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Programmes	Type of Information				
	Summary	Workplan	Calls	Results	Dissemination
Lifelong Learning Programme				The results of the 2009 call for applications under the LLP were announced in early July. A small number of UK HEIs have projects selected. Information is provided on pages 2 – 5.	
PROGRESS			Details of a Call for Tenders for a comparative study on access to justice in gender equality and anti-discrimination law are provided on pages 6 – 7.		
CULTURE			Electronic application forms (eForms) to be used for the 1 October deadlines are now available. Details are provided on page 8.		
MEDIA			Details of a Call for Proposals to support the networking and mobility of students and trainers are provided on pages 9 – 10.		
Competitiveness & Innovation Programme					
ESF	The European Commission has recently adopted a set of measures aimed at simplifying the management of EU Funds linked to Cohesion Policy. Details are provided on page 11				
Others			<p>Details of a Call for Proposals under the 'Prevention and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security-Related Risks' (CIPs) Programme are provided on pages 12 – 14.</p> <p>Details of 1 Call for Proposals and 2 Calls for Tenders concerned with the working and living conditions of posted workers are provided on pages 15 -19.</p> <p>Details of a Call for Proposals under the Erasmus Mundus Programme are provided on pages 20 -22</p> <p>Details of a Call for Proposals for support for European policy research organisations and think tanks and for civil society organisations at the European level are provided on pages 23 – 24</p> <p>Call for proposals for a Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport – A request for partners is included on page 25</p>		

Announcement of Selection Results 2009

Introduction

The results of the 2009 application round for the main centralised actions of the Lifelong Learning Programme were announced on 8 July 2009. Overall, 209 projects were selected for support. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the UK HEIs whose projects were selected, a list of those successful applications is provided below:-

UK HEI selected projects

Sub-programme	Institution	Project Title	Grant Requested in €k
Comenius	University of Chichester	European Development for the Use of Mathematics Technology in Classrooms	299
Comenius	University of the West of England	The Learning and Teaching of Children’s Literature in Europe	176
Erasmus	Buckinghamshire New University	Masters in Health Rehabilitation through Physical Exercise	226
Erasmus	University of Salford	European Masters in Ludic Interfaces	298
Erasmus	Open University	The Lived Experience of Climate Change: interdisciplinary e-module development and virtual mobility	290
Erasmus (networks)	University of Edinburgh	Medical Education in Europe 2	599
Erasmus (networks)	University of York	European Network for Psychology Learning & Teaching	585
Leonardo	University of Nottingham	Psychological Risk Management – Vocational Education and Training	354
Leonardo	University of Salford	Quality and innovation in vocational training for Enterprise Cultural Heritage	387
Grundtvig	London Metropolitan University	Older Women in Learning and Enterprise 50+	299
		Total Grant Awarded	3,513

HEEFS assistance

We are especially pleased to see that the Centre for Micro-enterprise (CME) at London Metropolitan University was successful in securing support under the Grundtvig programme for its project ‘Older Women in Learning and Enterprise 50+’. This project is a development from three former ESF projects supported through the HE Sector national route, which:-

- investigated appropriate models of interaction and support for women wishing to enter self employment;
- designed tailor made training programmes to meet the needs of women would-be entrepreneurs; and
- adapted them specifically for women aged over 50.

As such, HEEFS, was heavily involved in assisting staff at CME in all stages of the preparation of the application, from identifying the Grundtvig Programme as an

appropriate funding stream; to advising on how best to address the selection criteria and pulling together a suitable and eligible budget. The project team, since hearing of their success, have asked HEEFS to support them through the contract negotiation phase and in ensuring that the project is delivered as planned during the next two years. The project is scheduled to begin in November 2009.

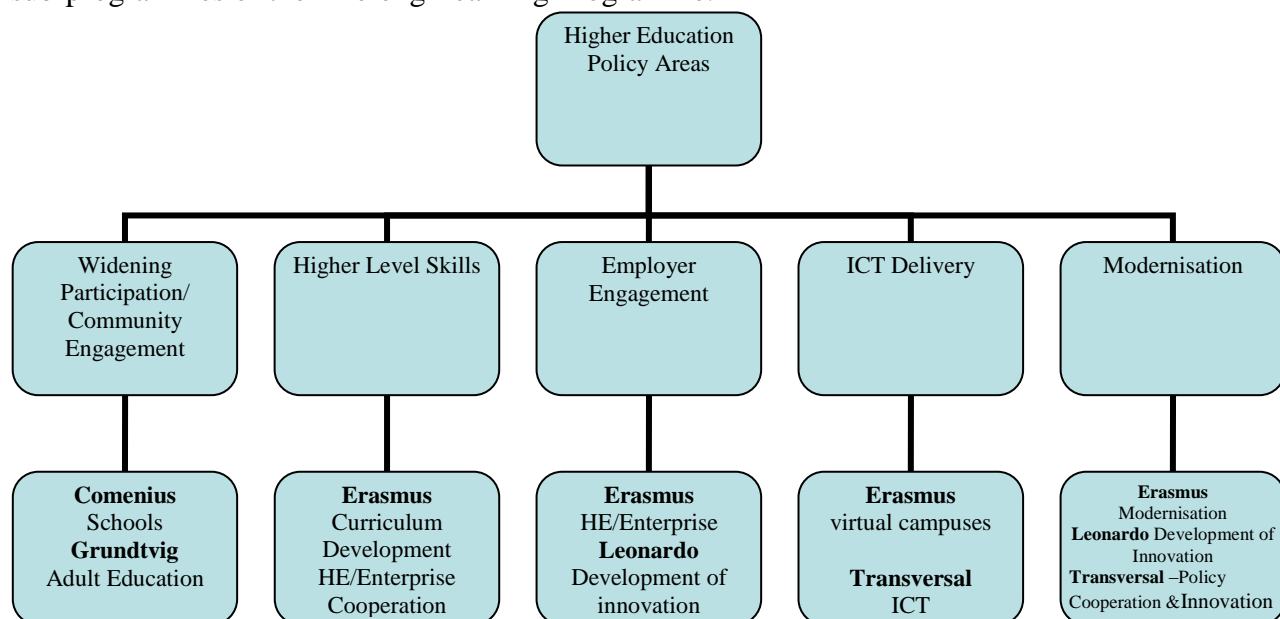
A summary of the **Older Women in Learning and Enterprise 50+** project can be found on the next page, together with contact details.

Opportunities for UK HEIs

As you can see, this year 10 of the selected projects were submitted by UK HEIs, this represents an increase from last year, when UK HEIs accounted for only 5 of the selected projects. However, UK Institutions are still considered to be under-performing when compared with other Member States, accounting for only 5% of all projects selected and only 12% of those where an HEI is the lead partner.

There are significant opportunities for UK HEIs to apply for support from the Lifelong Learning Programme. As the Programme aims to stimulate innovation and activity at all levels of education and training there is significant overlap between the actions covered by the Programme and those formerly undertaken by UK HEIs with support from the European Social Fund.

Given the UK's position as one of the leading Member States in terms of implementing the Bologna Process and in recognising HE's role in addressing the Lisbon goals of 'achieving more and better jobs, the European Commission is particularly keen for UK HEIs to be involved in the Programme and to share their expertise with Institutions in other Member States. Indeed UK HEIs are recognised as having significant experience and expertise in terms of modernisation (making HE more attractive and accessible) and in building links with enterprises, two key areas of the Erasmus Programme. The diagram below shows how the main HE policy areas formerly addressed by UK HEIs using ESF support can be slotted into the various sub-programmes of the Lifelong Learning Programme.



The Programme offers opportunities for HEIs to work with transnational partners to develop and deliver new curriculum, to test new methods of delivery and engagement and to undertake elements of research to inform delivery.

Next Opportunity to apply under the Lifelong Learning Programme

There is an annual call for proposals under the centralised actions of the Lifelong Learning Programme. The timetable envisaged for the 2010 call is as follows:-

Call for proposals announced	-	September 2009
Deadline for applications	-	February 2010
Initial notification of results	-	May 2010
Final approval	-	July 2010
Projects start (potential)	-	September 2010

Further Information

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

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2009/call_lifelong_learning_2009.htm

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

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

Support from HEEFS

We are already working with a number of HEIs planning to submit applications for the next round. As you can see, there is plenty of time to develop proposals before the deadline. So now is a good time to start thinking about potential project ideas and to begin talking to transnational partners about working with them collaboratively. HEEFS is here to support HEIs to participate in the Lifelong Learning Programme, so please contact us if you are considering making an application. We will be more than happy to work with you to develop project proposals, to advise on finding transnational partners, and help with drawing up a budget etc. Please contact us for an informal discussion about how we might be able to help:-

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Centre for Micro Enterprise – London Metropolitan University

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Older Women in Learning and Enterprise 50+ (OWLE50+) responds to the educational challenge of an ageing population in Europe and to the identified needs of older women who wish to start up a small business. Project partners in 3 EU countries (UK, Italy and Sweden) have trained older women in enterprise start up. They will use their different experiences to collaboratively design an initiative responding to challenges identified in the three countries. The partners will design and test a series of adaptable pick and mix ‘Multi Module’ (MM) workshops that will blend 5 learning strands needed by older women:-

- Older women’s enterprise competencies and micro business start up
- Employability and life skills
- ICT for social and business growth
- Community involvement
- Effective senior citizenship in the EU and own country

The MM approach has been developed by the UK team and they will lead on this aspect of the project, recruiting 25 women to participate in 12 workshops per annum for the 2 years of the project. As the MM approach is new to them, the Swedish and Italian partners will recruit 10 participants to 4 workshops, thus trialling the approach in their own settings. For their part the Swedish partners will lead on website development, which is important to support networking and the ICT elements of the project. The Italian partners, in line with their areas of expertise will take the lead on ensuring quality of the both the materials and the training delivered.

A comparative study on access to justice in gender equality and anti-discrimination law (in Member States and EFTA/EEA countries)**Deadline: 18 September 2009****VT/2009/014****Background**

The EU has been at the forefront of efforts to tackle sex discrimination and to promote equality between women and men. More recently, it has taken further action to protect people against discrimination on grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age and sexual orientation. These efforts have produced results, including the development of some of the most comprehensive and far-reaching anti-discrimination legislation in the world. However, further action is required and the purpose of this study will be to provide an overview of the rules concerning access to justice in Member States as well as in the EFTA/EEA countries, in the field of gender equality and anti-discrimination. The information will be gathered with a view to updating, modernising, completing and recasting the existing Community legislation concerning these rules where necessary.

Subject of the contract

The purpose of the study will be to provide the Commission with independent input on the situation in the Member States and EFTA/EEA countries, as regards access to justice in cases of discrimination on grounds of gender race or ethnic origin, religion or belief disability, age and sexual orientation. It should cover the material scope of the relevant EU Directives. The study should provide independent analysis of the following aspects:-

- Procedural guarantees
- Requirements for an effective, proportionate and dissuasive remedy
- Effectiveness of the legal framework

The contractor is required to produce a report addressing these issues across the Member States and EFTA/EEA countries. A conference will be organised as part of the contract, at which the report will be presented.

Technical Features

Duration of the contract will be 12 months
Maximum available for the contract is €400,000
Tenders from consortia will be accepted

Selection Criteria

Contractors must be able to demonstrate that they have the technical and professional capacity to carry out the work. The team must, for instance, include legal experts with relevant experience and expertise. Economic and financial capacity to deliver the project must also be demonstrated.

The contract will be awarded to the bid offering the best price/quality ratio, taking account of the following criteria:-

- Approach (30%)– understanding the nature of the assignment, its context and the results to be achieved

- Methodology (40%) – qualitative value of the proposal, including the clarity, quality and innovativeness of the overall methodology
- Work organisation (30%) – quality of the presentation of the administrative and logistical tasks involved

Further Information

All tender information can be obtained from:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=225&furtherCalls=yes>

Interested?

If you are interested in submitting a tender in response to any of this call under the PROGRESS Programme we may be able to offer some assistance, please contact us for an informal discussion about how we might be able to help:-

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Electronic Application Forms Released

Deadline 1 October 2009

The 1 October application deadline relates to the following two Actions under the Culture Programme:-

Strand 1.1 Multiannual Cooperation Projects

Strand 1.2.1 Cooperation Projects

All applicants will be required to use an electronic form. The forms and all relevant documentation are now available to download from the following link:-

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index.htm>

Interested?

If you are planning to submit an application to the Culture Programme, and would like some assistance in preparing the application, then we may be able to help. Please contact us for an informal discussion about the assistance we are able to offer.

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MEDIA Programme

Call for Proposals

Support for the Networking and Mobility of Students and Trainers in Europe – Training Support Scheme

Deadline: 19 August 2009

EACEA/16/09

Background

Due to an administrative error, this call replaces the call announced in February with a deadline of March 2009 and covered in HEEFS Bulletin 2.

Objectives

The MEDIA Programme has three broad objectives:-

- to preserve and enhance European cultural and linguistic diversity and its AV heritage, guarantee its accessibility and promote intercultural dialogue
- to increase circulation and viewership of European AV works
- to strengthen the competitiveness of the European AV sector

The **Training Support Scheme** aims to support the acquisition and improvement of skills. Its objectives are:-

- ◆ to improve the European dimension of AV training activities
 - to encourage exchanges and co-operation, in supporting networking of European training players, in particular HEIs, training organisations and partners from the AV Sector
 - to encourage mobility of students and trainers in Europe
- ◆ to strengthen the skills of European AV professionals in order to improve the quality of European AV works

Types of Activities for this Call

The purpose of this Call is to encourage exchange and cooperation between HEIs, training organisations and partners from the AV industry. This should contribute to the networking and mobility of students and trainers in Europe and facilitate the integration of students in the professional sector.

The Call is looking for pan-European consortia to produce and deliver an associated workplan focusing on AV skills needs that are not currently sufficiently met within Europe. Training activities favouring multidisciplinary co-operation within the AV industry are encouraged.

Proposals must be for actions which are aimed at developing the capacity of future AV professionals to understand and integrate a European dimension in their work by improving expertise in the following fields:-

Training in economic, financial and commercial management

- business skills (management accounting, marketing, pitching and presentation)
- production
- legal and financial aspects of co-production
- understanding international markets
- networking and accessing international markets

Training in the implementation of new AV technologies

- production (e.g. digital production, 3D animation, HDTV)
- post-production (e.g. visual/special effects)
- distribution: new channels for distribution of films for TV and cinema
- marketing: using new media to promote AV works (i.e. internet)
- new markets (internet, mobile phones, 3D cinema)
- restoration and conservation technologies

Training in script development

- identifying target audiences
- international standards of scriptwriting and script presentation
- creative collaboration between writers, script editors, producers, directors, DOPs.

Requirements and Eligibility

Applicant organisations must be able to prove their operational capacity to implement the activity by demonstrating the existence of:-

- human and technological resources available within the consortium
- solid experience of organising training activities
- an extensive international network of contacts from the AV industry

Basic technical requirements in terms of project size, duration, maximum grant etc. are as follows:-

Duration	normally maximum 12 months
Deadline	19/8/2009
Results Announced	October 2009
Available Budget	€1.9m
Maximum Project Size (Grant)	Normally €200k
Maximum Grant Rate	50% (up to 75% if one of the partners is from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia)
Minimum number of participants	at least 3 partners from 3 countries, at least 3 must be HEIs

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:-

	Max Score
Quality of the content of the activity	20
Project Management	
• expertise of trainers/tutors	}
• methodology	}
• cost effectiveness	}
Quality of the consortium	
• coherence and complementarity	}
• partnership with AV industry	}
European dimension	20
Impact	20
	<u>100</u>

Further Information

All information relating to this call can be obtained from:-

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/training/forms/initial/index_en.htm

Interested?

If you or any of your colleagues are interested in submitting a proposal under this call we may be able to offer some assistance in developing and preparing your application. Please feel free to contact us for an initial discussion about how we might be able to help.

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Simplifying the Management of the European Social Fund

On the 22nd July 2009, the European Commission adopted a number of measures designed to simplify the management of those European Funds used to implement Cohesion Policy.

The main change affecting the European Social Fund (ESF) is the opportunity for member states to receive 100% co-financing for the public funded element of ESF programmes, rather than the normal 50%. This facility will be available to member states, should they request it, in the financial years 2009 and 2010.

This measure has been introduced in order to assist those member states who are not currently able to co-finance ESF projects themselves. The intention of the Commission is that, in order to ensure that projects may go ahead, they will, effectively, provide 100% funding for 2009 and 2010, on the understanding that member states provide 100% funding in subsequent years (2011 and 2012).

UK Government is currently considering its position; however indications are that it will not take up the offer. The Department for Work and Pensions, who have overall responsibility for the management of ESF in the UK, understand that the facility is primarily aimed at those member states most affected by the current economic difficulties. A number of member states currently have no match funding available to co-finance their part of the programme, and it is these member states that the Commission wishes to help most.

A number of HEIs had thought this amendment to the way ESF operates, would offer them the opportunity to receive 100% funding for projects. This is not the case. The facility is being made available at the programme level, not the level of individual projects.

A number of other changes have been introduced that primarily affect the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). More detail on all the approved changes can be found on the Commission's press release (IP/09/1175) of the 22 July 2009 which can be found at

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1175&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

**Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence
Management of Terrorism and other Security
Related Risks – Action grants**

Call for Proposals

Deadline: 1 September 2009

CIPS 2009 II

Background

The above Programme, otherwise known as the CIPS Programme is part of the Commission's general Programme on 'Security and Safeguarding Liberties'. This call aims to award grants to transnational and/or national projects that contribute to the development of the 'European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection' as well as policy measures aiming at upholding, and/or guaranteeing security and public order during a crisis situation.

This call invites applications for financial support for actions in the field of critical infrastructure protection. Actions funded under this Programme have to be based on an all-hazards approach, while considering threats from terrorism as a priority.

Activities

Priorities for 2009 include the following:-

1. Infrastructures and assets

To develop/evaluate/implement/disseminate

- Tools and methods to design public spaces to improve protection against terrorist attacks
- Techniques oriented to protect the assets which form the European electrical grid
- Model architectures for robust process control systems which restrict data traffic in critical infrastructures that use process control technology

2. Data processing and telecommunications

To develop/evaluate/implement/disseminate

- A large-scale pan-European exercise to test Internet contingency plans
- Real time malicious code identification and network forensic tools
- Inter-dependency modelling tools for the ICT sector
- An effective communication methodology of counter terrorism messages to members of the public in crowded public places

To study

- Public-private partnership initiatives to enhance security and resilience of fixed and mobile telecommunications as well as the internet. The study will take stock of initiatives and procedures in place in Member States in terms of public-private partnership initiatives to enhance security and resilience of fixed, mobile telecommunications and internet. The study will set up a mechanism to foster the exchange of know how and experience between Member States

3. Modelling

To develop/evaluate/implement/disseminate

- Remote and direct assessment techniques to identify individuals who pose a security risk

- National business cases for the implementation of priority communications capability on public networks to ensure that critical users can make vital communications on public networks in case of crisis
- Joint exercises and live/practical scenarios aiming at the training and improvement of the coordination of the EU actors who are involved in the management of terrorist attacks consequences
- Technical expertise and participation of experts in assessments or other mechanisms, including training provided to national operator experts to support Member States in the identification, designation and protection of critical infrastructure.

Projects can be transnational or national in scope.

Transnational projects must:-

- Have a true transnational nature and involve participants from, and/or have activities located in, at least 2 Member States, or at least 1 member State and 1 candidate country

And

- Establish a partnership which involves eligible partners in at least 2 Member States or in at least 1 Member State and one other country which is an acceding or candidate country

National projects (i.e. carried out within a single Member State without the active involvement of partners from another country) must:-

- Prepare transnational projects and or Union actions, or
- Contribute to the development of innovative methods and/or technologies with a potential for transferability to actions at Union level

Opportunities for HEIs

Although limited, the Programme does offer some opportunities for HEI applicants and may therefore be of interest to certain HE faculties, departments or schools. HEIs may deliver for instance, projects involving elements of process and product development, piloting and testing, modelling, research and analysis and under some of the priorities there is limited scope to deliver training programmes.

Indeed in 2007 and 2008, four HEI led projects were selected. One project at Aston University concerned evacuation responsiveness for which a preparedness toolkit was developed. Another, at the University Campus Bio-Medico of Rome was concerned with the Security of the European Food Supply Chain and a project at the University of Navarra undertook a simulation exercise to manage a power cut crisis.

Other projects which may be of interest concerned:-

- Innovation in law enforcement education
- The vulnerability of information systems and its intersectoral, economic and social impacts
- Development of risk assessment and countermeasure audit methodology for potential terrorist attacks on mass transit systems
- Improving knowledge of effective critical infrastructure protection and facilitating exchange of experiences and best practices

Technical Features

Total budget available for this call is €9.9m.

Maximum grant rate is 70%

Minimum amount of grant is €50,000, there is no maximum

Maximum duration is 2 years

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be required to demonstrate that they have the financial and professional and technical capacity to undertake the project. In addition they will be assessed against the following award criteria:-

Conformity (15%) - the extent to which they fall within the priority areas identified and meet an identified need

Quality (25%) - conception, organisation, clarity, methodology, expertise, expected results and dissemination strategy

Value for money (15%) - amount and appropriateness in terms of expected results

Impact (15%) – on security in the EU

European dimension (15%) – the extent to which the action:-

Spans across the EU (for transnational projects)

And/or

The expected results apply to a large number of Member States (for both national and transnational projects)

Economies of Scale (15%) - larger projects in terms of, for example, ambition and participation will be favoured.

Further Information

All information and documentation relating to this call can be obtained from:-

http://www.ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/cips/funding_cips_en.htm

Interested?

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DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities **Calls for Proposals and Tenders**

Concerning Issues related to Working Conditions of Posted Workers

Deadline: 18 September 2009

1. Call for Proposals

VP/2009/015

Pilot Project – Working and Living Conditions of Posted Workers

Background

This call intends to support initiatives which explore the real world living conditions of posted workers and how the Member States, social partners and inspectorates work in practice. The pilot focuses on a few specific sectors with a high number of posted workers e.g. construction, agriculture and healthcare sectors.

The purpose of the pilot is to:-

- Promote the exchange of relevant information, establish best practices and publish an overview of the state of play in the Member States
- Examine any questions and difficulties which might arise in practical application of the posting of workers legislation, as well as in its enforcement in practice

Measures covered will include the exchange of information on posted workers with a focus on:-

- Discrepancies between their wages and those of the host country workers
- Discrepancies between their working time spent at work and the working time defined in the contract
- Their real remunerated leave
- Their living conditions, including occupational health and safety conditions
- Their contractual arrangements and the duration of their posting
- Their trade union representation in the host country
- How inspectorates work and the frequency of their control

Types of Projects

The call aims to support transnational projects carried out by stakeholders with practical knowledge of the working and living conditions of posted workers as well as the application and/or enforcement of national rules regarding such workers, with at least one of the following objectives:-

- Promoting the analysis and/or monitoring of the working and living conditions of posted workers in specified sectors or countries
- Promoting the analysis of problems raised by the application of Directive 96/7EC on the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services in the Internal Market

- Exchanging and dissemination of relevant information on national practices or cooperation initiatives designed to address problems related to the posting of workers and promoting best practice

The following activities may be supported:-

- Seminars, conferences or short training actions focussed on the posting of workers including preparatory studies, the organisation of round table exchanges of experience and best practices and networks of key actors and/or experts
- Case studies, investigating living and working conditions of posted workers in specific occupations, regions and/or sectors, including comparative studies of the situation of posted workers in different Member States
- Initiatives to further the collection, use and dissemination of information on the posting of workers, such as websites, publications, newsletters and other means of disseminating information.

Technical Features

The total amount available for this call is €350,000

The maximum grant rate is 80% of eligible costs

Projects can have a planned start date no earlier than 18 November 2009, no later than 22 December 2009

Projects must be carried out in cooperation between partners from or by a partnership of organisations from at least 2 Member States or by a European or international organisation

Selection Criteria

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

- The extent to which the project meets the objectives of this call for proposals
- The extent to which the project has a genuine transnational dimension and/or requires joint participation of different stakeholders
- The quality of the partnership, i.e. the degree of involvement, commitment and/or joint participation at the application stage of the social partners/stakeholders in the proposed project, action or initiative
- The cost effectiveness of the action
- The arrangements to publicise the action and dissemination methods envisaged
- The overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget explanation

Further Information

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

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&lanId=en&callId=230&furtherCalls=yes>

Study on the economic and social effects associated with the phenomenon of posting of workers in the EU

Background

The aim of this study is to investigate the economic and social effects of the implementation of 'The Posting of Workers Directive' 1996/71/EC. The Commission is particularly interested to know whether the living and working conditions of posted workers differ from those of comparable workers in the host country; whether the economic objectives of posting workers are fulfilled given the legal and administrative provisions in both the origin and the host countries; and to understand the broader impact on labour markets, competitiveness and organisation of markets.

Subject of the Contract

The study will aim at:-

- Assessing the economic and social effects associated with the phenomenon of posting workers in the context of cross-border service provision
- Investigating living and working conditions in comparison with workers doing similar jobs in the host country
- Investigating the economic rationale for posting workers
- Determining how and under what conditions the posting will develop in the future

The study will include the following:-

- Development, discussion and validation of methodological plan
- Analysis of the size, distribution and characteristics of posting of workers
- Assessment of the economic and organisational effects of posting by main sectors of activity
- Assessment of the social and labour market effects of posting by main sending and receiving countries

Technical Features

Contract duration will be 10 months maximum

Maximum available for the contract is €450,000

Selection Criteria

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

Approach (30%) – depth of conceptual understanding of the nature of the assignment, its context and the results to be achieved, creativity and quality of the approach to the tasks to be performed.

Methodology (40%) – way in which tasks will be performed and analyses undertaken

Work organisation (30%) – quality of the strategy for organising the work

The contract will be awarded to the tender representing the best value for money, based upon the ratio between the score awarded against the criteria above and the price.

All information relating to this call for tenders can be obtained from the following link:- <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en>

Study on the legal aspects of the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services in the EU

Background

Through this call for tenders, the Commission aims to generate more effective exchange of information, better access to information and exchange of best practice amongst Member States in terms of the implementation of 'The Posting of Workers Directive' 1996/71/EC.

Subject of the Contract

The Commission intends to examine any questions and difficulties which might arise in practical application of the posting of workers legislation, as well as in its enforcement in practice. The study will examine the main problems regarding the implementation of the Directive and identify good practice cases in order to suggest ways to address such problems.

The study will investigate not only the role of Member State authorities in enforcing the Directive, but also the role of social partners. In this respect the study should examine existing practices and initiatives.

The study will include the following:-

- Stock-taking of existing problems in the implementation and application in practice of the Directive
- Stock-taking of existing problems in enforcing the rights conveyed by the Directive
- Assessment and recommendations

Technical Features

Contract duration will be 10 months maximum

Maximum available for the contract is €200,000

Selection Criteria

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

Approach (30%) – depth of conceptual understanding of the nature of the assignment, its context and the results to be achieved, creativity and quality of the approach to the tasks to be performed.

Methodology (40%) – the tender should describe clearly the way in which tasks will be performed and the analyses undertaken

Work organisation (30%) – the quality of the strategy for organising and coordinating the work, in particular the administrative and logistical tasks involved and feasibility of the time schedule provided.

The contract will be awarded to the tender representing the best value for money, based upon the ratio between the score awarded against the criteria above and the price.

Further Information

All information relating to this call for tenders can be obtained from the following link:-

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Deadline: 15 October 2009

EACEA/13/09

Latin America region in the academic year 2009/10 – The Community Action programme for the promotion of cooperation between higher education institutions and the exchange of students and academic staff from EU Member States and Third-Countries

Background

The Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window aims at mutual enrichment and better understanding between EU and Third-Countries. It is designed to foster institutional cooperation in the field of higher education through a mobility scheme addressing student and academic exchanges for the purpose of studying, teaching, training and research.

Eligible applicants and countries

Applicants must be Universities or European HEIs representing a partnership of up to 20 partner institutions.

The partnership composition has to be constituted of European HEIs, in possession of an Erasmus Charter and Latin American HEIs recognised and accredited by the national authorities.

Activities must take place in one of the eligible countries covered by this call, as follows:-

- The 27 EU Member States, European Candidate countries (Croatia and Turkey) and EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway)
- The following Latin American countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela

Eligible Activities

The EC grants will contribute to financing institutional based partnerships of European and Latin American HEIs to cover the following types of activities:

- The organisation of individual mobility of HE students and academic staff
- The implementation of individual mobility, for
 - Students – undergraduate, master, doctorate and post doctorate mobility opportunities
 - Academic staff – exchanges for teaching, practical training and research

This call is concentrated upon the particular needs of the Latin American countries and aims to promote exchanges in specified subject areas in certain countries identified in terms of ‘geographical lots’ as set out in the table below:-

Geographical Lots	Third Countries	Fields of Study
Lot 17b	Brazil Paraguay Uruguay	Agricultural Sciences Education, Teacher Training Engineering, Technology Medical Sciences Natural Sciences Social Sciences
Lot 18b	Argentina Bolivia Peru	Agricultural Sciences Engineering, Technology Geography, Geology Mathematics, Informatics Medical Sciences Natural Sciences Social Sciences
Lot 19b	Ecuador Venezuela Chile Cuba	Agricultural Sciences Architecture, Urban & Regional Planning Engineering, Technology Education, Teacher Training Geography, Geology Natural Sciences Social Sciences
Lot 20b	Honduras Guatemala Nicaragua El Salvador Mexico	Agricultural Sciences Architecture, Urban & Regional Planning Engineering, Technology Education, Teacher Training Mathematics, Informatics Medical Sciences Social Sciences
Lot 21b	Colombia Costa Rica Panama	Agricultural Sciences Architecture, Urban & Regional Planning Engineering, Technology Education, Teacher Training Mathematics, Informatics Medical Sciences Natural Sciences Social Sciences Communication & Information Sciences

Technical Features

Maximum project duration is 4 years

Earliest start date is 1 December 2009, latest finish date is 1 December 2013

All individual exchanges must start before 1 September 2010

Total Budget available is €12.7m (for which the Commission aims to support 548 individual exchanges)

The Call aims to support 4 partnerships, at around €3.175m per partnership (each partnership should aim for approx 137 individual exchanges)

The minimum requirement for a partnership is:-

- 5 European Universities holding an Erasmus Charter, from at least 3 EU countries
- At least 2 Universities from each country in the corresponding geographical Lot

The maximum size of a partnership is 20 partners

Grant is applicable to the activities in two parts:-

- A lump sum for each participating HEI to cover costs deriving from the organisation of the individual mobility flows (flat rate of €10,000 per HEI)
- Unit costs amounts for travel, fees, subsistence and insurance costs of students and academic staff undertaking exchanges (vary by destination and type of exchange)

Selection Criteria

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

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| • Operational capacity and expertise | 10 points |
| • Relevance | 25 points |
| • Methodology to manage partnership and implement exchanges | 50 points |
| • Sustainability | 15 points |

Further Information

All information relating to the call is available from:-

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/index.htm>

Interested?

If you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to this call we may be able to offer some assistance, please contact us for an informal discussion about how we might be able to help:-

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Deadline: 15 October 2009

EACEA/11/2009

Structural support for European public policy research organisations and think-tanks and for civil society organisations at European level

Background

The objectives of The Europe for Citizens Programme include the following:-

- Giving citizens the opportunity to interact and participate in constructing an ever-closer Europe
- Developing a sense of European identity, based upon common values, history and culture
- Fostering a sense of ownership of the EU amongst its citizens
- Enhancing mutual understanding between European citizens, respecting and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity, while contributing to intercultural dialogue

Objectives of this call

The specific objectives of this call are 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
- 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

5 Thematic priorities have been identified for this call, as follows:-

- The future of the EU and its fundamental values
- Active European citizenship – participation and democracy in Europe
- Intercultural dialogue
- Impact of EU policies on society
- People's well-being in Europe, employment, social cohesion and sustainable development

Nature of the Call and Opportunities for HEIs

This call offers structural support, referred to as operating grants to organisations pursuing an aim of general European interest. There are two measures:-

Measure 1 – Structural Support for European policy research organisations and think tanks

Measure 2 – Structural Support for civil society organisations at European level

It would appear therefore that there may be opportunities for HEI based research networks and think tanks to apply for support towards the running costs of their networks under Measure 1. In the main, the Programme is looking to support

networks that have a legal constitution, but applications presented by networks that do not have an organisational structure and status of their own may be considered, in this case they must be presented by the member organisation responsible for coordinating the network. In all cases the network must operate in the field of European citizenship as defined in their articles of association or mission statement.

Type of Grant

The call requests applications for two types of grant:-

- A. Multi-annual Strategic Partnership Grants – support for up to 3 years
- B. Annual Operating Grants – support for 12 months

The main differences being that for A, the organisation must have been established for at least 4 years and must involve at least 12 eligible countries. For B, organisations must have been established for at least 1 year and involve at least 8 eligible countries

Applicants for support can choose between two types of financing for the calculation of the amount of operating grant requested:-

- a. a flat rate grant – based upon a fixed amount per ft/pt staff member on the payroll
- b. a budget based grant – where the grant will cover a proportion of the eligible costs

Budget

The budget available for this call is €8.2m. It is intended that 55 organisations will be funded. 85% is intended for Multi-annual Strategic Partnership Grants and 15% for Annual Operating Grants.

Further Information

All tender documentation can be obtained from the following link:-

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2010/call_action2_1_12_en.php

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Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport

Call for Proposals

Deadline: 31 August 2009

EAC/21/2009

Background

In Bulletin 5 issued in May, we provided details of a call for proposals for Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport.

Request for Partners

We have received a request for partners from **Action for Blind People** (an expert national organisation, ensuring blind and partially sighted people get practical support in all aspects of their lives). The organisation is interested in participating under the Theme '*Promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for persons with disabilities*'.

If you or any colleagues are preparing an application under this action or perhaps involved as partners in an application that you think may be of interest to **Action for Blind People**, then you might like to contact them.

Contact details area as follows:-

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Support from Higher Education European Funding Services (HEEFS)

In 2008, the Executive Boards of Universities UK and GuildHE decided that the company formerly known as HE ESF Services Limited, should be renamed Higher Education European Funding Services Limited. This change of name reflects the company's change of role which has been widened to cover support to HEIs interested in participating in a variety of EU programmes, such as the **Lifelong Learning Programme**, **PROGRESS**, the **Competitiveness and Innovation Programme**, **Culture** and **MEDIA Programmes** as well as the **Structural Funds**. With regard to these Programmes, HEEFS will offer support to UK HEIs in the following ways:-

- Information
- Support for applicant HEIs
- Support for projects

Information

- i. Analysis of annual workplans to identify relevant calls for proposals;
- ii. Regular monitoring of the Commission's website so that when the relevant calls are announced during the year, they can be identified and HEIs notified;
- iii. When calls are made they will be highlighted in the 'HEEFS Bulletin' which will be circulated to the HEEFS mailing list and placed on HEEFS website.

Support for applicant HEIs

HEEFS will offer support and advice to any HEI interested in submitting a proposal or a tender against any of the calls made by the Commission. Support may take the form, for example, of:-

- Interpretation and explanation of the call documentation;
- Identification of opportunities and assistance with project design to meet requirements;
- Assistance with the preparation of a project proposal or a tender;
- Advice on costing for a project

Support for projects

HEEFS will offer support to any HEI that is successful in the application process. Support may take the form, for example, of:-

- Assisting the HEI to ensure that it is able to comply with contract requirements;
- Assistance with completion and submission of interim and final claims/reports;
- Where appropriate, management of elements of a project, (e.g. managing a network or providing management support);
- Assistance with dissemination of project outcomes via HEEFS contacts network.

The **Information** element of HEEFS support will be provided free of charge to all interested HEIs. HEEFS will however, seek to recover its costs in relation to **Support for applicant HEIs** and **Support for projects** through a levy charged on the funds awarded to HEIs or by building its own costs into overall project costs. As rules governing Programmes differ, details will be negotiated with individual HEIs on a case by case basis.

Interested?

Anyone working in a UK HEI who would like support to submit a proposal under any of the EU Programmes listed above should contact HEEFS for an informal discussion.

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