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Welcome

Welcome to issue 19 of our Bulletin. Calls have been announced under a variety of Programmes this month, details and weblinks are provided in the pages that follow. The next deadline for applications under the main strands of the EU Culture Programme is 1 October 2010. Details of opportunities for UK HEIs are provided on page 9.

If you or any of your colleagues are interested in responding to any of the calls referred to in this Bulletin, 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 15 of this bulletin.

EU Funding Opportunities for UK HEIs – Arts and Culture Event – Wednesday 4 August 2010

We have had an excellent response to the event we are hosting at Universities UK in London. We have very few places left, so if you would like to reserve a place, please email us as soon as possible as remaining places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Details of the event are set out on page 2.

Lifelong Learning Programme Results

The results of the 2010 selection process under the centralised actions of the 4 main strands of the Lifelong Learning Programme were announced on 23 July. The results reveal a significant increase in activity and participation by UK HEIs in the Erasmus sub-programme and some successes under the other sub-programmes. Congratulations to all concerned. A summary and analysis of the results is set out on page 3.

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Universities UK

EU Funding Opportunities for UK HEIs - Arts and Culture Event

Wednesday 4 August 2010 at the Offices of Universities UK, London

Background to the event

We are hosting an information event to raise awareness amongst UK HEIs of the opportunities to obtain EU support for arts and cultural activities.

UK HEIs offer a rich mixture of arts and cultural education and deliver programmes of events such as festivals and exhibitions. It would seem, however, that few Institutions are aware that there are a number of EU Programmes offering support for transnational collaboration in these areas, specifically for the following activities:-

- Formal and informal education
- Teacher training and development
- Curriculum development
- Staff and/or student exchanges
- Festivals, exhibitions, symposia, summer schools, workshops etc.
- Adult education, CPD and community engagement

Who should attend?

The event will be of interest to a broad range of colleagues in Institutions. For instance, teaching staff responsible for developing and delivering programmes in arts and cultural related subject areas; those responsible for developing routes to external funding; those with an interest in internationalisation and colleagues involved in community engagement.

Timetable for the day

The Programme for the event is as follows:-

9.30	Registration and coffee
10.00	Introductions
10.15	EU Funding for Arts and Cultural Activities
12.45	Project examples and closing remarks
1.00	Finish

The event will provide:-

- Information on specific elements of each of the Programmes offering opportunities
- Timetables for application rounds
- Details of where to find further information
- Project examples

How to reserve a place

If you would like to reserve a place at the event, please send us an email to request a booking form. There will be a charge of £75 per person; invoices will be issued after the event. Places are now very limited, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Lifelong Learning Programme

2010 Selection Results

Centralised Actions – Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig

Introduction

The results of the 2010 application round for the main centralised actions of the Lifelong Learning Programme were announced on 23 July 2010. Overall 211 projects were selected for support; unfortunately no information is available, at this stage, about the total number of applications submitted.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the UK HEIs whose projects were selected, a list is provided below:-

Sub Programme /Action	Institution	Project Title	Grant Requested €
Comenius - Network	University of Reading	Changing with the climate	431,058
Erasmus – Curriculum Development	Buckinghamshire New University	MSc Technology Enhanced Forest Fire Fighting Learning	279,393
	University of Newcastle upon Tyne	Rail Freight and Logistics Curriculum Development	296,797
Erasmus – Modernisation of HE	Cardiff University	Harmonization & Standardization of European Dental Schools' Programs of Continuing Professional Development for Graduate Dentists	299,738
	Coventry University	Impact of Policies for Plagiarism in HE across Europe	277,064
Erasmus – Virtual Campuses	University of East London	European Virtual Environments for Work-based Learning	289,688
Erasmus – HE Cooperation with Enterprise	Staffordshire University	An Approach to Qualifications through Negotiated Work Based Learning for the EU	263,742
	Salford University	Employability: Learning through International Entrepreneurship	298,673
Erasmus – Academic Networks	University of Plymouth	Dietitians ensuring education, teaching and professional quality	449,761
Leonardo da Vinci – Development of Innovation	University of Ulster	Access International Development	221,153
	University of Wolverhampton	Sign Media	378,291
Grundtvig – Multilateral Projects	Sussex University	Hidden Histories – Intercultural Dialogue and Learning	282,872
Total			3,768,230

Analysis of UK Results

As you can see, this year, 12 of the selected projects were submitted by UK HEIs, a further project from King's College London is currently on the reserve list for Leonardo da Vinci. It would appear from these results that the involvement of UK HEIs as co-ordinators of projects has increased since we began analysing the results in 2008. In 2008 UK HEIs were the coordinators of 5 of the selected projects and in 2009 the number had risen to 10.

It is encouraging to see a significant increase in success for UK HEIs in the Erasmus sub-programme which is the part of the Programme aimed at HE. The results for 2010 show that UK HEIs account for 14% of the projects approved under the Erasmus Multilateral Projects strands of the Programme, where activities concerned with curriculum development, modernisation, cooperation with enterprise and virtual campus developments are supported. In 2008, UK HEI's accounted for only 2.4% of the Erasmus projects, in 2009, the figure was 7%. We are aware of increasing interest in this part of the Programme amongst UK HEIs, particularly with regard to curriculum development opportunities and we are currently working with a number of HEIs to develop Erasmus applications for the 2011 round.

It would seem, however, that UK HEIs, are still missing opportunities under the other strands of the Programme. The Comenius Sub-programme for example offers opportunities for projects concerned with the development of new methods for initial and in-service teacher training. Of the 33 Comenius multilateral projects selected this year, 15 were submitted by HEIs from across Europe, none were from the UK. The Grundtvig Sub-programme offers opportunities for adult education programmes and community engagement. Of the 50 projects selected this year, 8 were submitted by HEIs, only 1 of which is led by a UK HEI. We have now assisted 2 UK HEIs to successfully apply under the Grundtvig Sub-programme (London Metropolitan University in 2009 and Sussex University in 2010) both of which were formerly involved in delivering ESF projects with us. We have already been contacted by a couple of HEIs wishing to develop projects in this area, and we expect to work with them on applications for the 2011 round. We are keen to assist UK HEIs to submit proposals to these other areas of the Programme and are more than happy to discuss project ideas with potential applicants.

Next opportunity to apply under the Lifelong Learning Programme

There is an annual call for proposals under the centralised actions of the Lifelong Learning Programme. The timetable envisaged for the 2011 call is as follows:-

Call for proposals announced	-	September 2010
Deadline for applications	-	February 2011
Initial notification of results	-	July 2011
Final approval	-	August 2011
Projects start (potential)	-	September 2011

Further Information

The full lists of selected projects can be obtained from the following link:-

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2010/selections/selection_lifelong_learning_sub_programme_2010_en.php

All information about the Programme can be obtained from the following:-

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index_en.php

Support from HEEFS

We are keen to assist UK HEIs to explore opportunities under all elements of the Lifelong Learning Programme. We are planning to host an event to raise awareness of the opportunities offered by the Programme in the autumn, the date and venue will be announced in a future edition of this Bulletin.

We know from our former experience of supporting ESF projects and our current experience of supporting projects under the Lifelong Learning Programme that UK HEIs are well placed to develop and deliver successful projects under this Programme. We are aware, however, that the application process and requirements for transnational partners can be a little daunting and off-putting for some. It is our role, therefore, to assist UK HEIs to overcome the hurdles of the application process, to develop appropriate proposals and deliver successful projects. The ways in which we can assist Institutions are set out on page 15 of this Bulletin.

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 2 calls for tenders, which may be of interest to HEIs, to undertake studies into specific areas of concern to the Programme. Details of the calls 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>

I. Study on the characteristics and legal effects of agreements between companies and workers' representatives

Deadline: 26 August 2010

VT/2010/051

Purpose of the contract

The Commission has set up an informal expert group on transnational company agreements through which it hopes to investigate the effects of such agreements and how they link with national systems. The purpose of this contract will be to provide information and recommend solutions to be considered by the expert group. Specifically the study will:-

- Provide a comprehensive and clear overview of the characteristics and legal effects of company agreements between management and employee representatives, in particular agreements concluded in groups of undertakings, as well as their link to other levels of norms in the Member States,
- Analyse the present situation as to the legal effects of transnational agreements in the different Member States
- Identify the practical and legal obstacles to give transnational company agreements certain legal effects; explore several options, in particular the option to give them the same legal effects in Member States as company agreements concluded at national level
- Identify and suggest any actions that might be taken to overcome obstacles

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 7 months
- Maximum size of contract is €180,000

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	40%
Methodology	30%
Work organisation	30%

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=278&furtherCalls=yes>

2. Analysis and follow-up of mutual learning in the context of peer review in the social protection and social inclusion programme

Deadline: 17 September 2010

VT/2010/026

Purpose of the contract

In 2004 a Peer Review in Social Inclusion Programme was established under the Social Exclusion Programme (SEP). It was later broadened to also include social protection issues (pensions, health and long term care). From 2007 the Programme has been funded under the Progress Programme. Since 2004 a series of review seminars have been organised in host countries, designed to assess good practice; prepare policy reform and discuss policy implications.

The purpose of this contract is to support a study of what has been achieved by the Peer Review Programme to date. The study will have 4 main aims:-

- To provide an overview and mapping of the peer reviews that have been organised so far
- To examine the contribution of the peer reviews to 'consensus framing' within the Social Open Method of Coordination through an in depth analysis of the messages that have come out of the peer review process
- To follow up a selection of peer reviews on a particular policy or project in the host country and examine factors of success and failure; and to examine to what extent, under which circumstances, from whom and by whom, learning has taken place and in that process, identifying elements conducive to such mutual learning

The study should contribute to a better understanding of the role the peer review programme has played/could play in stimulating innovation in social inclusion and social protection policies across the EU. The aim is not to evaluate the peer review methodology, but on the basis of the findings, to identify lessons on how to improve the process in the future.

Technical Features

- Contract duration is 15 months
- Maximum size of contract is €250,000

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
Degree of understanding of the nature of the assignment, its context and results	30%
The adequacy of the proposed methodology	50%
The quality of the workplan	20%

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=277&furtherCalls=yes>

Civil Justice Programme

Calls for Proposals

Specific Transnational Projects

Deadline: 1 September 2010

Background

The Civil Justice Programme forms part of the EU's overall Programme concerned with Fundamental Rights and Justice. The Programme's overall objectives are to:-

'promote the elimination of obstacles to the good functioning of cross-border civil proceedings in the Member States, thus improving the daily life of individuals and businesses, by fostering access to justice'

Further information and a summary of the Programme can be obtained from our website, from the following:-
<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/eurogrammes/showprogramme.asp?recordid=51&docsectionid=3&subsectionid=43>

This call for proposals is for transnational projects (involving at least 2 EU Member States (excluding Denmark)) concerned with European e-justice and the training of legal professionals. The indicative budget available for this call for is €4.25m.

Objectives and Priorities

The Programme will support the following types of projects under this call:-

1. Projects aimed at promoting judicial cooperation in civil matters, with the aim of contributing to the creation of a genuine European area of justice in civil matters based on mutual recognition and mutual confidence

Scope: projects may consist of studies and research or meetings and seminars, or a combination. Projects can cover any topic in the area of judicial cooperation in civil matters

Priority: encouraging the development and use of electronic tools in the context of justice and on the basis of exchange of best practice.
2. Projects aimed at promoting the elimination of obstacles to the good functioning of cross-border civil proceedings in the Member States

Scope: projects may consist of training, studies and research, exchanges between judicial authorities and judicial cooperation networks, work experience placements, meetings and seminars, or a combination. They should have a strong emphasis on practical solutions regarding actual cross border procedural difficulties

Priority: projects relating to succession and wills and enforcement of decisions. Projects concerning the use of electronic tools in this field will be encouraged.
3. Projects aimed at improving the daily life of individuals and businesses by enabling them to assert their rights throughout the EU, notably by fostering access to justice

Scope: projects may consist of dissemination of information on access to justice, development of innovative practice and exchange of good practices regarding debt management, debt relief mechanisms and reconciliation between debtors and creditors, studies on quality criteria and quality control mechanisms developed regarding debt collection agencies and professionals and related exchange of good practices

Priority: projects focusing on information for individuals and businesses on access to justice in situations involving a cross-border element
4. Projects aimed at improving the contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions, support of judicial training, with the aim of better mutual understanding among such authorities and professionals

Scope: European judicial training, both initial and continuous training, of legal professionals, of the following types:-

- Judicial training sessions on EU legal instruments and policies organised in one Member State and open to legal professionals from more than one Member State and fully advertised as such
- Training sessions organised at European level by structures dealing with judicial training, lawyers' associations, academic networks etc. or organised on an ad hoc basis
- Judicial training sessions organised in one Member State and using training modules about EU legislation developed or validated at European level for use in more than one Member State
- Judicial training through the use of e-learning modules developed or validated at European level for use in more than one Member State

Activities may include training, exchanges, meetings and seminars, dissemination of results or a combination. Projects should consist of sustainable programmes which can be considered to be part of a European training scheme, taking into consideration results of previous training projects where applicable, putting emphasis on development of re-usable methodologies, and dissemination of results.

Priority: projects pertaining to:

- Training for practitioners of justice in legislative instruments adopted on the basis of Article 67(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU
- Training for judges, central authorities and practitioners in the area of family mediation referred to in the parental responsibility Regulation
- Promotion and training for practitioners of justice related to mediation techniques, with a view to developing mediation in cross-border cases
- Training for professions dealing with insolvency and debt management, with particular regard to the respect of fundamental rights and to reconciliation of interest of debtors and creditors
- Training to develop the use of e-Justice tools regarding cross-border electronic communication between judicial authorities, legal practitioners and parties to proceedings
- Development of appropriate training modules and methodologies for linguistic training of judges (including administrative judges)
- Improving the functioning of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters and the functioning of national judicial cooperation networks

Technical Features

- Grant rate is up to 80% of eligible costs
- Minimum grant request is €75,000, maximum is €500,000
- Projects must involve at least 2 partners from 2 EU Member States
- Partners from other countries can be involved but cannot receive grant support
- Applications must be submitted using the PRIAMOS electronic system

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
Relevance to the objectives of the call for proposals	15%
Quality of the proposed action – design, organisation & expected results	30%
Amount requested and its appropriateness to expected results	15%
Geographical scope of the project and European added value	15%
Sustainability of the project	25%

Further Information

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

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/civil/funding_civil_en.htm#

Culture Programme Cooperation Projects

Call for proposals

Deadline: 1 October 2010

Background

The Culture Programme is the EU's main funding Programme for cultural activities. The Programme has three specific objectives:-

- Promotion of the trans-national mobility of people working in the cultural sector
- Support for the trans-national circulation of cultural and artistic works and products
- Promotion of inter-cultural dialogue.

A summary of the Programme can be obtained from our website:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=38>

The Programme is managed on behalf of the Commission by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). It operates a number of strands under which it supports a range of transnational activities in all fields of arts and culture (except the audiovisual sector which is the subject of a separate Programme called Media). The Programme has a pre-published timetable of calls for proposals. The next deadline for activities that may be of interest to UK HEIs is 1 October 2010.

Opportunities for UK HEIs

Set out below are the details of the specific strands of relevance to UK HEIs which are covered by this call with a deadline of 1 October 2010.

Strand 1 – Support for cultural actions

Cultural organisations are given support to work together across borders and to create and implement cultural and artistic activities. The thrust is to help organisations such as theatres, museums, professional associations **research centres, universities**, cultural institutes and public authorities from different countries to cooperate so that different sectors can work together and extend their cultural and artistic reach across borders.

Sub- strands of Strand 1 which have a deadline of 1 October 2010, include the following:-

Strand 1.1 Multiannual cooperation projects (lasting 3 to 5 yrs), involving a minimum of 6 partners, intended to help set up or extend the geographical reach of a project and make it sustainable. Funds of between €200,000 and €500,000 are available, at a grant rate of 50%

Strand 1.2.1 Cooperation projects (lasting up to 2 yrs), involving at least 3 partners. Funds of between €50,000 and €200,000 are available, at a grant rate of 50%

Strand 1.3.6 Support for European Cultural Festivals - festivals with a European dimension that contribute to the overall objectives of the Programme. 5 editions of the festival must have already taken place and the programme of previous and planned events must show that participants from at least 7 countries are involved. Maximum project duration is 12 months. Maximum amount of grant available is €100,000 at a grant rate of 60%.

Strand 3 – Support for analyses and for the collection and dissemination of information for maximising the impact of projects in the field of cultural cooperation.

Strand 3.2 – Cooperation projects between organisations involved in cultural policy analysis – support for cooperation between organisations, such as, cultural department of national/regional/local authorities, cultural

observatories, **university departments specialised in cultural affairs**, professional organisations and networks. This strand seeks to support cooperation between organisations which have direct and practical experience in the analysis, evaluation or impact assessment of cultural policies at local, regional, national and/or European levels, related to one or more of the following objectives of the European Agenda for culture:-

- Promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue
- Promotion of culture as a catalyst for creativity in the framework of the Lisbon Strategy for growth and jobs
- Promotion of culture as a vital element in the Union's international relations, implementing the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

Projects have to involve at least 3 organisations in at least 3 counties. Support is available for:-

- The coordination of the grouping
- Exchange, analysis, comparison and consolidation of existing quantitative and qualitative data and evaluation methods
- Production of proposals and recommendations for new evaluation methods or quantitative and qualitative data. (N.B. The launching of new specific studies or data collections is not covered).

Grants cannot exceed €120,000 at a grant rate of 60%

Further Information

All information relating to the Culture Programme is available from the website of the EACEA. The Programme Guide and application forms and guidance notes are now available to download from:-

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/index_en.php

Youth in Action Action 4.6 'Youth Support Systems' Partnerships

Call for proposals

Deadline: 8 October 2010

EACEA/I6/I0

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/europrogrammes/showprogramme.asp?recordid=64&docsectionid=3&subsectionid=52>

Purpose of the call

The purpose of this call is to support the development of partnerships notably with regional or local bodies to:-

- Encourage their involvement in European youth and non-formal education activities
- Support their capacity building as bodies active in the youth field providing non-formal education opportunities to young people and youth workers
- Promote the development of sustainable networks, the exchange of best practices as well as the recognition of non-formal education

The total budget available is €1.2m

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

Further preference will be given to well structured projects which are framed within a longer-term perspective and planned with a view to achieve a multiplying effect and sustainable impact.

Eligible Activities and opportunities for UK HEIs

This call will support the development of an activity programme combining one or more of the following activities supported elsewhere under the Youth in Action Programme:-

- Transnational Youth exchanges

- National or Transnational Youth Initiatives
- European Voluntary Service
- Training and Networking

Technical Features

- Maximum project duration is 2 years
- Activities must start between 1 April 2011 and 1 September 2011
- Maximum grant request is €100,000
- Grant rate is up to 50% of eligible costs
- Projects must involve at least 2 partners from 2 different countries

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria

Criteria	Percentage of points available
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_6_en.php

Erasmus Mundus Programme Call for proposals Partnerships with countries of the Southern Mediterranean Region, Central Asian Republics and the Western Balkans

Deadline: 15 October 2010

EACEA/22/10

Background

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme that aims to enhance the quality of European Higher Education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with HEIs in third countries. It supports joint programmes, partnerships and the promotion of European HE. It is managed by the Education, Audio Visual and Cultural Executive Agency (EACEA) on behalf of the European Commission. Further information can be obtained from:-

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php

The Programme has 4 specific objectives, as follows:-

- To promote structured cooperation between HEIs and an offer of enhanced quality in HE with a distinct European added value, attractive both within the EU and beyond its borders, with a view to creating centres of excellence
- To contribute to the mutual enrichment of societies by developing the qualifications of people so that they possess appropriate skills for the labour market, are open-minded and internationally experienced; through promoting mobility for the most talented students and academics from third countries to obtain qualifications and/or experience in the EU and for the most talented European students and academics towards third countries
- To contribute towards the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of HEIs in third countries through increased mobility streams between the EU and third countries
- To improve accessibility and enhance the profile and visibility of European HE in the world as well as its attractiveness for third country nationals and citizens of the EU

Purpose of the Call

Action 2 – Erasmus Mundus Partnerships

This action aims at fostering structured cooperation between European and third country HEIs through the promotion of mobility at all levels of study for students, doctoral candidates, researchers, academic and administrative staff. The aim is to promote European HE, to help to improve and enhance the career prospects of students and to promote intercultural understanding.

A call for proposals under this strand was made late in 2009, with a deadline of April 2010 (EACEA 29/09). It failed to reach its objectives in terms of generating partnerships with countries in the Southern Mediterranean Region, Central Asian Republics and the Western Balkans.

The overall budget for this call is €15.2m, aimed at supporting 653 exchanges. The budget is split as follows:-

Southern Mediterranean Region	€5.2m
Central Asian Republics	€2m
Western Balkans	€8m

Eligible activities

Projects involve the organisation and implementation of student and staff mobility at all levels of HE, the provision of education/training and other services to foreign students and teaching/training assignments and other services to staff from the countries covered by the project.

Technical Features

- Maximum project duration is 48 months
- Projects can start 30 November 2010
- Partnerships must involve at least 5 European HEIs, from at least 3 Member States
- In the case of projects involving Southern Mediterranean countries, the partnership must include at least 1 HEI from 1 of the following countries:- Egypt, Israel, occupied Palestinian Territories
- In the case of projects involving Central Asian Republics, the partnership must include at least 1 HEI from at least 4 of the following 5 countries:- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan
- In the case of projects involving the Western Balkans, the partnership must include at least 1 HEI from at least 4 of the following 7 countries:- Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia

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
Relevance	25%
Quality	65%
Sustainability of the project	10%

Further Information

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

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2010/call_eacea_22_10_en.php

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.

Please feel free to contact us for an informal discussion about how we might be able to assist your Institution.