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## Lifelong Learning Programme

### Announcement of Selection Results 2009

#### Introduction

The results of the 2009 application round for the centralised actions of the Transversal Sub-programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme were announced this month. Overall, 64 projects were selected for support. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the UK HEIs below whose projects were selected:-

Sub-programme	Institution	Project Title	Grant Requested in €k
<b>Key Activity 2 – Languages</b>			
Multilateral Projects	University of Sussex	EuroSign Interpreters	252
Accompanying Measures	London School of Economics and Political Science	Languages in Europe – Theory Policy Practice	118
<b>Key Activity 3 - ICT</b>			
Multilateral Projects	University of the West of Scotland	European Resource Centre for Web2.0 Education	419
	Nottingham Trent University	Location Based Services – Reconnecting Excluded Communities & Lifelong Learning	442
<b>Key Activity 4 – Dissemination &amp; Exploitation of Results</b>			
Multilateral Projects	University of Glasgow	European storehouse on the local and regional dimension of Lifelong Learning	300
		<b>Total Grant Requested</b>	1,531

#### Opportunities for UK HEIs

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 Transversal Sub-Programme, in particular has 4 Key Areas:-

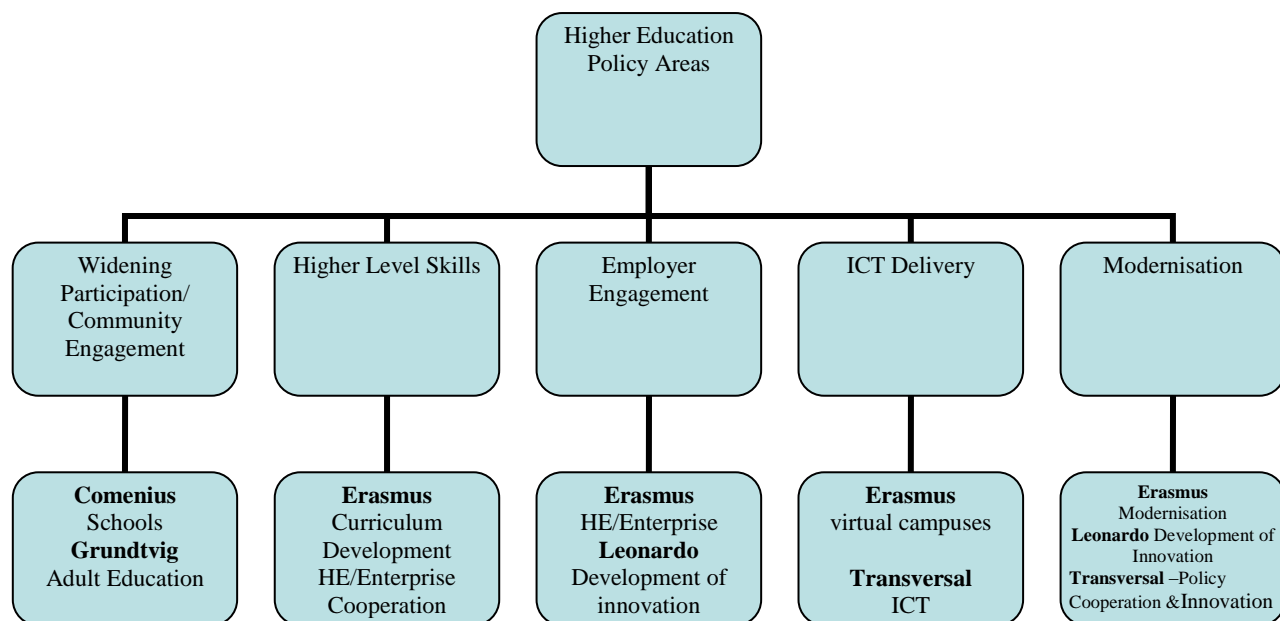
Key Activity 1 – Policy Cooperation and Innovation

Key Activity 2 – Languages

Key Activity 3 - Information and Communication Technologies

Key Activity 4 – Dissemination and exploitation of Results

It offers opportunities for UK HEIs to work together with transnational partners to carry out research, develop networks, develop curriculum, deliver courses and disseminate information in key policy areas related to Lifelong Learning.



### 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](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](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. 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. 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, to help with drawing up a budget and subsequently managing aspects of the project where appropriate. Please contact us for an informal discussion about how we might be able to help:-

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**Projects contributing to exchange of good practices****Deadline: 15 September 2009****VP/2009/011****Background**

The PROGRESS Programme supports the implementation of the European Employment Strategy (EES) in two key ways:-

- Organising exchanges on policies, good practice and innovative approaches and promoting mutual learning
- Raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about employment challenges and policies and the implementation of national reform programmes which is an integral part of the Lisbon strategy.

This call for proposals is for projects to raise awareness in 3 domains of the EES:-

1. Mutual Learning Programme (Flexicurity, undeclared work, corporate social responsibility, Local Employment Development etc.)
2. New Skills for New Jobs (following 2008 communication)
3. Green Jobs (to anticipate requirement in a low carbon economy)

**Subject of the call**

This call is for projects linked to each of the domains. A single proposal may cover only one for the domains. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that involve different levels of governance i.e. national, regional and local. Proposals must involve the applicant and at least one organisation from another participating country.

The requirements for proposals under each of the domains are as follows:-

**1. Mutual Learning Programme**

Proposals should be to build on and complement European-wide mutual learning activities which aim to:-

- Develop partnerships or networks which pursue the identification and exchange of good practice in a transnational context and/or
- Encourage mutual learning within MSs and between MSs, including key decision makers and stakeholders of the most effective policies and practices within key areas for the EES and/or
- Promote a wider more effective dissemination of knowledge about the EES and its implementation to national or European-wide stakeholders

In the current economic climate, priorities for this domain will be for activities aimed to support:-

- Implementation of integrated flexicurity pathways
- Better skills matching and upgrading
- Labour market integration of vulnerable groups

Proposed activities should lead to increased understanding of the EES and its implementation in Member States.

Examples of activities to be supported might include:-

- Workshops on benchmarks, policies or practices that include the participation of key stakeholders and policy makers
- Focused information campaigns and awareness raising efforts targeting key stakeholders

- Reinforcing existing or new networks devoted to the advancement of the target policy issues and practices

## 2. **New Skills for New Jobs**

The main aim of the Communication New Skills for New Jobs (NSNJ) is to improve Member States' and EU capacity to assess, forecast and anticipate the skills needs of its citizens and companies, and to help ensure a better match between skills and labour market needs. Under this call, the Commission is looking for proposals for the exchange of good practice in the following areas:-

- Improvement of take up of results and recommendations of foresight/forecasting and assessment of skills needs exercises, for example, by better linking the decision makers and education institutions
- Innovative practices in matching jobs and people's skills, in particular in the situation of economic crisis
- Dissemination, guidance, counselling on skills needs

Projects might involve or include:-

- Seminars, round table events or workshops
- Study visits or staff exchanges
- Development of policies, instruments and institutional systems
- Development of joint projects or initiatives
- Communication activities to publicise the results of sharing experiences

The Commission would particularly welcome proposals concerned with low skilled people, disadvantaged groups and people with specific training or guidance needs, laid off workers in sectors, most affected by the current crisis, young and older people, women, long term unemployed and migrants. Similarly, projects developing solutions on how to better cope with the impacts of the economic downturn on skills development and the labour market are encouraged.

## 3. **Green Jobs**

The objectives of projects under this part of the call are:-

- To provide the evidence concerning the scale and nature of implications and future labour market requirements of the green economy, and to promote debate about the results and methods used
- Identify the innovative employment policy solutions targeted at greening of labour markets and exchange of good practices
- Raise awareness among stakeholders about the short term employment challenges of green recovery programmes and about employment implications of a move towards a green economy as such.

The following areas for sharing good practice could be envisaged:-

- Adaptation of employment policies to deal with short-term labour market imperfections and promote green recovery – raise awareness about green techniques/products/materials etc. available for work related activities; promote skills development to speed up green recovery measures etc.
- Designing long term strategies, initiatives or cooperation schemes between stakeholders aimed at promoting green economy and better labour market matching
- Encouraging workers and companies to look at measures for reducing their carbon footprint
- Developing and comparing analytical tools and methods to assess in a more detailed manner the process of labour market greening

Projects might involve or include the following:-

- Development of policies, instruments, and institutional systems and innovative local green strategies
- Development of joint projects or initiatives by groups of stakeholders
- Study visits or staff exchanges
- Seminars, round table events or workshops
- Communication activities to publicise the results of sharing experiences

The Commission would particularly welcome projects concerned with low skilled people, disadvantaged groups and people with specific training and guidance needs, workers in sectors that will be most affected by climate change challenges are encouraged.

### **Technical Features**

Total Budget available is €4.49m

No minimum/or maximum grant amount for a project

Commission expect to fund 15 projects (so average will be €300k per project)

Proposals should involve different levels of governance, i.e. national, regional and local level

HEI applicants are encouraged to establish partnerships with other stakeholders

Projects must involve organisations from at least two countries (applicant plus one other)

Grant rate of up to 80% of eligible costs

Maximum project duration is 12 months

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants must have the operational resources, professional skills and financial capacity needed to deliver the project. In assessing proposals the following criteria will be used:-

- the degree to which the proposal meets the objectives and priorities of the call (15 points)
- the cost/efficiency ratio (15 points)
- the extent to which there is a genuine transnational dimension (10 points)
- the quality of the partnership (15 points)
- the added value and extent of innovation (10 points)
- the impact and/or multiplier effect (10 points)
- the quality of the publicity and dissemination strategy (10 points)
- the overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and the budget (15 points)

### **Further Information**

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

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=232&furtherCalls=yes>

### **Interested?**

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**Studies on “Flexicurity”****Deadline: 30 September 2009****VT/2009/039****Background**

This call for proposals is for two ‘Lots’:

Lot 1 – “Study on various aspects of labour market performance using microdata from the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)”

Lot 2 – “Study on Flexicurity: measuring the impact of flexicurity policies on the EU labour market”

Potential contractors may bid for one or both ‘Lots’.

**Scope of the ‘Lots’****Lot 1**

In order to strengthen the implementation of the European Employment Strategy (EES) and develop strategies for the future, the study will use the EU SILC to analyse labour market transitions. The study should cover all EU Member States, and should cover information relating to people aged over 16 with analysis at a sufficiently disaggregated level to take into account skill, gender and age dimensions. The study must provide a series of clear and concise conclusions and recommendations suitable for wide dissemination.

**Lot 2**

The study will review methods being used to monitor and analyse flexicurity measures in Member States and will identify data sources. The study will present a detailed assessment of the various national practices for implementing flexicurity policies and provide input to future policy development.

**Tasks to be undertaken**

Under each of the Lots’ contractors will be required to undertake a series of tasks, as follows:-

**Lot 1 – tasks of a thematic nature**

- labour market transitions
- taxes/benefits and transitions to employment
- part-time/full-time work and temporary/permanent contracts
- how to assess the quality/value of labour market transitions?
- Pay transitions
- Discuss issues of data quality and comparability in EU-SILC

**Lot 2 – tasks to be undertaken include:-**

- A review of current progress in monitoring of flexicurity policies
- A critical survey of the implementation and reporting on flexicurity strategies
- Recommendations for a more effective approach on monitoring flexicurity policies

## **Technical Features**

Contract duration for both 'Lots' will be 12 months  
Maximum cost is €200,000 for each 'Lot'

## **Selection Criteria**

In addition to demonstrating the necessary technical and financial capacity to undertake the work, tenders will be assessed against the following selection criteria:-

- Quality of the proposal (50%)
- Methodological approach (50%)

Points awarded will then be divided by the price, with the highest scoring bid being chosen.

## **Further Information**

All information relating to this call for tenders is available to download from:-  
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=234&furtherCalls=yes>

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**Studies on ‘New Skills for New Jobs’****Deadline: 30 September 2009****VT/2009/020****Background**

The rationale for the New Skills of New Jobs (NSNJ) agenda is that across Europe, technological change, globalisation, the need to move towards a low carbon economy, ageing populations and the evolution of social structures are accelerating changes in labour markets and in skills requirements. Upgrading skills is therefore critical to Europe’s future growth and productivity, its capacity to adapt to change and for equity and social cohesion. But upgrading education and skills levels alone is not enough: ensuring a better match between the supply of skills and labour market demand is just as important. Indeed the Commission argues that such matching of skills to demand is even more important in the current economic conditions.

**Subject of this call**

The call for tenders is in two ‘Lots’:-

**Lot 1:** Service Contract “Background on monitoring labour market developments in the EU and the key role of employment services” - design and development of a vacancy monitor of European labour market developments and trends in the context of the NSNJ agenda

**Lot 2:** Service Contract “Background on the EU network of academics and practitioners in the field of skills strategies and policies: upgrading, matching and anticipation of skills”

The tasks to be undertaken for each of the ‘Lots’ can be summarised as follows:-

**Lot 1**

- Identify, collect, compare and exploit existing sources of information at national and European level
- Consolidate data from different sources and provide a complete picture of the vacancy market
- Develop a methodology to link all the vacancy data
- Provide a database to store data
- Deliver the following:-
  - 6 editions of the ‘European Vacancy Monitor bulletin’
  - 6 editions of the ‘Job Mobility bulletin’
  - 1 edition of the ‘European Jobs and Skills Needs Report’
  - Methodology and database that can be transferred to the Commission

**Lot 2**

The network of experts will be required to carry out the following research:-

- Deliver informed analysis of national situations regarding skills needs, supply, mismatches, shortages etc. by collecting and analysing existing qualitative and quantitative data
- Map and evaluate policy reality and developments related to the situation of upgrading, matching and anticipation of skills in MSs

- Identify good practice on skills upgrading, matching and anticipation in order to assist the Commission in its work on facilitating mutual learning between MSs
- Formulate policy recommendations

The network's coordinating team will be required to:-

- Organise the network
- Design the research methodology
- Control the quality of the work

### **Technical Features**

Lot 1 – maximum duration is 24 months

Lot 2 – maximum duration is 12 months

Lot 1 – total price cannot exceed €700,000

Lot 2 – total price cannot exceed €150,000

### **Selection Criteria**

In addition to demonstrating the necessary technical, professional and financial capacity to undertake the work, tenders will be assessed against the following selection criteria:-

Quality of the proposal (30%)

Methodological approach (40%)

Work organisation (30%)

The total points awarded will be divided by the price, with the highest scoring bid being chosen.

### **Further Information**

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

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**“Transferable skills across economic sectors – Role and importance for employment at European level”****Deadline: 2 October 2009****VT/2009/091****Background**

In addition to sector-specific skills, the Commission recognises that employees need to possess a set of transferable skills, which will equip companies with a more flexible, adaptable and mobile workforce, while at the same time facilitating worker mobility occupationally and geographically, making it easier for them to develop their own occupational pathways.

The importance of developing transferable skills was highlighted in the Commission’s Communication “A shared commitment for employment” and in the Communication “New Skills for New Jobs”. The purpose of this Call for Tenders is to identify such transferable skills and their role and importance with regard to the employability, adaptability and occupational mobility of people in the labour market.

**Subject of the Contract**

The project will seek to:-

- identify transferable skills by sector, group of sectors and professions, now and over the next 10 years,
- identify what instruments/tools/methods are to be used to achieve greater mobility among workers by developing transferable skills and
- understand the role of the main protagonists in this area

The contractor will use existing information and draw on work undertaken in other countries, particularly the USA and Canada. Additional analyses will be required at the European level to include surveys of the business sector, the world of education and vocational training and in political circles. The work will result in a final report to include the following:-

- an introduction on the part played by transferable skills in individual occupational pathways
- identification of generic and specific transferable skills by sector and profession
- a description of the role of players involved in the acquisition of transferable skills and how they operate and cooperate
- an identification of the instruments/tools/methods used in business and administration (universities and vocational training establishments, public employment services and public authorities at various levels)
- a series of recommendations.

Tasks to be undertaken by the contractor, include:-

- analysis of existing experience and available information
- preliminary report
- European wide survey
- Interim report

- Organisation of experts workshop
- Final report

### **Technical Features**

Maximum duration of contract is 13 months

Maximum price is €300,000

### **Selection Criteria**

Contractors must be able to demonstrate that they have the necessary technical, professional and financial capacity to carry out the project. In addition all tenders will be assessed against the following criteria:-

- Understanding of the assignment (20%)
- Quality of the proposed plan of work and of the survey methodology and technique proposed (50%)
- Organisation of the work (30%)

### **Further Information**

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

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**Evaluation of the capacity of the ESF delivery systems to attract and support OP target groups**

**Deadline: 21 September 2009**

**VT2009/090**

**Background**

The purpose of this evaluation is to analyse the capacity of the delivery systems put in place in Member States to attract and support the target groups identified in ESF Operational Programmes (OPs).

**Subject of the Contract**

The evaluation is to cover the 2007 – 2013 programming period. It will include in depth case studies of at least 20 ESF OPs consisting of at least 5 EU-15 Member States and 5 EU-12 Member States.

The questions to be addressed in the evaluation include the following:-

- What formal institutional and procedural aspects of delivery systems influence the extent to which OP target groups enter (or do not enter) the programme and receive support?
- What other aspects of delivery systems influence the extent to which OP target groups enter the programme and receive support?

**Technical Features**

Maximum contract duration is 8 months

Maximum price is €480,000

**Selection Criteria**

Contractors are required to provide evidence of their professional, technical and financial capacity to carry out the work proposed. In addition, each tender will be assessed against the following selection criteria:-

- Understanding of the services and general approach to the work to be performed (30 points)
- Proposed methodology and tools (50 points)
- Approach proposed for the management of the work (20 points)

Total points awarded will be divided by price, with the highest scoring bid being selected.

**Further Information**

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

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# Higher Education and the European Structural Funds in the UK

## Project Case Studies

### Background

In 2006, the HE sector in the UK commissioned the Institute for Employment Studies (IES) to assess the social, economic and labour market impacts of a series of projects that had been part financed by the European Social Fund between 2000 and 2006. IES concluded that the total value of HEI involvement in the Structural Funds in England between 2000 and 2006 was some £475m. In total, more than 1305 projects had been delivered by 80+ HEIs.

The final evaluation report (Higher Education and ESF Objective 3: An evaluation of Impact, IES, 2007) found that the projects:

- Increased the flow of high level skills into the labour market
- Improved the quality of the flow and its relevance to employers' needs
- Enhanced the employment prospects of graduates
- Met identified skills shortages in specific sectors of the economy

The IES evaluation also highlighted a need for better dissemination of the lessons learned by HEIs delivering these projects.

In order to meet this need, the Sector has prepared a series of case studies which briefly describe the projects that were delivered by HEIs with European Structural Fund support during the years 2000 to 2008. The case studies have been grouped within three main categories:-

- Economic Growth
- Lifelong Learning and Social Inclusion
- Modernisation

They are grouped in this way in order to demonstrate how with support from the Structural Funds, HEIs have contributed to the objectives set by the EU (high sustainable annual growth and low unemployment) and the priorities of the Lisbon Agenda (more and better jobs) and the Bologna Declaration (European Higher Education Area and modernisation), whilst also addressing key UK HE policy objectives such as widening participation and improving employer engagement.

### Case Studies

A document providing summaries of 23 case studies is available from our website from the following link:

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/programmes/displayItem.asp?ItemId=238&WordNo=0&PageNo=1&list=9>

Full case studies setting out the need for the project, the project delivery, lessons learned and the impact and importance of Structural Fund support have been prepared for each. Copies of the full case studies and contact information for each of the projects can be provided on request. Please contact us for copies or further information.

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# **House of Lords Inquiry into the European Social Fund**

## **HEEFS responding on behalf of the UK HE Sector**

### **Background**

The House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union is conducting an inquiry into the effectiveness of the European Social Fund in the current programming period (2007 – 2013) and its future implementation. The objectives of the inquiry are threefold:-

- To make recommendations on short term changes that might be made to the European Social Fund to allow it to respond effectively to the evolving challenges raised by the financial crisis
- To assess the contribution that the ESF can make in the medium term to the post 2010 Strategy for Growth and Jobs, including the European Employment Strategy
- To make recommendations on the long term role and functioning of the European Social Fund, within the context for the EU budget review.

The Inquiry requests written evidence in response to a series of questions concerned with:-

- Objectives and funding
- Delivery and effectiveness
- Short term: Use of ESF to respond to financial crisis
- Medium term: the ESF 2010 – 2014
- Long term: the ESF post 2013, and the EU budget review

### **HE Sector response**

It has been agreed that HEEFS will prepare and submit a national response on behalf of the HE Sector in the UK. A draft response is currently being prepared and will be circulated for comment in due course.

Institutions are urged to submit their own response to the Inquiry and should, wherever possible, cooperate with those local and regional organisations that may be collating evidence for the Select Committee.

We would be happy to receive any information that Institutions feel should be included in the Sector's response and would be grateful for copies of any individual responses prepared by single Institutions or groups of Institutions.

### **Further Information**

A copy of the Call for Evidence can be obtained from the following link:

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/ESFCfE160709.doc>

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**Evaluation of the Implementation of the Communication on “E-skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”****Deadline: 30 September 2009****ENTR/09/038****Background**

In 2007, the Commission adopted a Communication ‘E-skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Fostering Competitiveness, Jobs and Growth’ which proposed a long term e-skills agenda. The Communication was supported by activities bringing added value at the European level, for instance a conference in cooperation with CEDEFOP took place in Thessaloniki in October 2008.

The purpose of this contract is to perform an evaluation of the implementation of the Communication, in order to inform a report to the Council of the European Parliament, The European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions.

**Subject of the Contract and Tasks to be undertaken**

The main objectives of the contract are:

- Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the implementation of the Communication on ‘E-skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century’
- Evaluating the results produced so far and answering questions such as:-
  - To what extent do these results correspond to the challenges they were designed to address? What is the overall cost-benefit?
  - How effective are the activities in achieving their objectives?
- Evaluating how efficiently the activities have been implemented in terms of organisation, management and interactions with stakeholders
- Formulating recommendations on how the implementation of a long term e-skills agenda may be improved and/or suggest alternative actions or instruments

The three main issues to be addressed are:-

- The relevance of the EU e-skills agenda
- The activities of Member States and stakeholders
- The activities of the European Commission

It is intended that the work will be split into two phases:-

Phase 1 – delivery of a roadmap, setting up a website, collection and analysis of data and information, preparation of the interim report (to be presented 5 months into the contract)

Phase 2 – in-depth assessment, consultation and feedback from stakeholders and the preparation of the final report (to be released 8 months into the contract)

**Technical Features**

Maximum Price €100,000

Expected start date December 2009

Contract duration 9 months

## **Selection Criteria**

Contractors are required to provide evidence of their technical, professional and financial capacity to undertake the work. In addition, each tender will be assessed against the following qualitative award criteria:-

1. Quality and relevance of the work programme and consistency of the methodology (40%)
2. Completeness and quality of the process to gather and analyse information, assess results, identify best practices, liaise with experts and stakeholders and formulate recommendations (40%)
3. Clarity, quality, realism and effectiveness of the proposed management of the work and of the relationships with experts and stakeholders (20%)

The contract will be awarded to the most cost effective proposal on the basis of the ratio between the total points scored and the price.

## **Further Information**

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

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=3487&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=3487&lang=en)

## **Interested?**

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**Criminal Justice Programme  
Specific Transnational and National Projects**

**Deadline: 30 September 2009  
\*\*\*Extended to 14 October 2009**

**JLS/2009/JPEN/AG**

**Background**

The aims of the Criminal Justice programme include:-

- Promoting judicial cooperation based on mutual recognition and mutual confidence
- Promoting the compatibility in rules applicable in Member States as may be necessary to improve judicial cooperation, improving contacts, exchange of information, best practices and mutual trust

**Subject of this call for proposals**

This call for proposals aims to select projects involving at least 2 EU Member States or at least 1 Member State and 1 other country which may be either an acceding or a candidate country. Projects must enable progress to be made in obtaining one of the aims set out above and must meet one of the following priorities:-

1. Judicial training (transnational projects), in the following areas:-
  - Training in EU legal instruments and policies
  - Language training
  - Developing a European judicial culture
2. Judicial training (by national training institutions) which would involve training delivered in coordination with the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) on the subjects specified above, with participants from different Member States.
3. Studies and concrete projects with the following objectives:-
  - a. Improving judicial cooperation in criminal matters
  - b. Improving mutual knowledge and exchanging best practice
4. Supporting victims of crime  
Actions may include training, dissemination, exchange of information and best practices, cooperation building and solidarity networks or seminars.
5. e-Justice  
Actions to help develop the use of electronic tools in the context of justice and on the basis of exchange of best practices.

## Technical Features

Total budget available is €8.9m

Maximum project duration is 24 months

There is no maximum grant specific, but the minimum is €50,000

Grant rate of up to 70% of eligible costs

Electronic application via the PRIAMOS system (requires pre-registration which may take up to 15 days)

Expected start date for project – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010

## Selection Criteria

Applicants are required to provide evidence of their technical, professional and financial capacity to undertake the project. In addition, each proposal will be assessed and scored against the following selection criteria:-

- Conformity (20 points): the extent to which the proposal falls within the priority areas for the call. Each project is required to demonstrate that the objective of the project reflects a clearly identified need for action according to the EU's policy priorities for Criminal Justice
- Quality (30 points): of the proposed action
- Value for money (15 points): amount requested and appropriateness
- Impact (15 points)
- European Dimension (10 points): meaning:-
  - action spans largely across the EU
  - expected results/outputs will be implemented in/ will apply to a larger number of MSs or to a majority of concerned MSs
  - the impact/outcome of the action and results concern a large number or a majority of the MSs
- Economies of scale (10 points): larger projects will be favoured

## Further Information

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

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

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**Fundamental Rights and Justice – Civil Justice Programme  
Specific Transnational Projects**

**Deadline: 15 October 2009**

**JLS/2009/CFP/JCIV/09-1AG**

**Background**

The general objectives of the Civil Justice programme are:

- a. to promote judicial cooperation with the aim of contributing to the creation of a genuine European area of justice in civil matters based on mutual recognition and mutual confidence;
- b. to promote the elimination of obstacles to the good functioning of cross-border civil proceedings in the Member States;
- c. to improve the daily life of individuals and businesses by enabling them to assert their rights throughout the European Union, notably by fostering access to justice;
- d. to improve the contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions, including by way of support of judicial training, with the aim of better mutual understanding among such authorities and professionals.

This call aims at selecting specific transnational projects of Community interest, projects have to involve at least 2 EU Member States (with the exception of Denmark who did not sign the agreement for the implementation of this action) and must enable progress to be made in attaining one or more of the four objectives outlined above.

**Subject of this call and priorities**

The general priority is the area of e-Justice. The Commission seeks to support best practice development through transnational pilot projects. Projects in the following areas would be welcomed:-

- projects aimed at promoting judicial cooperation in civil matters, with the aim of contributing to the creation of a genuine European area of justice in civil matters based on mutual recognition and mutual confidence – including studies, research, development of IT, meetings or seminars
- projects aimed at promoting the elimination of obstacles to the good functioning of cross-border civil proceedings in the Member States – including training, studies, exchanges and work experience placements, meetings and seminars
- projects aimed at improving the daily life of individuals and business by enabling them to assert their rights throughout the EU, notably by fostering access to justice – dissemination of information
- projects aimed at improving the contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions, including support for judicial training, with the aim of better mutual understanding among such authorities and professionals – including training, studies, research, meetings and seminars or dissemination of information

## **Technical Features**

Total Budget available is €3.5m

Minimum grant request €75,000

Maximum grant request €500,000

Grant rate of up to 80% of eligible costs

Maximum project duration is 24 months

Electronic application via the PRIAMOS system (requires pre-registration which may take up to 15 days)

Estimated start date for project – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010

## **Selection Criteria**

Applicants are required to provide evidence of their technical, professional and financial capacity to undertake the project. In addition, each proposal will be assessed and scored against the following selection criteria:-

- Relevance to the programme's objectives and complementarity with other Community activities (15 points)
- Quality of the proposed action in terms of its design, organisation, presentation and expected results (30 points)
- Amount requested and appropriateness in relation to expected results (15 points)
- Geographical scope in terms of partners, participants and target groups and/or its added value at European level (15 points)
- Sustainability of the project, i.e. likely impact of the expected results, measures planned for the dissemination of the results and to ensure adequate follow-up of project outputs (25 points)

## **Further Information**

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

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

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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.

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