrangements (STWAs). These arrangements, which allow employers access to temporary state assistance to top up wages of workers with reduced working hours due to the crisis, have allegedly protected European jobs from the initial impact of the recession.

The objective of the study is to collect information on the functioning of STWAs. The study is expected to be empirical, based on micro-data and to compare behaviour across different recessions and countries. The questions to be answered by the study are as follows:-

- 1) In EU countries, has the application of STWAs specifically protected jobs in the EU labour market to date, and if so, how many jobs were saved?
- 2) How does the protection offered by the current schemes compare to earlier performance of similar measures in previous crisis situations?
- 3) How have the governments concerned designed the current STWA support schemes?
- 4) How have the schemes limited the risks of deadweight losses connected to these measures?
- 5) If circumstances where the STWA required the provision of work-related training, what has been the impact on the employability of the workers concerned?
- 6) What is the role of different stakeholders in defining the general rules and regulations of the STWA, and on the criteria for firms to participate, and on the decisions on whether a firm will participate in the STWA?
- 7) How are threats and opportunities stemming from the use of STWA distributed regarding the positions of different groups of workers hold in the labour market
- 8) Member States differ in the specifics of the STWAs they implemented and in the amounts of public funding used for this. STWAs can vary in their effectiveness and impact on national and external labour markets and economics. Which mechanism can cause national STWAs to have positive or negative effects on neighbouring countries?

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 12 months
- Maximum size of contract is €150,000

Selection Criteria

Contractors will be required to demonstrate their technical and financial capacity to deliver the contract. The contract will be awarded to the bid offering the best price/quality ratio, taking account of the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of score available
Quality of the offer	30%
Methodological approach	70%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for tenders is available at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=271&furtherCalls=yes>

4. Study on the apprenticeship supply in Member States

Deadline: 4 August 2010

VT/2010/18

Purpose of the contract

The objective of this study is to provide an overview of apprenticeship-type schemes in VET in the 27 Member States of the EU, with a focus on recent developments including in the context of the crisis. This overview should briefly describe the main features of these schemes and discuss their effectiveness in raising employability and facilitating labour market transitions. The possible effects of the crisis on such schemes should also be discussed and recommendations should be made on whether and how the availability of apprenticeship places could be increased. The European dimension should be addressed by including information about geographical mobility in apprenticeship-based VET.

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 12 months
- Maximum size of contract is €200,000

Selection Criteria

Contractors will be required to demonstrate their technical and financial capacity to deliver the contract. The contract will be awarded to the bid offering the best price/quality ratio, taking account of the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of score available
Quality of the offer	40%
Methodological approach	60%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for tenders is available at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=272&furtherCalls=yes>

5. Study on a comprehensive overview on traineeship arrangements in Member States

Deadline: 4 August 2010

VT/2010/19

Purpose of the contract

Under the new Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth the Commission intends to launch a Youth employment framework outlining policies aimed at reducing youth unemployment rates. This framework will promote the implementation of various methods (such as internships, stages or other work experience i.e. what the Commission terms 'traineeships') to smooth the entry of young people into the labour market.

The study will provide a comprehensive overview of the legal frameworks and current practices of traineeships in all EU Member States. In particular it will present:-

- An overview per Member State of the legislation governing traineeships and of current practices
- Information about the availability of traineeship places in the public and private sector
- Information about public or private programmes or schemes in Member States for funding traineeships
- Information about the use of traineeships schemes as a component of active labour market policies in Member States
- A discussion and assessment of the quality aspects of traineeships in Member States

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 12 months
- Maximum size of contract is €400,000

Selection Criteria

Contractors will be required to demonstrate their technical and financial capacity to deliver the contract. The contract will be awarded to the bid offering the best price/quality ratio, taking account of the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of score available
Quality of the offer	40%
Methodological approach	60%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for tenders is available at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=273&furtherCalls=yes>

6. Study on 'Monitoring of sectoral employment'

Deadline: 23 August 2010

VT/2010/09

Purpose of the contract

In view of the severe impact of the financial crisis on activity and employment, a European Economic Recovery Plan (EERP) was put in place, including a monitoring of the EU employment and social situation. Since February 2009, a monthly Labour Market Monitoring report reviews the latest labour market trends with a special focus on specific sector developments.

To further underpin this monitoring and to understand the sector implications of crisis recovery and exit strategies, this study aims at systematic analysis of the interdependencies and linkages between the sectors, their sensitivity to cyclical variations and measures, and sector strategies which could reinforce the employment dimension of the crisis exit and EU 2020 strategy.

The study will provide a comprehensive collection and a long-term analysis of key sectoral data with a view to identify and monitor sectoral employment developments and inter-dependencies. The impact of the crisis will be analysed for a representative set of sectors, paying special attention to flexicurity, skills outsourcing and restructuring, labour productivity, technological change etc.

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 12 months
- Maximum size of contract is €200,000

Selection Criteria

Contractors will be required to demonstrate their technical and financial capacity to deliver the contract. The contract will be awarded to the bid offering the best price/quality ratio, taking account of the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of score available
Quality of the offer	40%
Methodological approach	60%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for tenders is available at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=269&furtherCalls=yes>

Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport

Calls for Proposals

Transnational networks and sharing good practice

EAC/22/2010

Deadline: 31 August 2010

Background

This preparatory action is designed to support the Commission's priorities in the field of sport as set out in the White Paper on Sport (http://ec.europa.eu/sport/white-paper/index_en.htm). The objective is to test the establishment and functioning of suitable networks and good practices to serve as the basis for future programmes and activities in the field of sport.

This call for proposals will support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or civil society organisation in order to identify and test suitable networks in the following areas:-

- a) Fight against doping
- b) Promoting social inclusion in and through sport
- c) Promoting volunteering in sport

The budget available for this call is €2.5m.

Priorities for support

Support is available for transnational networks and the sharing of good practice. Basic research or one-off conferences will not be considered a priority. Conferences can only be funded if they form part of a wider range of activities.

The activities to be supported under each of the priorities identified above are as follows:-

- a) Fight against doping – support is available for anti-doping projects focusing on prevention measures targeting amateur sport, sport for all and/or fitness
 - Indicative number of projects to be supported = 5
 - Indicative funding allocation = €1m
 - Minimum size of network: partners from at least 5 EU Member States
- b) Promoting social inclusion through sport – support for transnational projects focussing on migrants
 - Indicative number of projects to be supported = 5
 - Indicative funding allocation = €1m
 - Minimum size of network: partners from at least 5 EU Member States
- c) Promoting volunteering in sport – transnational projects that foster exchange of best practices regarding, in particular legal, fiscal and funding-related aspects of voluntary activity in sport
 - Indicative number of projects to be supported = 3
 - Indicative funding allocation = €0.5m
 - Minimum size of network: partners from at least 5 EU Member States

Technical Features

- Grant rate is up to 80% of eligible costs (staff costs may not exceed 50% of eligible costs)
- Projects must start between 1 December 2010 and 31 March 2011

Selection Criteria

Applicants are required to demonstrate that they have the financial and technical capacity to carry out the project. In addition proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of overall score
Overall compliance with the objectives of the call for proposals	20%
Structure and coherence of the project	20%
Consistency, relevance and quality of the network	20%
Expected outputs of the project	10%
Dissemination and exploitation strategy	10%
Long lasting impact	10%
European added value	10%

Further Information

Information relating to this call for proposals is available from:-

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc866_en.htm

ICI Education Cooperation Programme Australia & Republic of Korea

Call for proposals

Deadline: 6 September 2010

EACEA/I4/I0

Background

The Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI) promotes cooperation between the EU and 17 industrialised and other high income countries and territories in North America, the Asia Pacific region and the Gulf region. One of the areas it supports is 'people-to-people links' with the aim of enhancing mutual understanding between cultures and to facilitating knowledge exchange.

One of the activities supported is bilateral cooperation projects in higher education and training. A summary of the ICI Education Cooperation Programme (ICI-ECP) is available on our website at <http://www.heefs.ac.uk/europrogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=45>.

The specific objectives of the programme are:-

- To support cooperation between HEIs with a view to promoting joint study programmes and mobility
- To foster mobility of students between the EU and partner countries by promoting transparency, mutual recognition of qualifications and periods of study, research and training and, where appropriate, portability of credits
- To support the mobility of professionals (teaching and admin staff) with a view to improving mutual understanding of, and expertise in, issues relevant to the relations between the EU and partner countries
- To exchange best practices in the field of HE and to promote knowledge building and sharing on horizontal issues of common interest for the EU and partner countries

This call is concerned with **Joint Mobility** and **Joint Degree** projects between countries in the EU and specific partner countries – Australia and the Republic of Korea. The ICI-ECP provides funding for international curriculum development and mobility projects between the EU and the partner countries. Support includes mobility grants for students and staff and fixed amounts to contribute to the costs of administration. Projects are selected and funded bilaterally by the EU and the partner country.

The budget for this call is around €2.45m for the EU partners, similar levels of funding will be made available in the partner countries. The Commission expected to fund between 3 and 4 partnerships with each of the 2 partner countries.

Eligible Activities

Joint Mobility Projects

Support is available for projects at **either** Bachelor's, Master's level or for vocational education and training. Support is not available for doctorate level programmes. Projects must focus one or more of the following:-

- structured exchanges of students and
- joint development of joint or shared curricula (i.e. combining existing modules, developing innovative curricula, applying new teaching methods);
- joint study programmes
- structured staff exchanges

Projects are funded for 3 years and will comprise two phases:-

Phase 1 – preparatory phase focusing on establishing the partnership; agreeing credit recognition and details of the mobility aspects

Phase 2 – student mobility, language learning and curricular development

Overall projects must address the following components:-

- curriculum development
- student services, language and cultural preparation
- student mobility
- staff mobility
- evaluation
- sustainability and dissemination

Joint Degree Projects

Funding is provided over a 4 year period to support the development and implementation of dual/double or joint degrees (bachelor or master level). These projects must focus primarily on curriculum development and implementation. The project should result in a degree which can be awarded by all members of the consortium so that a student receives a Joint Degree from at least 1 HEI in the partner country and from at least 1 HEI in the EU.

Project proposals must address the following components:-

- joint study programme
- student mobility
- staff mobility
- language and culture training
- evaluation
- sustainability and dissemination

Technical Features

Size of partnership –

Joint Mobility Projects – must include at least 3 HEIs from 3 different EU Member States and at least 2 HEIs from ROK or 3 from Australia

Joint Degree Projects – must include at least 2 HEIs from 2 different EU Member States and at least 2 from either ROK or Australia

Maximum Project Size in terms of funding –

Joint Mobility Projects - €232,500 for projects involving 3 EU HEIs/ €310,000 for projects involving 4+ EU HEIs

Joint Degree Projects - €465,000

Type of Funding

Funding will be available in the form of:-

- fixed amounts/lump sums for administering the project
- grants for student mobility (subsistence and travel expenses)
- grants for staff mobility (subsistence and travel expenses)

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be assessed for their:-

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| • significance for the relationship between the EU and the partner country | 25% |
| • contribution to quality and excellence | 25% |
| • quality of the implementation proposed | 50% |

Further Information

Details of this call for proposals can be found at:-

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/ici-ecp/funding/2010/call_2010_en.htm

Youth in Action Call for proposals

Action 4.5 Support to information activities for young people and those active in youth work and youth organisations

Deadline: 10 September 2010

EACEA/12/10

Background

The Youth in Action Programme aims to respond at European level to the needs of young people from adolescence to adulthood. The eligible age range for participants is young people aged between 13 and 30 (depending upon the action). It is operational for the period 2007 -2013 and has an overall budget of €885m.

The Programme has 5 objectives:-

- To promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular
- To develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the EU
- To foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries
- To contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth sector
- To promote European cooperation in the youth sector

A summary of the programme is available from our website at:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/showprogramme.asp?recordid=64&docsectionid=3&subsectionid=52>

Purpose of the call

The purpose of this call is to support projects which promote information and communication activities with a European dimension that are aimed at young people and youth leaders. The ultimate is, in the long term, to encourage the participation of young people in public life and to facilitate the achievement of their potential as active responsible European citizens. The budget available for this call is €1m.

Preference will be given to projects which best reflect the permanent priorities of the Youth in Action programme, namely:-

- participation of young people
- cultural diversity
- European citizenship
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

Preference will also be given to projects reflecting the following annual priorities of the call:-

- Media literacy
- Global issues affecting young people, such as climate change, sustainable development, migrations and Millennium Development Goals

Eligible Activities and opportunities for UK HEIs

Youth in Action activities cannot be part of mainstream education programmes, but students would be an eligible target group, so HEIs might like to consider relevant extracurricular activities. The Programme also offers opportunities for the dissemination of research findings in the areas associated with young people and youth work which may be of interest to certain research centres. The call identifies an indicative list of activities that may be supported as follows:-

- 1) Involving young people in information and communication activities:-
 - a. Organising workshops/training for young people interested in information and communication issues
 - b. 'Learning by doing' information products to be developed and disseminated by young people
 - c. Organising information campaigns on relevant topics, developed by young people
- 2) Encouraging the participation of young people
 - a. Stimulating interaction of young people with media
 - b. Promoting other forms of active use of the media, through interactive TV, internet etc.
 - c. Promoting critical approaches to the media
 - d. Stimulating interest in the media
 - e. Increasing access to information
- 3) Providing and disseminating high quality information addressed to young people
 - a. Organising workshops or training for youth workers/representatives of organisations active in the youth field on how to communicate with young people
 - b. Developing and disseminating high quality information products designed specifically for young people
 - c. Exchanging best practices in the field of information and communication activities addressed to young people
- 4) Increasing media interest in youth issues
 - a. Organising ambitious information campaigns in youth issues to increase the media coverage in this field
 - b. Creating networks of information channels dealing with youth issues
 - c. Creating data bases of media/journalists dealing with youth issues for dissemination purposes
- 5) Promoting better knowledge of youth
 - a. Developing, translating and disseminating periodicals, journals, and publications in the area of youth policy and research

Technical Features

- Project duration must be between 12 and 18 months
- Projects must start between 1 January 2011 and 31 March 2011
- Maximum grant request is €100,000
- Grant rate is up to 80% of eligible costs
- Projects must involve at least 2 partners from 2 different countries

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria

Relevance of the project to the objectives and priorities of the call	30%
Quality of the project and the working methods it proposes	50%
Profile and number of promoters involved in the project	20%

Further Information

Full details of this call for proposals can be found at:-

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2010/call_action_4_5_en.php

Criminal Justice Programme

Call for proposals

Deadline: 15 September 2010

JLS/2010/JPEN/AG

Background

The Criminal Justice Programme is a sub-programme of the European Commission's Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme. It is specifically aimed at promoting judicial cooperation between Member States. A summary of the Programme can be found on our website at the following address:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/showprogramme.asp?recordid=52&docsectionid=3&subsectionid=43>

This Programme has four main objectives:-

- To promote judicial cooperation with the aim of contributing to the creation of a genuine European area of justice in criminal matters based on mutual recognition and mutual confidence
- To promote compatibility in rules applicable in the Member States in order to improve judicial cooperation
- To improve contacts and exchange of information and best practices between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions and to foster judiciary training, with a view to enhancing mutual trust
- To further improve mutual trust with a view to ensuring protection of rights of victims and of the accused.

Purpose of the Call

This call for proposals is concerned with 'action grants' for projects concerned with the following priorities:-

- Judicial training
- Supporting, or improving the implementation of adopted EU Instruments with a view to networking and exchanging best practice among practitioners, including on procedural rights and restorative justice
- Supporting victims of crime
- Interconnection of criminal records
- European e-justice

Projects may be of two types 'national' or transnational, as follows:-

- National projects (i.e. projects carried out in a single Member State) are eligible where they are
 - i. Preparing transnational projects and/or Union actions
 - ii. Complementing transnational projects and/or Union actions
 - iii. Contributing to developing innovative methods and/or technologies with a potential for transferability to actions at EU level, or develop such methods or technologies with a view to transferring them to other Member States
- Transnational projects – involving partners in two or more Member States, or in at least one Member State and one other country (accessing or candidate countries).

There is a budget of €10m available for this call.

Opportunities for UK HEIs

The main area of opportunity for UK HEIs lies within the first priority concerned with the provision of judicial training. Projects under this priority must be transnational. They can be concerned with initial and/or continuous training, both theoretical and practical. Activities may include training, exchanges, meetings and seminars and dissemination of results. The training should demonstrate one or more of the following aspects:-

- a) Judicial training sessions on EU legal instruments and policies organised in one country but available to legal professions from more than one Member State
- b) Training sessions organised at European level by structures dealing with judicial training such as the European Judicial Training Network
- c) Judicial training sessions organised in a Member State and using training modules about EU legislation developed or validated at European level for use in more than one Member State in order to develop a European judicial culture
- d) Judicial training through the use of e-learning modules developed or validated at European level for use in more than one Member State
- e) Language training specific to the legal field

Technical Features

- Maximum project duration is 24 months
- Minimum grant request is €100,000 (there is no maximum)
- Grant rate is up to 80% of eligible costs
- Electronic application process via the PRIAMOS system

Selection Criteria

In addition to an assessment of the financial and technical capacity of the applicant organisation, applications will be assessed against the following criteria:-

Criteria	Percentage of score available
Conformity with Programme objectives	15%
Quality	30%
Value for money	15%
Sustainability of the project	20%
European dimension	20%

Further Information

All information relating to this call for proposals can be found at:-

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/jpen/funding_jpen_en.htm

Higher Education European Funding Services (HEEFS)

Who we are

- A Non-profit making Registered Charitable Company, Limited by Guarantee
- Wholly owned and managed by the HE Sector. HEEFS is owned by Universities UK and GuildHE and has strong links with the HE Europe and International Units
- Hosted by Liverpool John Moores University
- Established in 1991 as the Higher Education European Social Fund Unit (HEESF) to manage the HE Sector's participation in national European Social Fund (ESF) Programmes
- As HEESF, the Company enabled 133 HEIs to mount 1750 projects with £207m support from the ESF
- Re-launched in 2009 as HEEFS, with a broader remit, to support UK HEIs to progress their internationalisation strategies through participation in a wide range of EU Programmes

What we do

Represent and act as a central resource for UK HEI participation in EU Programmes by:

- acting as an observatory, monitoring and reporting on UK HEI participation
- representing UK HEIs at EU and national level, responding to consultations and informing policy

Identify and promote EU funding opportunities and developments to HEIs by:

- analysing EU Programmes, identifying opportunities and interpreting them in an HE context
- providing an e-bulletin summarising funding opportunities
- visiting HEIs to promote and explain opportunities
- organising events for HEIs to come together to consider opportunities in specific fields of interest

HEEFS collaborates with HEIs to develop, deliver and manage effective EU funded projects by:

- working with HEIs to map opportunities against Institutional objectives
- helping HEIs to fully prepare for an application round, interpreting call documentation and drawing up a work plan to meet deadlines
- providing professional and technical support throughout the application stage, tailored to the needs of individual HEIs
- working with successful HEIs, ensuring an effective management plan is in place, carrying out project evaluation and completing reports and claims
- providing its expertise to support HEIs delivering transnational collaborative partnerships

For further information about HEEFS, our role and services and the EU Programmes we support please visit our website. Our services range from assisting individual academics to develop proposals and submit applications, to supporting the development of Institutional strategies. We do not operate as a consultancy and have a range of options for recovering our costs, to suit the Institution concerned and the specific EU Programme regulations.

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