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## Welcome

The first application deadline for the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) has just passed, so we are now raising our heads from a very busy couple of months. This year we have been directly supporting colleagues in 6 Institutions to submit 7 LLP applications. Proposals have been submitted under Comenius, Erasmus and Grundtvig actions. We have also answered a range of queries from Institutions developing proposals independently. We congratulate those who managed to meet the deadline and wish them luck for the selection process. Results are scheduled to be announced in June 2011.

## Spring Briefing Events

Since the last Bulletin we have organised a series of events for the spring. Details are provided on page 2. We still have places available at all events, although some are filling up fast, so if you would like to attend please contact us for a booking form as soon as possible.

## HEEFS Services

As we mentioned in our last Bulletin, HEEFS information service will this year move from being free at the point of use, to a new subscription basis. As a HE sector shared service enjoying the direct endorsement of UUK, GuildHE and HEFCE, HEEFS will continue to support HEIs secure funding from the EU for transnational collaboration. For full details of the reasons behind these changes and information about the services to be offered please see page 5.

## EU Programmes

Colleagues in HEIs are often familiar with EU Programmes that are designed specifically to support work in HE, such as Erasmus and TEMPUS. Less well known, however are other Programmes that offer support for HE transnational collaboration, details of these Programmes are provided on page 8. Further information can be found on our website.

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### EU-US ATLANTIS Programme

Please note that the application deadline of 7 April 2011, is likely to be extended to the end of July 2011 due to delays to the announcement of the call for proposals in the USA. For further details please see:-

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral\\_cooperation/eu\\_us/funding/calls\\_2011\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation/eu_us/funding/calls_2011_en.php)



# HEEFS Spring Briefing Events

Briefing	London Dates	Liverpool Dates
EU Support for HE collaborative partnerships	Tuesday, 22 March 2011	Monday, 14 March 2011
HE Community Engagement	Wednesday, 23 March 2011	Tuesday, 15 March 2011
Collaboration beyond Europe	Tuesday, 5 April 2011	Wednesday, 30 March 2011
EU Support for collaboration in Humanities & Social Science Subjects	Wednesday, 6 April 2011	Wednesday, 13 April 2011
EU Support for collaboration in Arts & Cultural Activities	Tuesday, 10 May 2011	Thursday, 14 April 2011

HEEFS is the UK HE Sector's shared service providing information, advice and support to Institutions seeking financial resources from EU Programmes offering opportunities for transnational collaboration. Our information is made available through our monthly bulletins, website, events and visits to Institutions. Indeed you may have attended one of our launch events in 2009 or one of the information events we held in 2010.

The information events we held at the offices of Universities UK in London in 2010 were oversubscribed and some colleagues were disappointed at not being able to attend. To avoid this happening again we have decided to mount a series of briefings that will be held in both London and Liverpool during Spring 2011.

Information about the content of each of the Briefings is provided below, we have also tried to indicate the target audience, but of course all HE colleagues are welcome to attend. The Briefings will be half day events with registration from 9.30am and a finish time of 1.00pm. There will be a charge of £100 per delegate.

**To reserve a place, please email [heefs@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:heefs@ljmu.ac.uk) to request a booking form indicating which event and location you wish to attend.**

## Background

We have identified more than 20 EU Programmes that offer grants to support transnational collaboration; all are open to participation by HEIs. We recently analysed some European Commission data on the funds allocated in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Overall HEIs across Europe have been awarded almost €700m to deliver projects under these Programmes. Only 6.9% of that €700m came to UK HEIs, putting us way behind our main EU competitors (Spain 13.3%; France 12.6%; Italy 11.7%; Germany 10.4% Belgium 9.6% and Netherlands 7.3%). We have been charged with raising awareness of the opportunities available under these Programmes amongst UK HEIs. Over the last two years we have built up a body of knowledge and experience, we have identified opportunities and assisted a number of HEIs to develop appropriate project proposals for a number of these Programmes. We have learned, however, from our visits to Institutions that awareness of these opportunities varies greatly across the sector. Our briefings and the support we offer through our web resources and Bulletins seek to overcome this. The Briefings will cover the following:-

### **EU Support for HE collaborative partnerships – an introduction to the opportunities**

The EU aims to become a world quality reference for HE, supporting the Bologna Process and the development of the European Higher Education Area. Collaboration between HEIs is central to these objectives, as HEIs pool resources and expertise to develop quality provision to be globally competitive. A range of EU Programmes offer support to HEIs to work together to:- modernise; develop curriculum; deliver joint programmes; exchange knowledge; network and research. UK HEIs are more used to competing than collaborating and are in danger of being left behind by HEIs in other parts of Europe where collaboration is more common. This briefing will explore opportunities; identify ways in which these funding streams can be used to support internationalisation strategies; and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** Senior managers and academics in HEIs with responsibility for, and interest in internationalisation strategies and collaborative partnerships

**London      Tuesday 22 March 2011**

**Liverpool      Monday 14 March 2011**

### **HE Community Engagement – sources of EU support**

Community engagement is a key component of the EU's vision for a modernised HE system in Europe. It is a central objective of the Lifelong Learning Programme, which offers support for collaboration between HEIs, and between HEIs and other providers. Community engagement is important in other Programmes such as Culture; Youth in Action; Europe for Citizens; Life+ and Health, all of which are open to HE applicants. This briefing will explore how UK HEIs can access these programmes; provide case studies; give an overview of Programme requirements and timetables; and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** Staff in HEIs with responsibility for, and interest in community engagement, and those with responsibility for attracting external funding

**London      Wednesday 23 March 2011**

**Liverpool      Tuesday 15 March 2011**

### **Collaboration beyond Europe - EU Programmes supporting international collaboration**

EU Programmes are often overlooked by colleagues aiming to develop international networks and relationships. Yet the EU is keen to build its standing in the global market for HE and there are a number of EU Programmes that support collaboration with HEIs located outside Europe. The TEMPUS Programme supports work with countries neighbouring the EU; Erasmus Mundus supports partnerships with HEIs worldwide; other Programmes support work with specific countries or regions, such as, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the Republic of Korea. Elements of other Programmes support capacity building and offer opportunities for UK HEIs to work with partners in Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific regions and Latin America. This briefing will provide an introduction to the Programmes; provide case studies; give an overview of Programme requirements and timetables and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** Staff in HEIs interested in developing international partnerships and attracting external funding

**London      Tuesday 5 April 2011**

**Liverpool      Wednesday 30 March 2011**

### EU Support for collaboration in Humanities and Social Science Subjects

Although, perhaps not as well known as the EU Framework Programmes, there are a number of EU funding streams that offer support for collaborative activities in the field of humanities and social sciences. Programmes such as the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme; DAPHNE; Progress; and the Civil and Criminal Justice Programmes offer support for collaborative research, whilst the Lifelong Learning Programme offers support for curriculum and pedagogical development. This briefing will explore EU support for Humanities and Social Science subject areas: provide case studies; give an overview of the Programme requirements and timetables and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** academics and researchers active in subject areas connected with law; social studies and social policy; languages; education and lifelong learning and those responsible for attracting external funding for these subject areas.

**London      Wednesday 6 April 2011**

**Liverpool      Wednesday 13 April 2011**

### EU Support for collaboration in Arts and Cultural Activities

UK HEIs offer a rich mix of arts and cultural education and deliver programmes of events such as festivals and exhibitions. Some are aimed at the student body, others are designed to support community engagement and develop links with other providers. 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. This briefing will explore how EU Programmes such as the Lifelong Learning Programme and the Culture and Media Programmes support HEIs to:- develop and deliver formal and informal education; work with schools; undertake staff and student exchanges; mount events such as festivals, exhibitions, summer schools and to provide for adult education and CPD. It will provide case studies; an overview of Programme requirements and timetables and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** academics and researchers active in subject areas related to arts and culture and those with responsibility for attracting external funding to these areas.

**London      Tuesday 10 May 2011**

**Liverpool      Thursday 14 April 2011**

## Venues

### London

Universities UK  
Woburn House  
20 Tavistock Square  
London  
WC1H 9HQ

### Liverpool

Liverpool John Moores University  
Egerton Court  
2 Rodney Street  
Liverpool  
L3 5UX

To reserve a place, please email [heefs@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:heefs@ljmu.ac.uk) to request a booking form indicating which event and location you wish to attend.

## HEEFS Service plans from 1st August 2011

Loss of funding from the European Social Fund means that Higher Education European Funding Service (HEEFS) can no longer deliver services for free at the point of use. To retain and increase the value created for the sector, HEFCE have agreed to support HEEFS move to a subscription model from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011. This move is also directly endorsed by UUK and GuildHE who are represented on the HEEFS Board. Set out below is a summary of our Plans and an indication of how we are seeking Institutional subscriptions.

HEEFS was established in 2009 as a shared service to help HEIs access EU grants that support international collaboration. Building from the 20 years of experience gained from supporting universities and colleges in obtaining grants from the European Social Fund, the team now supports university applications to over 20 EU funding schemes that are not included in the EU Framework Programme. These allocated €700 million to HEIs in the 3 years to 2009. Not only are significant sums available but there is a sizeable but as yet untapped opportunity for UK universities. Accounting for only €48 million, UK HEIs led fewer successful applications than institutions from Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

In support of the vision of a world-leading HE sector enriched by international collaboration, HEEFS seeks to increase effectiveness and efficiency in making applications to the relevant EU grants. Based on our expertise, we provide services that inform, advise and support members of HEIs throughout the grant application process. Institutional costs are reduced as the shared service approach removes wasteful replication of non-differentiating activities. Effectiveness is improved as HEEFS focuses all its resources on achieving the best results for UK universities and colleges. The services we offer are summarised in the following table with the proposed pricing:

Service	Brief Description	Price	
		Subs	Non Sub
News Roundup	Summary of key points from monthly bulletin, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Programme announcements – consultations; work programmes; calls for proposals</li> <li>• Announcement of HEEFS Briefings</li> <li>• Information about relevant events</li> <li>• Information about HEEFS publications and resources</li> <li>• HEEFS service updates</li> <li>• EU grant awards to UK HEIs</li> </ul>	Free	Free
6 monthly Executive Review	Summary of main stories relating to EU supported collaboration, highlighting successes in the UK HE Sector; identifying forthcoming timetables and opportunities; and explaining HEEFS services for strategic planning and management	Free	Free
Monthly Bulletin	A monthly e-mail newsletter sent to institutional contacts covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Programme announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work programme summaries identifying opportunities for HEIs;</li> <li>- detailed analysis and interpretation of calls for proposals, highlighting and explaining opportunities for HEIs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Key learning hints and tips for HEI staff</li> <li>• Information about and analysis of selection results</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Best practice advice</li> <li>• HEEFS research findings</li> <li>• Answers to FAQs</li> </ul>	Included	N/A

Service	Brief Description	Price	
		Subs	Non Sub
Telephone, Email and Web Support	<p>Telephone and email support –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to ad hoc request for advice and clarification</li> <li>• Acknowledgement normally within 3 working hours, response normally within 3 working days</li> </ul> <p>Website support –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Programme summaries</li> <li>• EU Programme information – calls, results, project examples etc.</li> <li>• Presentations from HEEFS Briefings</li> <li>• HEEFS research findings</li> <li>• HEEFS publications and guidance notes</li> <li>• Case Studies and best practice advice</li> <li>• Shared learning and hints and tips</li> <li>• Answers to FAQs</li> </ul>	Included	N/A
HEEFS Briefings	<p>Presentations that explain EU grants for international collaboration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EU Programme specific – detailed guidance about the opportunities, requirements and processes for a particular EU Programme</li> <li>2. Subject area specific – information about EU funding opportunities for HEI collaboration in certain subject areas</li> <li>3. HE sector policy area specific – information about EU funding programmes that support key policy areas</li> </ol>	£100 / person	£200 / person
Seminars and Workshops	<p>These are presentations provided at the request of individual institutions and are for to 20 members of staff. They can cover the content and/or application processes of specified EU Programmes and are tailored to meet the needs of the institution</p>	£1400 / day	£1800 / day
Strategy Mapping	<p>Identify and explain EU funding programmes that offer support for collaboration in areas key to Institutional strategies, plans and objectives</p>	£1200	£1800
Opportunity Mapping	<p>Identify and explain potential EU funding opportunities for specific project proposal</p>	£600	£900
Project Proposal Review and Application Review	<p>Proposal – before submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To advise on appropriateness for Programme and call</li> <li>• To advise on improvements to enhance prospects of success</li> </ul> <p>Application – after submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assess and highlight where improvements might be made for re-submission or for future applications</li> </ul>	£350	£500
Full Application Support	<p>Supporting HEIs in managing the project application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide guidance notes and timetable</li> <li>• Provide templates for sections of the application</li> <li>• Provide technical advice e.g. how to draw up a budget; how to address the selection criteria etc.</li> <li>• Collect and collate information</li> <li>• Review, assess and critique proposal</li> </ul> <p>Other support services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project management support for Programme requirements</li> <li>• Project evaluation</li> </ul>	Priced per project	Priced per project

Recent investigation indicated that applications supported by HEEFS had more than a 25% higher success rate than others reported and the Bulletin alone saved 3 to 5 working days a month for teams tasked with monitoring and disseminating information about this portfolio of programmes.

The confirmation of the value that HEEFS has created over the last 2 years was central in the decision to seek to sustain and develop the service. We believe that direct contribution in the form of subscriptions is the

best arrangement as funding directly comes from HEIs that recognise the need for centralised support. We also welcome the clearer relationships and accountability associated with financial exchanges.

As a shared serviced, we plan to share economies of scale by reducing the price of a subscription with increases in the number of institutions confirming that they will subscribe. This is shown in the table below.

Total Number of Subscribers by 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Price per institution
6-10	£5000
11-20	£4000
21-30	£3500
31-50	£3200
51+	£3000

Approaches are currently being made to Heads of Institutions and senior managers with a view to securing their agreement to subscribe on behalf of their institution. If you would have an interest in seeing your institution subscribe, please drop us an email at [HEEFS@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:HEEFS@ljmu.ac.uk) for more details.

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## EU Funding Programmes Offering Support for HE Transnational Collaboration

Set out below is a very brief summary of each of the 21 EU Programmes that offer support for transnational collaboration between HEIs and other organisations. Further information is available from our website.

### ALFA

To improve the quality, relevance and accessibility of Higher Education in Latin America and to contribute to the process of regional integration in Latin America, fostering progress towards the creation of a joint Higher Education area in the region and exploiting its synergies with the European Union.

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/index_en.htm)

### Civil Justice

To improve contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions. There is some scope to support judicial training.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/civil/funding\\_civil\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/civil/funding_civil_en.htm)

### Competitiveness & Innovation

To enhance competitiveness and innovation capacity in the EU, to advance the knowledge society and to ensure secure, sustainable energy for Europe. 3 Sub-programmes  
 Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)  
 ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)  
 Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)

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

### Criminal Justice

To promote judicial cooperation; compatibility in rules applicable in the Member States; improve contacts and exchange of information and best practices and improve mutual trust with a view to ensuring protection of rights of victims and of the accused.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/jpen/funding\\_jpen\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/jpen/funding_jpen_en.htm)

### Culture

To enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans, which is based on a common cultural heritage, through the development of cooperation activities among cultural operators, with a view to encouraging the emergence of European citizenship

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

### DAPHNE

To prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/daphne3/funding\\_daphne3\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm)

### Drug prevention & Information

To prevent and reduce drug use, dependence and drug related harms; contribute to the improvement of information on the effects of drug use; support the implementation of the EU Drugs Strategy

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/drugs/funding\\_drugs\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/drugs/funding_drugs_en.htm)

## EDULINK

Supports cooperation between HEIs in the EU and African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP countries). It represents a harmonised approach to the implementation of EU funded programmes in the ACP countries with a view to improving the effectiveness, management, visibility and impact of ACP-EU cooperation in the field of HE.

<http://www.acp-edulink.eu>

## Erasmus Mundus

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.

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php)

## EU – Canada Transatlantic Partnerships

To promote mutual understanding between the peoples of Canada and the EU including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions and to improve the quality of human resources in Canada and the EU by facilitating the acquisition of skills required to meet the challenges of the global knowledge-based economy

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

## EU – US Cooperation in HE (ATLANTIS)

To promote understanding between the people of the EU and the USA and to improve the quality of human resource development. ATLANTIS supports innovative projects for cooperation in HE and VET which are designed to develop and implement double or joint transatlantic degrees for students in the EU and US and other forms of cooperation including mobility and policy oriented measures

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

## Fundamental Rights & Citizenship

To promote the development of a European Society based on respect for fundamental rights; strengthen civil society; to fight against racism, xenophobia, and anti-semitism and to promote legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions, including support of judicial training.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/rights/funding\\_rights\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm)

## Health

To improve citizens' health and security; promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities and generate and disseminate health information and knowledge

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/2008-2013/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/2008-2013/index_en.htm)

## ICI Education Cooperation

EU cooperation with Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Republic of Korea includes bilateral cooperation projects in higher education and vocational training (ICI-ECP).

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

## Lifelong Learning

To reinforce the contribution made by education and training to achieving the Lisbon goal of making the EU the most competitive knowledge based economy, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs, and greater social cohesion

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index_en.php)

## LIFE+

To contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with European added value.

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/about/index.htm>

## Media

Focuses on activities before and after production in the audiovisual sector, offering support for training, project development, distribution and promotion. The Programme will also fund measures aimed at supporting digitisation and the changes it is making to the sector.

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

## Prevention of & Fight Against Crime

As part of the general programme 'Security and Safeguarding Liberties' this Programme contributes to a high level of security for citizens by preventing and combating terrorism and crime, organised or otherwise.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/isec/funding\\_isec\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm)

## Progress

Designed to work alongside ESF it supports the EU's efforts to deliver growth and more jobs whilst fighting poverty and social exclusion

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en>

## Tempus

Supports the modernisation of higher education in the Partner Countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Western Balkans and the Mediterranean region, mainly through university cooperation projects. It also aims to promote voluntary convergence of Partner Country higher education systems with EU developments in the field of higher education such as the Lisbon agenda and the Bologna process.

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index_en.php)

## Youth in Action

To promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular; to develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people; 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 and to promote European cooperation in the youth sector

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php)

**ALFA III****Call for Proposals****Deadline: 25 March 2011****ALFA I30-199****Background**

The ALFA Programme's overall objective is to contribute to the development of HE in Latin America, in order to stimulate more balanced and equitable socio-economic development in the region. The specific objectives are as follows:-

- to help improve the quality, relevance and accessibility of HE in Latin America, particularly for the most vulnerable groups;
- to contribute to strengthening the process of regional integration in HE in Latin America, fostering progress towards the creation of a Common HE Area in the region and promoting synergies with the EU system.

The Programme supports cooperation in the form of joint projects and networking between EU and Latin American HEIs.

The budget available for this call for proposals is €23.6m.

**2011 Call for Proposals**

Funds available for the 2011 Call for Proposals will be distributed in 2 Lots:-

	<b>Proportion of Budget</b>
Lot 1 : Joint Projects	40-50%
Lot 2 : Structural Projects	50-60%

Activities, priorities and technical requirements for each Lot are as follows:-

**Lot 1 : Joint Projects**

Joint projects are carried out by networks of HEIs in Latin America and the EU. Activities should be designed to encourage exchange of experience between the HEIs. They must aim to achieve tangible and measurable results in the field of social cohesion, including but not limited to:-

- access to HEIs for less privileged social groups, and measures to ensure they complete their studies there.
- Links with the labour market and business and public sector; promotion of entrepreneurship; applied research in relation to business and the public sector, etc.

ALFA III is not a mobility programme, although it will support some limited staff mobility. Joint projects are expected to produce tangible and measurable results after implementation of a pilot.

Minimum Partnership: 6 HEIs from different countries (at least 4 in Latin America; 2 in the EU)

Please note: unless the network involves all 18 Latin American countries, the number of Latin American countries involved must be double the number of EU countries.

Minimum Grant : €750,000

Maximum Grant	:	€1,250,000
Grant Rate	:	up to 80%

## Lot 2 : Structural Projects

Structural Projects should aim to discuss and design structural mechanisms to promote modernisation, reform and harmonisation of the systems at regional level in Latin America. They should aim to promote convergence and/or harmonisation at intra-regional level and links with progress made in the EU in this area. They should encompass the following themes at regional level:-

1. Modernisation of HE in Latin America
  - Governance
  - Curricular reform
  - Quality evaluation and accreditation
2. Social Cohesion
  - Access to HE and social integration of underprivileged groups
  - Links between HEIs and community (including business, government, civil society, etc.)

Depending upon themes chosen; projects might promote sector or thematic dialogue at regional (LA) or inter-regional (LA-EU) between relevant actors linked with HE; disseminate best practice; conduct studies/research, etc.

Minimum Partnership	:	16 HEIs from different countries (at least 12 from Latin American and 4 from EU countries)
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Please note: unless all 18 Latin American countries are involved the number of Latin American countries must be double the number of EU countries.

Minimum Grant	:	€1.5m
Maximum Grant	:	€3m
Grant Rate	:	up to 80%

## Application process

The application process has two phases:-

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| Phase 1: | Concept Note – 4 page summary addressing:-<br>Relevance; Description; Effectiveness; Sustainability |
| Phase 2: | Full Proposal – only if invited on the basis of Concept Note submission                             |

## Further Information

Details of the application process, guidance notes and form can be found at:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/index_en.htm)

## **PROGRESS**

### **Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue**

## **Call for Proposals**

**Deadline: 25 March 2011**  
**30 August 2011**

**VP/2011/001**

### **Background**

The Progress Programme supports policy development and delivery in the field of employment and social solidarity. It covers areas including employment; social inclusion and protection; working conditions; non-discrimination and gender equality. A summary of the Programme can be found on our website:-

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

Details of the Work Plan for 2011 were set out in Bulletin 25 -

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/bulletindocs/Bulletin%2025%20January%202011.pdf>

A Call for Proposals concerned with Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue has just been announced, the total budget available is €13.26m.

### **Details of the Call for Proposals**

Objectives of this call include measures and initiatives related to the adaptation of social dialogue to changes in employment and work and related challenges.

Two themes have been identified for this call. The types of activities to be supported are set out below:-

#### **Theme 1 - Support for European Social dialogue**

- measures to prepare European social dialogue such as preparatory surveys, meetings and conferences;
- measures regarded as part of social dialogue e.g. negotiations;
- measures to implement the European social partner's work programmes (such as round tables, exchanges of experience and networks of key actors);
- measures to monitor and follow-up European social dialogue activities and outcomes, such as conferences, etc;
- measures to improve co-ordination, functioning and effectiveness of European social dialogue through for e.g. Committees; exchange of good practice; joint training;
- measures to strengthen capacity of social partners to contribute to European social dialogue (e.g. information and training seminars);
- measures by social partners to contribute to the employment and social dimensions of the Europe 2020 Strategy and actions to implement the European Employment Strategy and to monitor and analyse its impact on labour markets.
- measures to support social partners to contribute to impact assessment of the employment and social dimensions of EU initiatives

## Theme 2 - Improving expertise in the field of industrial relations

- seminars and conferences on industrial relations, including studies, round tables, exchange of experience and networks of experts;
- initiatives to further the collection and use of information on national industrial relations systems and on developments at EU level;
- initiatives to promote knowledge of effective industrial relations practices;
- initiatives contributing to the Commission's Industrial Relations in Europe report

### Opportunities for UK HEIs

Research centres, Institutes and Universities are identified as eligible applicants for both themes. Clearly, there is significant opportunity to undertake research, to network and to share best practice in related areas.

### Technical Requirements

Minimum/ : None stipulated, but the call indicates that the average size of grant  
Maximum Grant : Awarded in 2010 was €160,000

Grant Rate : Usually 80%

### Application and Selection Procedure

There are two opportunities to apply, depending upon the proposed start date of projects, as follows:-

Applications for projects with a start date between 25 May and 22 December 2011 must be submitted by **25 March 2011**.

Applications for projects with a start date between 30 October and 22 December 2011 must be submitted by **31 August 2011**.

### Further Information

The call for proposals; guidance notes and application form are available from :-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=292&furtherCalls=yes>

**MEDIA Programme**  
**Support for the networking and mobility of students**  
**and trainers in Europe – Initial Training Support Scheme**

**Call for Proposals**

**Deadline: 29 April 2011**

**EACEA/02/11**

**Background**

The Media Programme is concerned with supporting the European audiovisual sector, preserving and enhancing its cultural and linguistic diversity and improving its competitiveness. It focuses on activities before and after production and offers support for training, project development, distribution and promotion.

A brief summary of the Programme is available on our website –

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/programmedocs/Summary%20of%20the%20MEDIA%20Programme.pdf>

**Subject of this call for proposals**

A call for proposals has just been announced for projects concerned with Initial Training. The specific objectives of the Training Support Scheme are:-

1. To improve the European dimension of audiovisual training activities
  - to encourage exchanges and cooperation, in supporting the networking of European training players, in particular HEIs, training organisations and partners of the audiovisual sector.
  - to encourage mobility of students and trainers in Europe
2. To strengthen the skills of European audiovisual professionals in order to improve the quality and potential of European audiovisual works.

**Priorities for the Call**

The purpose of the call is to encourage exchanges and cooperation between HEIs, etc. This should contribute to the networking and mobility of students and trainers in Europe and facilitate the integration of students in the professional sector. Projects must be delivered by pan-European consortia and must focus on audiovisual skills needs that are not sufficiently met in Europe.

This is the final call for proposals under this action within the current Media Programme. Successful applicants will form a 3 year partnership with the Media Programme under a Framework Partnership Agreement.

The budget for this call is €2m per year (for the three years 2011, 2012 and 2013).

**Activities to be supported**

Projects must aim at developing the capacity of future audiovisual professionals to understand and integrate a European dimension in their work by improving expertise in the following fields:-

- economic, financial and commercial management

- new audiovisual technologies
- script development

### Technical Features

- Partners : Applicants must take the form of a pan-European consortia composed of HEIs and other organisations linked to the industry
- partners must come from at least 3 different countries
  - at least 3 must be HEIs
- Grant Rate : Normally 50% (up to 75% if one of the partners is situated in Croatia or one of 12 countries acceded to the EU since April 2004 – Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia)
- Duration : Training Programmes should normally last up to a maximum of 12 months (18 months if linked to an event)
- : Framework Partnership Agreement will last 3 years, subject to approval of annual workplans.

### Further Information

All documentation and further information relating to this call can be found at:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/culture/media/programme/training/forms/initial/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/media/programme/training/forms/initial/index_en.htm)