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## Welcome

August has been a busy month for us. It began with our very successful event on EU funding opportunities for arts and cultural activities and we have ended it helping an Institution to develop an application to the LIFE+ Programme. We've certainly been experiencing the full range of HE activities and expertise, 'from arts to the environment'!

The arts and culture event was well attended, full to capacity, with delegates representing 20 Institutions. There was interest from colleagues considering a range of projects including initial and in service teacher training; CPD for media industry professionals; development of joint bachelor and master degree programmes; and a variety of arts and cultural events.

The next funding opportunity in the arts and cultural area is under the Culture Programme, which has a deadline of 1 October 2010. Details of the support we can offer HEIs planning to submit an application is provided on [page 2](#).

## EU Funding Opportunities for UK HEIs – Humanities and Social Sciences Event – 6 October 2010

Following on from the Arts and Culture event we will be hosting a similar event to raise awareness of opportunities for EU support for work linked to humanities and social science subject areas. Details can be found on [page 3](#). Places are filling up fast, so if you wish to attend please email us as soon as possible to reserve a place.

## 2010 Selection Results

This edition contains information on the results of selection rounds under two EU Programmes. Firstly the 'Transversal' strands of the Lifelong Learning Programme which reveal UK HEI successes amounting to a total grant allocation of around €2.5m. Secondly, under the EU-US Cooperation Programme – ATLANTIS, where UK HEIs are responsible for 4 of the 26 projects selected. Congratulations to all concerned. A summary and analysis of the results is set out on [page 4](#).

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## Culture Programme Applications

## Support from HEEFS

### Introduction

As mentioned in May and July 2010 editions of the HEEFS Bulletin, the next deadline for the main call for transnational cooperation projects under the Culture Programme is 1 October 2010. Set out below is a summary of the support we can offer to HEIs planning to submit applications in response to this call.

### Summary of HEEFS Support

There are two ways in which HEEFS can support prospective HE applicants to the Culture Programme, as follows:-

#### 1. Application Development and Preparation

We can work with Institutions to develop proposals; negotiate with partners and prepare all elements (textual, technical and financial) of the applications for submission. This involves close collaboration with individual academics and project managers and quite intensive work up to the application deadline.

There are two ways in which HEEFS might recover costs for such involvement, as follows:-

- i. We charge a levy based on a percentage of the grant approved for the project
- ii. A specific part of the project is identified to be undertaken by HEEFS, the costs of that activity are built into the project and HEEFS draws down grant on the same basis as the other partners (for example, HEEFS might manage the transnational partnership; or carry out an evaluation)

In both cases, HEEFS support is provided on a 'no win, no fee' basis.

We are already working with a number of HEIs in this way for the forthcoming deadline and we are almost at capacity in terms of the number of projects we can handle and the amount of time we have available.

**If, therefore, you would like us to assist in this way, then please contact us as soon as possible to see if we can accommodate your Institution.**

#### 2. Application Evaluation and Review

For HE applicants a little further on in the application process, we can undertake an evaluation of the application prior to its formal submission. We check applications for completeness; review the application's appropriateness for the Culture Programme and evaluate it in terms of the Culture Programme selection criteria. We provide detailed feedback to applicants on what we see as the project's strengths and weaknesses and in particular highlight areas that might be improved prior to submission.

For this service we recover our costs by charging Institutions a one-off fee.

Clearly, for this service to have any real added value, applications have to be with us in the week commencing 20 September 2010, so that colleagues have time to address any issues identified in our feedback.

**If you would like us to undertake an evaluation of your application prior to submission to the Commission's agents, then please contact us as soon as possible.**

## EU Funding Opportunities for UK HEIs – Humanities and Social Sciences Event

### Wednesday 6 October 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 opportunities to obtain EU support for activities in the area of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Although, perhaps not as well known as the EU Framework Programmes, there are a number of EU funding streams that offer support for work in humanities and social science subject areas. Programmes include, for instance:-

- The Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme
- DAPHNE (which is concerned with the prevention of violence against children, young people and women)
- The Civil and Criminal Justice Programmes
- The Lifelong Learning Programme

#### Who should attend?

The event will outline funding opportunities available to support transnational collaboration. It will be of interest to teachers and researchers active in subject areas connected with law; social studies and social policy; languages; education and lifelong learning as well as staff 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:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational Opportunities (including formal and informal education; CPD; teacher training, community engagement etc.)</li> <li>• Languages</li> <li>• Research (concentrating upon opportunities available from DG Justice)</li> </ul>
12.45	Project examples and closing remarks
1.00	Finish

The event will provide:-

- Information on a range of funding 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 limited and are filling up fast, so if you would like to attend please contact us as soon as possible as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## 2010 Selection Results

### Lifelong Learning Programme Transversal Programme

### Centralised Actions

#### Introduction

The results of the 2010 application round for the Transversal sub-programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) were announced on 30 July 2010. The Transversal sub-programme is one of the centralised parts of the LLP, for which the application process is managed by the Commission's agents the EACEA in Brussels. The sub-programme has 4 Key Activity areas, as follows:-

- Key Activity 1 – Studies and Comparative Research
- Key Activity 2 – Languages
- Key Activity 3 – Information and Communication Technologies
- Key Activity 4 – Dissemination and Exploitation of Results

Projects are required to address one of the key activities cutting across at least two of the 4 main areas of the LLP (Comenius – schools; Erasmus- HE; Leonardo da Vinci – VET; Grundtvig – Adult Education)

#### UK HEI Success

Overall 67 projects were selected for support, 6 of which are being led by UK HEIs. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the UK HEIs whose projects were selected, a list is provided below:-

Key Activity	Institution	Project Title	Grant Requested €
KA 1 Languages	University of Wolverhampton	Online networking platform for language learning	399,197
	SOAS, University of London	European Benchmark Framework for Chinese	400,000
	University of Wales, Newport	Collaborative Language Teaching for Dyslexic Students	322,144
KA 3 ICTs	University of East London	Web 2.0 for People with Intellectual Disabilities	361,176
	Leeds Metropolitan University	EuroPLOT: Persuasive Learning Objects and Technologies for Lifelong Learning in Europe	499,352
	University of Brighton	Situated Mobile Language Learning	482,900
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,464,769</b>

#### Analysis of UK Results

In addition to the 6 projects listed above, a further project from the University of Surrey is currently on the reserve list for Key Activity 3. As with the results for the main sub-programmes which were summarised in the July Bulletin, involvement of UK HEIs as lead partners in the LLP has increased since we began analysing the results in 2008. In 2008 UK HEIs were the coordinators of 2 of the selected projects (amounting to grant of around €600k) and in 2009 the number had risen to 5 (amounting to €1.5m). As the table above shows the 6 projects led by UK HEIs selected in 2010 amount to grant of around €2.5m, which is a significant increase.

Given our experience of working with a wide range of ESF projects, which addressed issues similar to those covered by the transversal sub-programmes, we are keen to see UK HEI involvement in this area of the Programme grow in future years. We would be especially keen to support applications for research under Key Activity 1, as we know this was a very popular area for ESF projects. We are also aware that there is significant expertise in language training in UK HEIs, ESF supported a number of projects concerned with

developing language training for people in employment in SMEs, and it seems there might be opportunities to develop similar projects on a transnational basis under Key Activity 3. We would be very 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 Transversal sub-programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme. The timetable envisaged for the 2011 call is as follows:-

Call for proposals announced	-	September 2010
Deadline for applications	-	March 2011
Initial notification of results	-	July/August 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\\_transversal\\_programme\\_2010\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2010/selections/selection_lifelong_learning_transversal_programme_2010_en.php)

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

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index\\_en.php](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 at the end of this Bulletin.

## **EU – USA Cooperation Programme ATLANTIS**

### **Introduction**

The ATLANTIS Programme supports innovative projects for cooperation in HE, designed to develop and implement double of joint transnational degrees for students in the EU and US. It also supports projects to promote other forms of cooperation including mobility projects and policy-oriented measures. The Programmes objectives are to:-

- Support collaboration between HEIs with a view to promoting joint study programmes and mobility
- Improve the quality of transatlantic student mobility by promoting transparency, mutual recognition of qualifications and periods of study and training and , where appropriate, portability of credits
- Support collaboration between public and private organisations active in the field of HE with a view to encouraging discussion and exchange of experience on policy issues
- Support transatlantic mobility of professionals with a view to improving mutual understanding of issues relevant to EU-US relations

The Programme supports 3 types of projects:-

Transatlantic degrees – the development and implementation of joint or double Bachelors or Masters degrees, which result in students spending a full academic year on the other side of the Atlantic

Excellence in Mobility Projects – similar to the EUs Erasmus exchange programmes, these projects focus on curriculum development with student mobility for 1 academic term

Policy Oriented Measures – which aim to enhance transatlantic collaboration through studies, seminars, working groups and benchmarking exercises that address comparative HE and vocational training issues

### UK HEI Successes

Of the 75 applications submitted for support in 2010, 26 were selected, of these 4 projects are led by UK HEIs. None of the UK led projects are Transatlantic degree projects, 1 is an Excellence in Mobility project, and 3 are Policy Oriented Measures. Details are as follows:-

Type of Project	Institution	Project Title	Grant awarded €
Excellence in Mobility	Aston University, Business School	Cross cultural training for US and EU students	180,000
Policy Oriented Measure	University of Dundee	Integration of Self-management and Paliation: Implications for health policy and nursing education	68,000
Policy Oriented Measure	University of the West of England	Educating Planners for the New Challenges of Sustainability, Knowledge & Governance	68,000
Policy Oriented Measure	Teesside University	Evaluation & Modernisation of VET in Digital Creative Industries	70,000
Total			386,000

The full list of selected projects can be obtained from:-

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/usa/2010/call\\_us\\_eu\\_2010.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/usa/2010/call_us_eu_2010.htm)

### Next Opportunity to apply under ATLANTIS

A call for proposals is anticipated in December 2010, with an deadline for application submission in March/April 2011.

Details of the Programme can be obtained from:-

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/usa/index\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/usa/index_en.htm)

### Support from HEEFS

We would be happy to discuss potential project proposals with any UK HEI, if you have an idea for a project or are interested in submitting a proposal for 2011, then please contact us for an informal discussion about how we might be able to collaborate.

A brief summary of the ATLANTIS Programme is available on our website, from the following link:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=42>

## MEDIA Mundus Programme

## Call for Proposals

**Deadline: 15 October 2010**

### Background

The MEDIA Mundus Programme was established in October 2009, based on the experience of the preparatory action MEDIA International which operated between 2008 and 2010. 2011 will be the first year of the Programme which will operate to the end of 2013. MEDIA Mundus can be seen as an extension of the MEDIA Programme, aiming to develop opportunities for collaboration with third (i.e. non EU countries). The Programme has three overall objectives:-

- To increase the competitiveness of the European audiovisual industry
- To enable Europe to play its cultural and political role in the world more effectively, and
- To increase consumer choice and cultural diversity

The Programme seeks to improve access to third country (i.e. non EU) markets and to build trust and long-term working relationships. Projects supported by the Programme must be able to demonstrate mutual benefit for European and third country professionals/audiovisual works.

### Programme Actions and Opportunities for UK HEIs

MEDIA Mundus has 3 specific actions:-

- Action 1 – Support for training – aimed at strengthening the skills of European and third country professionals
- Action 2 – Support for market access – to promote access to international markets for audiovisual works
- Action 3 – Support for distribution and circulation – to encourage distribution, promotion, screening and diffusion of European works in third countries

Clearly Action 1 – Support for training is of most interest to HEIs.

### Action 1 - Support for training

The objectives of Action 1 are as follows:-

- Securing and facilitating audiovisual cooperation between professionals by improving their level of knowledge of audiovisual markets and by facilitating networking and the emergence of long term working relationships
- Improving professional's understanding, in particular, of the operating conditions, legal frameworks, financing systems and cooperation possibilities of their respective audiovisual markets
- Improving the international transfer of knowledge, strategies and opportunities driven by new technologies in the production, post-production, distribution and for the promotion of audiovisual works

### Subject of this call for proposals

Under Action 1, this call for proposals will support two types of training activities:-

- Option 1 – supports the inclusion of students/professionals and teachers from non-EU countries in initial or continuous training schemes supported by the MEDIA Programme  
(N.B. this option is only open to existing MEDIA projects and will therefore be of interest to a very limited number of UK HEIs)
- Option 2 – supports the creation of a continuous training scheme specific to MEDIA Mundus  
(N.B. this option is open to new applicants) and should therefore be of more interest to UK HEIs)

## Requirements for Proposals under Action 1 – Option 2 support for continuous training

It is envisaged that under this call for proposals 10 ‘continuous training’ projects will be selected. Projects must be aimed at professionals with clearly proven skills and practical experience in the audiovisual sector and must meet the following requirements:-

- Project must be delivered by a consortium involving at least 3 partners
- The lead partner/coordinator must be located in an EU Member State (or in Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway)
- At least one of the partners must be from a non-EU country (other than Croatia and Switzerland)
- Maximum grant rate is 70% of eligible costs
- Projects must clearly demonstrate the mutual benefit for both European and third country professionals, by, for example, respecting a balance between professionals and trainers from third countries and those from Europe

### Selection Criteria

All applicants will be required to demonstrate that their consortium has the financial and technical capacity to deliver the project. In addition, each proposal will be assessed against the following selection criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of total score available
Quality of the content of the activity	25%
Project Management	25%
International and European dimension and added value	30%
Impact	20%

### Further Information

Further information about the Programme and specifically this call for proposals can be obtained from:-  
[http://ec.europa.eu/culture/media/mundus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/media/mundus/index_en.htm)

## DG Education and Culture

## Call for Proposals

### Network on evidence-based policy and practice in education and training

**Deadline: 15 October 2010**

**EAC/44/2010**

#### Background

Developing evidence based policy and practice is a priority identified in the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET2020<sup>1</sup>). The Commission is keen to develop initiatives throughout Europe that aim to accumulate, mediate and apply the results of educational research. To this end, this call for proposals will support transnational cooperation in the development of 'knowledge brokerage' mechanisms aimed at strengthening the links between research, policy and practice.

#### Objectives and Priorities

The overall aim of this call is to establish a transnational network of organisations which will develop and maintain effective and robust 'knowledge brokerage' mechanisms in the field of education and training. The work will involve making knowledge available, accessible and understandable for policy makers and practitioners with the full involvement of stakeholders.

The network will have to cover a significant number of EU countries (at least 15) and it should aim to bring national and regional efforts at evidence based policy and practice closer together. It is intended that the network will help brokerage organisations to exchange approaches, practices and models of knowledge brokerage and to develop regular exchanges of results of research in education and training.

Specific objectives of the network will include:-

- Assessment of research quality and accumulation of evidence to formulate policy and practical recommendations based on evidence, which may lead to the publication of research reviews and thematic briefing papers
- Creating, testing and dissemination of concrete tools to share and disseminate knowledge (such as web-based tools, printed materials, videos conferences, seminars etc.). This might include training and support for researchers to help them improve their clear-writing and communication skills
- Exchange of experience and good practice in knowledge brokerage
- Joint testing of innovative knowledge brokerage initiatives and activities
- Consolidation of international experience and of practices that are shown to work

Financial support would be available to support the network for two years, and although expected to continue after EU support ceases, during this initial period it is expected that the network will focus its activities upon a series of priority themes. In establishing the priorities for the network, applicants should take into account the objectives set out in ET2020 and its flagship initiatives, particularly 'Youth on the Move' and 'An agenda for new skills and jobs'. The network will be expected to cover all levels of lifelong learning (schools and formal systems, HE, VET (initial and continuing), adult, non-compulsory and non-formal learning).

The network is expected to involve a wide range of actors, professionals and experts that will include researchers, practitioners, policy and decision makers, education journalists, clear writing and communication specialists, media producers, web-designers and other categories of actors and mediators.

<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc28\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc28_en.htm)

## Activities

Eligible activities include:-

- Cooperation projects, exchanges and mobilities
- Actions aiming at the creation and improving of networks
- Development, testing and transfer of innovative practices
- Conferences, seminars and training
- Awareness and dissemination actions
- Studies, analysis
- Creation and dissemination of concrete tools to share and diffuse knowledge (e.g. website, leaflets, video-based products, books, conferences and seminars)

## Technical Features

- Grant rate is up to 75% of eligible costs
- Maximum grant to be awarded to a network is €500,000
- Maximum project duration is 24 months
- Activities would start between December 2010 and February 2011
- Networks must involve at least 20 partners from at least 15 countries (EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey)
- Partners from other countries can be involved but cannot receive grant support

## 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:-

- Relevance of the activities in relation to the objectives of the call
- Creativity of the concrete mediation tools proposed and quality of the evidence that will be mobilised and/or accumulated
- Implications of a wide range of stakeholders at all levels, including researchers, policy and decision makers, practitioners, training providers
- Potential results and consequences: the extent to which activities will be fed back up to European, national, regional, or local policy makers and practitioners and the relevance of the subjects/areas/theme for European cooperation in education and training
- Clarity and consistency of the practical approach, the proposed work plan; clarity and coherence of the proposed budget, sustainability of the network

## Further Information

Further information about this call for proposals, including the relevant application forms and guidance notes are available to download from the following link:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2469\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2469_en.htm)

## DG Education and Culture

## Calls for Tender

### Deadlines: Various dates in September and October 2010

#### Background

The EU Directorate General for Education and Culture has published a range of calls for tenders which may be of interest to colleagues in HEIs.

Brief details are provided below, with links to further information.

#### European Expert Network on Culture

**EAC/09/2010**

#### Deadline: 17 September 2010

The purpose of this call for tenders is to establish an expert network (the European Expert Network on Culture, EENC) to provide high quality advice and support to the European Commission in its implementation of the European Agenda for Culture. The network is expected to consist of at least 8 experts plus a scientific and a logistical coordinator. The network is expected to provide the following:-

- Guidance and advice on ad-hoc questions
- Analytical reports and/or studies
- Mapping of experts and organisations
- An EENC website
- Communications and meetings with the Commission

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls-for-proposals/call2711\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls-for-proposals/call2711_en.htm)

#### Study on educational support measures for newly arrived migrant children

**EAC/23/2010**

#### Deadline: 27 September 2010

The public consultation resulting from the EU Green paper on 'Migration and Mobility: Challenges and Opportunities for EU Education Systems' identified a need to identify best practice in terms of introducing newly arrived migrant children into schools in the EU. This contract will meet this need by:-

- Providing policy relevant analysis and advice on support for the education of newly arrived migrant students
- Providing examples of good practices in educational support for newly arrived migrant students

Specific objectives are:-

- To provide comparative analysis of the effectiveness of programmes aimed at inclusion of newly arrived migrant students in education, including an overview of existing research evidence, a comparison of a representative sample of policies and practices, identifying successful and unsuccessful approaches
- To provide the Commission with practical information and analysis which can serve as a basis for future policy proposals and development
- To draw policy recommendations based on the analysis of good practices at regional, national and EU level

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2475\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2475_en.htm)

**Study to examine the impact of the National Teams of Bologna Experts on the implementation of the Bologna Process**

**EAC/37/2010**

**Deadline: 30 September 2010**

The Bologna Experts initiative was launched in 2004, its purpose was to support the promotion of the Bologna Process at institutional level, through the provision of a pool of expertise to support modernisation across the EU. The overall objectives of this contract are to:-

- Assess the impact of the National Teams of Bologna Experts in the implementation of the Bologna Process
- Provide a cost/benefit analysis of the Bologna Experts exercise
- Provide recommendations regarding the future of this exercise post 2013.

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2467\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2467_en.htm)

**Study on the contribution of sport to economic growth**

**EAC/28/2010**

**Deadline: 4 October 2010**

The general objective of the contract will be to support evidence-based policy making at national and EU level by increasing understanding and knowledge of the macroeconomic importance of sport, in particular the sector's contribution to growth and employment in the EU and at national level.

Specific objectives are twofold:-

- To develop a methodological framework that takes into account the economic impact of sport at national level (27 EU Member States) as well as at EU level based on the Vilnius Definition of Sport<sup>2</sup> and the work already done at national and EU level
- To provide comparable core macroeconomic data for the 27 Member States allowing for comparison and the identification of commonalities and differences between countries

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news948\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news948_en.htm)

**Framework Service Contract to provide expertise and support for European Cooperation in Education and Training – Lots 1 – 4**

**EAC/02/2010**

**Deadline: 15 October 2010**

The 'Strategic Framework for European Cooperation in education and training (ET2020) sets out the specific objectives, principles and working methods for European cooperation in the area of education and training. The purpose of this call for tenders is to appoint contractors to contribute to evidence based development and implementation of EU policy in this area. Contractors will be chosen to carry out consultancy services, studies and logistical support. The call is in 4 Lots, 2 concerned with the provision of consultancy services and 2 to carry out studies.

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2485\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2485_en.htm)

<sup>2</sup> SpEA (2007): The Vilnius Definition of Sport, official manual, Vienna and Vilnius.

**Deadlines: 17 & 24 September 2010****Background**

Within the framework of the Progress Programme, the DG Employment Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities has issued three calls for tenders which may be of interest to colleagues in HEIs.

Brief details are provided below, with links to further information. A summary of the Progress Programme is available from our website<sup>3</sup>.

**Training of legal and policy practitioners on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities****Deadline: 17 September 2010****VT/2010/079****Background**

Within the framework of the Progress Programme, the European Commission is seeking to facilitate greater knowledge and better understanding of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and related EU legislation. The overarching idea is to foster information sharing and learning among Member States, academics, legal practitioners, social partners and civil society.

**Purpose of the Contract**

The contract is for the development and delivery of training courses for the legal and policy practitioners at EU and national levels. The project shall consist of 6 training seminars (3 for judges, 2 for legal and policy practitioners and 1 for law professors and lecturers. All will have to be delivered in 2011 /2012.

**Specific Tasks to be Undertaken**

The contactor will prepare, run and evaluate:-

- 1) 3 seminars for judges, prosecutors and other members of the judiciary with the aim of creating a corp of practitioners familiar with the UNCRPD and relevant EU legislation who will in turn be able to disseminate the knowledge gained within their professional sectors (1 1/2 to 2 days for 40 to 50 participants)
- 2) 2 seminars aimed at disseminating information and raising awareness of other interest legal practitioners (e.g. from trade unions, employers' associations, equality bodies, etc.) who will in turn be able to disseminate the knowledge gained to their professional sectors (1 1/2 to 2 days for 40 to 50 participants)
- 3) 1 seminar for university professors and law lecturers on the EC Equal Treatment Legislation and other legislation. Participants should be high level and from relevant fields, such as labour law, human rights law, European law, social law, etc., who will in turn be able to disseminate the knowledge gained within their professional sectors (1 1/2 days for 40 to 50 participants)

**Technical Features**

Contract duration will be 18 months

Maximum price for the contract is €500,000

Applicants must be providers of continuing education with at least 10 year experience of providing training to civil servants, judges, lawyers and legal practitioners on EU legal issues

Details can be obtained from:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=286&furtherCalls=yes>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.heefs.ac.uk/programmedocs/The%20PROGRESS%20Programme%20Background%20Bulletin%201.pdf>

## Evaluation of the reaction of the ESF to the economic and financial crisis

**Deadline: 17 September 2010**

**VT/2010/50**

### Background

Since the start of the global financial crisis in 2008, the European Commission has introduced a number of administrative and legislative changes to enable ESF Programmes to be more responsive to the effects of the crisis on the labour market. It now wishes to analyse how ESF has reacted to the crisis across the EU.

### Purpose of the Contract

The purpose of this contract therefore is to:-

- Evaluate how ESF has reacted to the crisis
- Analyse whether and the extent to which ESF played a role in mitigating the effects of the crisis
- Consider how ESF could be made more apt to respond to needs of post crisis recovery
- Examine the extent to which governance issues, including speed of reaction and adaptation played a major role when using ESF to mitigate the crisis
- Provide conclusions and recommendations for discussions about future ESF regulation post 2014

### Technical Features

Contract duration will be 12 months

Maximum price for the contract is €500,000

Details can be obtained from:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=290&furtherCalls=yes>

## Study on the protection of workers' rights in sub-contracting processes in the EU

**Deadline: 24 September 2010**

**VT/2010/063**

### Background

Subcontracting has been expanding rapidly in the EU during recent decades. The European Commission has during this time introduced a range of legislative measures to ensure the protection of workers' rights in subcontracting situations. It now wishes to evaluate these measures and to seek recommendations for the future.

### Purpose of the Contract

The contract will provide for a study to describe, analyse and assess the aims, objectives, functioning and effectiveness of existing mechanisms. Specifically the study will:-

- Take stock of all legislative and administrative provisions in EU Member States and Norway
- Examine cross-border subcontracting
- Provide a comparative analysis of provisions in force
- Formulate recommendations for possible improvements

### Technical Features

Contract duration will be 10 months

Maximum price for the contract is €350,000

Details can be obtained from:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=291&furtherCalls=yes>

## Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme

## Call for Proposals

### Knowledge networks for the competitiveness and sustainability of European tourism

**Deadlines: 1 October 2010**

**ENT/CIP/I0/B/N04S00**

#### Background

On 30 June 2010, the Commission published its Communication on "Europe, the world's No 1 tourist destination – a new political framework for tourism in Europe". With this communication, the European Commission intends to encourage a coordinated approach for initiatives linked to tourism and define a new framework for action to increase the competitiveness of the tourism sector and its capacity for sustainable growth. It therefore proposes a number of European or multinational initiatives aimed at achieving these objectives, drawing in full on the Union's competence in the field of tourism as introduced by the Lisbon Treaty.

To make the tourism sector more competitive, the Commission considers it essential to have a better socioeconomic knowledge base at European level for tourism and its relationship with the environment. The total budget for this call for proposals is €1m, which is expected to support 3 to 4 projects.

#### Subject of this call

The overall objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen the research potential on competitiveness and sustainability tourism related issues on a European scale, in particular by encouraging and supporting the development, across Europe, of regional 'research driven clusters' associating universities, research centres, enterprises and regional authorities.

The specific objectives are to :-

- improve cooperation and coordination on research activities related to competitiveness and sustainability tourism-related issues so as to create a more favourable framework for the tourism sector
- foster transnational research activities in the field of tourism with a clear EU added value; and
- to pave the way for the future constitution of a European knowledge network for the competitiveness and sustainability of European Tourism ('virtual tourism observatory')

#### Technical Features

- Projects must have a trans-European dimension, both in terms of project partners and of activities, specifically this means that:-
  - i. The project partners have to cover at least 6 eligible countries<sup>4</sup>
  - ii. The research activities proposed have to focus on the 6 countries covered by the partnership and outcomes should include transnational comparisons
- At least one of the partners has to be a national or regional tourism authority
- Project activities must include:-

<sup>4</sup> Eligible countries include the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia and Israel

- i. Knowledge gathering and research
- ii. Awareness raising
- Projects are expected to commence in February 2011
- Maximum duration for a project is 18 months
- Maximum grant rate is 75% of eligible cost
- Maximum grant available for a projects is €330,000
- University and research institution applicants must have at least 3 years of activity in the field of tourism related educational activity or research

### Selection Criteria

All applications will be assessed against the following criteria:-

Criteria	Proportion of the score available
Relevance	40%
Impact	30%
Quality	30%

### Further Information

All documentation and information relating to this call for proposals can be obtained from the following link:-  
[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=4474&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=4474&lang=en)

## Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme

## Calls for Tender

**Deadlines: 17 & 20 September 2010**

### Background

Within the framework of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme of the CIP, 4 separate calls for tenders have been announced that may be of interest to certain UK HEIs with specialisms and expertise in related areas.

Brief details are provided below, with links to further information.

### E-Skills for ICT Practitioners and Entrepreneurs

**33/PP/ENT/CIP/10/C/N02C021**

**Deadline: 17 September 2010**

The objectives of this contract are to:-

- Study the specific e-skills requirements relating to green IT, cyber-security and cloud computing with a special focus on competitiveness and innovation and the needs of SMEs and start ups
- Identify and promote best practice
- Formulate concrete proposals to address the e-skills requirements and recommendations for follow-up actions at EU level with stakeholders and governments

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=4463&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=4463&lang=en)

### E-Skills and ICT Professionalism

**34/PP/ENT/CIP/10/C/N02C022**

**Deadline: 17 September 2010**

The purpose of this contract is to support the development of:-

- a European Framework for ICT Professionalism with the goal of enhancing ICT professionalism and mobility across Europe
- a European Training Programme for ICT managers to promote new competences with a view to better address the challenges of ICT driven innovation and the future internet

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=4466&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=4466&lang=en)

### Social Innovation Initiative for Europe

**40/PP/ENT/CIP/10/E/N02C011**

**Deadline: 20 September 2010**

The subject of the Contract is the establishment of a pilot action for a 'Social Innovation Initiative for Europe' through the provision and maintenance of a highly interactive web-based platform ('hub') for networking stakeholders and for developing a searchable repository database in the field of social innovation, as well as through the preparation of thematic reports to cover key aspects of social innovation, and organization of dissemination events.

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=4475&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=4475&lang=en)

**Industrial Competitiveness for a Sustainable Future****ENTR/29/PP/2010/FC****Deadline: 20 September 2010**

This call for tenders relates to a contract to provide for the Commission information, consultancy, technical assistance and research services on the interactions between the competitiveness of enterprises or industry sectors and environment, climate change, energy and transport, eco-innovation, ecodesign and sustainable product policies, in the EU and third countries. The contract is divided into the following 3 'Lots':-

Lot 1: Competitiveness, environment, climate change, energy and transport

Lot 2: Sustainable product policy, ecodesign and beyond

Lot 3: Competitiveness, eco-innovation and value chain sustainability

Details can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=4451&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=4451&lang=en)

## Europe for Citizens Programme Call for Proposals Structural Support for European public policy research organisations and think tanks and for civil society organisations at European level

**Deadline: 15 October 2010**

**EACEA/21/10**

### Background

The Europe for Citizens Programme operates for the period 2007 – 2013, it has the following 4 overall objectives:-

1. giving citizens the opportunity to interact and participate in constructing an ever-closer Europe, which is democratic and world-oriented, united in and enriched through its cultural diversity, thus developing citizenship of the EU
2. developing a sense of European identity, based on common values, history and culture
3. fostering a sense of ownership of the EU among its citizens
4. enhancing mutual understanding between European citizens, respecting and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity, while contributing to intercultural dialogue

### Specific Objectives of this call for proposals

This specific call for proposals is concerned with providing support for European public policy research organisations, think tanks and civil society organisations in order to achieve the following objectives:-

1. to foster action, debate and reflection related to European citizenship and democracy, shared values, common history and culture through the activities and cooperation of think tanks and within civil society organisations at European level;
2. to encourage interaction between citizens and civil society organisations from all participating countries, contributing to intercultural dialogue and bringing to the fore both Europe's diversity and unity

The Programme identifies the following 5 specific priorities for action, proposals are called for under all 5 headings, although preferred themes have been specified for 2011, these are shown in italics:-

- **Future of the EU and its basic values**  
*Involving civil society in debate, reflection, action and awareness-raising concerning the EU, especially as regards the impact of the application of the Treaty of Lisbon and, in particular, the integration of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the other rights of European Citizens, and raising awareness of progress made towards European integration, e.g. through the celebration of Europe Day on 9 May 2011.*
- **Active European Citizenship: participation and democracy in Europe**  
*Enabling European citizens to play a full part in the democratic life of the EU and to exercise their new right of initiative, encouraging voluntary activity in the context of the European Year of Voluntary Activities Promoting Active Citizenship and promoting equal opportunities in political life*
- **Intercultural dialogue**  
*Sensitising and mobilising players involved in the removal of cultural barriers with a view to reflecting social cohesion and innovation and participating in the European Year of Voluntary Activities*
- **People's wellbeing in Europe: employment, social cohesion and sustainable development**  
*Studying the impact and implications of the present economic situation and the social dimension of the new Europe 2020 strategy and involving EU citizens in devising appropriate solutions to local problems and sharing their experience; raising public awareness and encouraging reflection and exchanges of views with decision makers regarding the relevance of European policies to the issues of the day, particularly governance, climate change, sustainable energy and the economic aspects of the new Europe 2020 strategy, and their impact on people's daily lives. The consideration of this theme should draw on progress made in 2010, the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion*
- **Impact of EU policies on societies**

## Opportunities for UK HEIs

Under this call for proposals, the Programme will support the following organisations:-

- A. **European policy research organisations (think tanks)** – organisations that provide a link between research and policy making at European level. They help find solutions and facilitate interaction between scientists, intellectuals and decision makers
- B. **Civil society organisations working at European level** – including:-
  - a. **European umbrella organisations (platforms)** – whose mandate is to represent their members (civil society organisations) in Europe, channelling concerns of citizens to the EU authorities
  - b. **European networks** – that provide a link between civil society organisations and other stakeholders from eligible countries wishing to cooperate and exchange knowledge and experiences
  - c. **Organisations performing activities with significant impact at the European level**
- C. **Civil society organisations for European remembrance**

Although, it is possible that colleagues in HE may have an interest in civil society organisations, the area of the Programme we would expect to be of most interest to a range of UK HEIs, is that providing support for European policy research organisations (think tanks). This call may, for instance be of particular interest to people working in a variety of research institutes concerned with EU policy, its impacts and implications.

### Technical Features

- Applicants must provide a detailed work programme, for a period of 12 months starting in 2011. This should cover the organisation's statutory activities, including conferences, seminars, round tables, representation, communication and valorisation, and its other recurrent European activities
- The 12 months must correspond with the applicant's budget year
- Maximum annual grant is €100,000
- Maximum grant rate is 80% of eligible expenditure
- The total budget available for this call is €1m and it is expected that 12 organisations will be supported

### Selection Criteria

Applicants are required to demonstrate that they have the necessary technical, operational and financial capacity to deliver the work programme identified.

Applications will be assessed against the following selection criteria:-

<b>Qualitative criteria</b>	<b>Proportion of the score</b>
Relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Programme	30%
Adequacy, coherence and completeness of the work programme	20%
Impact of the work programme	10%
European added value	10%
Visibility of the activities and the dissemination and exploitation of results	10%
<b>Quantitative criteria</b>	
Number of eligible countries involved	10%
Number of potential direct beneficiaries	10%

### Further Information

All documentation and further information relating to this call is available from:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2011/call\\_action2\\_1\\_12\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2011/call_action2_1_12_en.php)

## Prevention of and Fight Against Crime Action Grants

## Call for Proposals

**Deadline 29 October 2010**

### Background

The Programme 'Prevention of and Fight against Crime' forms part of the Security and Safeguarding Liberties Programme. It has four specific objectives:-

- to stimulate, promote and develop horizontal methods and tools necessary for strategically preventing and fighting crime and guaranteeing security and public order
- to promote and develop coordination, cooperation and mutual understanding among law enforcement agencies, other national authorities and related Union bodies
- to promote and develop best practices for the protection of an support to witnesses
- to promote and develop best practices for the protection of crime victims

A summary of the Programme and the opportunities that might be pursued by UK HEIs is available from our website<sup>5</sup>.

### Subject of this call for proposals

This call for proposals is for action grants to support projects that address one or more of the specific objectives set out above. The budget for the call is around €6m.

All areas of the Programme are open to applications, however, the following priorities have been identified:-

- 1) Implementation of the EU Action Plans on security of explosives and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials. This may involve measures to raise awareness, develop standards, improve information exchange etc.
- 2) Trafficking in human beings: prevention, protection of victims, prosecution and investigation of offenders, coordination and cooperation mechanisms, as well as the collection of reliable data;
- 3) Development and implementation of instruments on preventing and fighting sexual exploitation of children and on-line sexual exploitation and abuse of children, including prevention of recidivism, identification of child victims through pornographic materials; identification of offenders via credit cards as part of the European cybercrime policy, enhancing cooperation between law enforcement authorities in the area of fighting child abuse through communication systems;
- 4) Financial and economic crime, in particular actions should aim at strengthening the coordination of financial investigations and exchange of best practices; development and implementation of instruments regarding money laundering, terrorist financing, corruption, racketeering or extortion, identity theft and identity management and transparency of legal entities and charities. This includes examining standards for the confiscation of criminal assets and the return of confiscated assets as well as financial analysis to improve cooperation and EU wide tracing of assets derived from crime.
- 5) Illegal use of Internet: supporting the co-operation between experts and law enforcement authorities on understanding and combating fraud and illegal trade on the internet; actions establishing standard forms for law enforcement requests to the private sector and vice versa; actions against illegal content that may incite minors to violent and other serious behaviours; co-operation to develop and exchange efficient methods of monitoring the internet for terrorist content and combating it;

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=50>

- 6) Projects examining radicalisation leading to terrorism addressing the motivations of terrorists, the increased vulnerability of some places, as well as strengthening civil society engagement to address the phenomenon more effectively at the grass-roots level.
- 7) Prevention of crime, including urban, juvenile, environmental, firearms and drugs related crimes, through horizontal approaches such as public-private partnerships, European networks (such as EUCPN, EFE/European Firearms Experts) and the transfer of best practices to support policy making and development of comparable statistics and EU indicators on crime and criminal justice;
- 8) Police and customs cooperation: make the best possible use of the existing instruments for police and customs cooperation (such as the Prüm Decision and the Swedish Initiative) especially through exchange of and access to information;
- 9) Support initiatives in favour of police and customs cooperation (including Joint Customs and/or Police Operations of limited duration);
- 10) Implementation of the supply reduction policy of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2009-2012 covering law enforcement cooperation, the forensic profiling of drugs, the control of chemical precursor diversion and international cooperation;
- 11) Security of major mass events.

All projects should contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Programme. The effective and efficient development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of European Union instruments and policies include:

- exchange, dissemination and use of information, knowledge, experience and best practices between Member States;
- development of cooperation between relevant security stakeholders and providing them with strategies, techniques and instruments to improve their performance in preventing and fighting crime;
- development of coordination and strengthening of mutual understanding between law enforcement authorities, facilitation of the coordination of their activities, and strengthening their capacity to combat crime and terrorist activity, particularly in cases with a cross-border dimension;
- development of new methods and techniques to support operational law enforcement and to improve training and ability to apply them, including the exploration of the use of new technologies for law enforcement purposes;
- promote public private partnerships between law enforcement bodies and the private sector in taking action to prevent crime and terrorist attacks

### Technical Features

- Projects can be either **transnational** or **national**, defined as follows:-

**Transnational projects** – must involve partners in at least 2 Member States, or 1 Member State and 1 candidate country

**National projects** – are activities that take place in one Member State, provided that they satisfy one of the following:-

- prepare transnational projects and/or Union actions (starter measures), or
- complement transnational projects and/or Union actions (complementary measures), or
- contribute to the development of innovative methods and/or technologies with a potential for transferability to actions at Union level
- Maximum grant rate is 80%
- There is no maximum amount of grant awardable, but the minimum for a project is €80,000
- Maximum project duration is 3 years

## Selection Criteria

All eligible proposals will be assessed against the following selection criteria:-

Criteria	Points available
Conformity with the priority areas identified	10
Quality of the proposed action	20
Value for money and economies of scale	25
Impact of the expected results on the objectives of the Programme	25
European added value	20

## Further Information

All documentation and information relating to this call for proposals can be obtained from:-  
[http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/iseq/call\\_20100802/call\\_20100802\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/iseq/call_20100802/call_20100802_en.htm)

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