

Funding Alerts – July 2015

Dear Member,

Find below a list of the calls included in the July funding alerts in order to facilitate the navigation. May we also remind you some **important notices**:

- 1) We recommend you to check regularly the 'Forums' section at the Members Room, and in particular the sub-sections 'Calls' and 'Projects' for additional funding opportunities (both EU and non-EU), as well as partnership requests. Under 'Topics & Updates' you will find information about new initiatives or work plans recently issued by the European Commission.
- 2) Please check as well the 'Events' Section under 'Forums' where you will find an invitation to **ECAS free training session on EU Law Rights & Advocacy**
- 3) We remind you that you may add and share in the Forums any event organised by you or use this platform to look for partners for projects by publishing your partnership requests.
- 4) The European Commission has opened a **call for experts** to join the Structured Dialogue under the European Structural and Investment Funds. More information on how to apply is found [here](#). The deadline for applying is the **14th of September 2015!!**

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July Funding Alerts

User instructions:

1. Please click on the headings below for a short summary of the calls, which are organised by policy area. You will get information about the objectives, priorities, type of financed actions, eligibility criteria and financial allocation of each call
2. Please click on the links displayed at the bottom of each call for further information about the call and the contact person
3. We recommend you to check out our [2015 edition of the Funding Guide](#), which takes the form of an e-Book and can be downloaded as a PDF, to learn more about EU funding opportunities and tips to submit successful grant proposals

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Education, Culture, Training and Youth

Call for proposals - EACEA/28/2015: Support for online distribution (Creative Europe, Media Sub-programme)

Overall objective

The overall objective of this call for proposals is to support the transnational circulation of audiovisual works in Europe, in line with the priorities of the Media Sub-Programme under Creative Europe.

Specific objectives of this call:

The aim of the Online Distribution scheme is to provide support to two separate actions:

- Action 2: the preparation of digital packages facilitating the commercialisation of European audiovisual works on VOD services provided in countries where those works are not available;
- Action 3: innovative approaches for multiplatform releases of one or several European films in at least two countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme.

Financed actions

Only those applications corresponding to one of the two Actions described below will be considered as eligible:

Action 2. Support to the development of "On Line Ready" packages

Eligible activities are those consisting in assembling and delivering digital packages of European audiovisual works. It aims at improving their availability and visibility in particular on VOD services provided in countries where those works were not available on any distribution platform.

Therefore these activities should facilitate the commercialisation of European audiovisual works on VOD platforms available in the countries targeted by the project. The catalogue should focus on European audiovisual works having demonstrated commercial potential: each title of the catalogue needs to have been sold for theatrical or TV distribution in at least five countries participating in the MEDIA Subprogramme.

The catalogue should follow a clear editorial line and be accompanied by a specific marketing strategy.

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Minimum European Dimension:

The following eligibility criteria are applicable to the Action 2:

- The content covered by the project must include a catalogue of a minimum of 20 European audiovisual works;
- The catalogue must include films from at least five countries participating in the MEDIA Subprogramme representing at least five different official languages of the European Union
- Each film of the catalogue should be made available on VOD services in at least 5 countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme.

Eligible content: European audiovisual works

Fiction, animation and creative documentary, including feature films (i.e. feature length films), TV films or series.

European content should comply with the following conditions:

- majority produced by a producer or producers established in the countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme. To be considered as the actual producers the production companies must be credited as such. Other elements such as creative control, ownership of exploitation rights and share of profits may also be taken into account to determine who the actual producer is; and

- produced with the significant participation of professionals who are nationals/residents of countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme.

Action 3. Support to innovative multiplatform releases

This action is aimed at encouraging innovative approaches for multiplatform releases of one or several European films in at least two countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme. Projects must be designed to explore and expand both the boundaries of the increasing convergence and complementarity between the different platforms and the limitations imposed by the existing sequential release windows in the different participating countries. A VOD release and the simultaneous (or semi-simultaneous) availability of the same European films in a number of European territories on a wide range of other distribution platforms (including but not exclusive to festivals, cinemas, television in all its diverse delivery modes, DVD etc.) should be the key to submitted projects. It shall aim at developing new business models.

Transparency would play a key role in the action. Therefore, applications must contain detailed plans for the full publication of the inputs and results of the action. Particular attention should be given to communicating this information to public authorities, Member States and the audiovisual industry.

Eligible content: European film

The film must be a fiction (including animated films) or documentary, with a minimum duration of 60 minutes, complying with the following conditions:

- majority produced by a producer or producers established in the countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme. To be considered as the actual producers the production companies must be credited as such. Other elements such as creative control, ownership of exploitation rights and share of profits may also be taken into account to determine who the actual producer is; and
- produced with the significant participation of professionals who are nationals/residents of countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme.

Applicants submitting projects for different actions should provide separate applications for each action.

The action must start on 01/01/2016 and end on 31/12/2016.

The maximum duration of the action is 12 months.

Eligibility

This scheme is open to entities (private companies, non-profit organisations, associations, charities, foundations, municipalities/Town Councils, etc.) established in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme (see below) and owned directly or by majority participation, by nationals from such countries.

Applications from legal entities established in one of the following countries are eligible as long as all conditions referred to in Article 8 of the Regulation establishing the Creative Europe Programme are met and the Commission has entered into negotiations with the country:

- EU Member States;
- Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates benefiting from a pre-accession strategy
- EFTA countries which are members of the EEA, in accordance with the provisions of the EEA Agreement;
- The Swiss Confederation, on the basis of a bilateral agreement to be concluded with that country;
- Countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy in accordance with the procedures established with those countries following the framework agreements providing for their participation in Union programmes.

The Programme shall also be open for bilateral or multilateral cooperation actions targeted at selected countries or regions on the basis of additional appropriations paid by, and specific arrangements to be agreed upon with, those countries or regions.

The Programme shall permit cooperation and joint actions with countries not participating in the Programme and with international organisations which are active in the cultural and creative sectors such as UNESCO,

the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development or the World Intellectual Property Organisation on the basis of joint contributions for the realisation of the Programme's objectives.

Proposals from applicants in non EU countries may be selected, provided that, on the date of the award decision, agreements have been signed setting out the arrangements for the participation of those countries in the programme established by the Regulation referred to above.

Financial allocation

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is estimated at EUR 2.15 million.

The indicative split between the two actions will be the following:

- Action 2: an indicative amount of EUR 1.15 million
- Action 3: an indicative amount of EUR 1 million

Deadline:

17 September 2015

Info

Questions relating to this call for proposals and to the application process may be sent to: EACEA-MEDIA-ONLINE@ec.europa.eu

For technical issues you may write to: eacea-helpdesk@ec.europa.eu

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Call for proposals - EAC/A04/2014: Capacity Building in the field of youth - 2015 - Round 2 (under Erasmus+)

Overall objective

This call will fund Youth Capacity Building projects aiming to:

- foster cooperation and exchanges in the field of youth between Programme Countries and Partner Countries from different regions of the world¹;
- improve the quality and recognition of youth work, non-formal learning and volunteering in Partner Countries and enhance their synergies and complementarities with other education systems, the labour market and society;
- foster the development, testing and launching of schemes and programmes of non-formal learning mobility at regional level (i.e. within and across regions of the world);
- promote transnational non-formal learning mobility between Programme and Partner Countries, notably targeting young people with fewer opportunities, with a view to improving participants' level of competences and fostering their active participation in society.

¹ See page 24 of the [Programme Guide](#) to see the list of eligible countries.

Specific objectives of this call:

The funded Capacity Building projects should carry out activities pursuing the following specific objectives:

- promote strategic cooperation between youth organisations on the one hand and public authorities in Partner Countries on the other hand;
- promote the cooperation between youth organisations and organisations in the education and training fields as well as with representatives of business and labour market;
- raise the capacities of youth councils, youth platforms and local, regional and national authorities dealing with youth in Partner Countries;
- enhance the management, governance, innovation capacity and internationalisation of youth organisations in Partner Countries;
- launch, test and implement youth work practices, such as:
 - o tools and methods for the socio-professional development of youth workers and trainers;
 - o non-formal learning methods, especially those promoting the acquisition/improvement of competences, including media literacy skills;
 - o new forms of practical training schemes and simulation of real life cases in society; new forms of youth work, notably strategic use of open and flexible learning, virtual mobility, open educational resources (OER) and better exploitation of the ICT potential;
 - o cooperation, networking and peer-learning activities fostering efficient management, internationalisation and leadership of youth work organization.

Financed actions

The following activities can be implemented within a Capacity Building project and be thus eligible for funding under this call:

Capacity building activities:

- activities encouraging policy dialogue, cooperation, networking and exchanges of practices in the field of youth, such as conferences, workshops and meetings;
- large-scale youth events (maximum duration of 2 days);
- information and awareness campaigns;
- development of information, communication and media tools;
- development of youth work methods, tools and materials, as well as youth work curricula, training modules and documentation instruments such as Youthpass;
- creation of new forms of delivering youth work and providing training and support, notably through open and flexible learning materials, virtual cooperation and open educational resources (OER).

Mobility activities

- Youth Exchanges between Programme and eligible Partner Countries;
- European Voluntary Service (EVS) from/to eligible Partner Countries;
- Mobility of youth workers between Programme and eligible Partner Countries.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for funding under this call the candidates and the project need to fulfill the following requirements:

- A participating organisation can be any public or private organisation, established in a Programme Country or in a Partner Country from an eligible Partner Country (*see page 24 of the [Erasmus+ Programme](#) to check the eligible countries and page 168 for a detailed list of eligible organisations under this call*)²
- Any non-profit organisation, association, NGO (including European Youth NGOs), national Youth Council; public body at local, regional or national level established in a Programme Country can apply on behalf of all organisations involved in the project. Other types of organisations can be involved only as partners

² Exception: For Western Balkans Youth Window projects, the applicant must be established in a Western Balkan country.

- Applicants must – at the specified deadline for submitting their proposals – have been legally registered for at least one year
- Capacity Building projects are transnational and involve **minimum 3 participating organisations from 3 different countries**, of which at least one is a Programme Country and one is an eligible Partner Country.

Financial allocation

The maximum grant awarded for a Capacity Building project is 150 000 EUR. The Commission will fund maximum 80% of the total eligible costs of the project.

See page 173 and following of the [Programme Guide](#) for detailed information about the applicable funding rules.

Deadline:

2 September 2015

Info

Questions relating to this call may be sent to: EACEA-YOUTH@ec.europa.eu

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Call for proposals - EACEA 03/2015: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (EU Aid Volunteers)

Overall objective

The objective of this call is to strengthen the capacities of sending and hosting organisations intending to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative and to ensure compliance with the standards and procedures regarding candidate volunteers and EU Aid Volunteers.

Specific objectives of this call:

With this call the European Commission expects to achieve the following results:

Strengthen the capacities of up to 100 sending and hosting organisations in the fields of:

- Disaster risk management, preparedness and response as well as linking relief, rehabilitation and development;
- Volunteer management according to the standards and procedures for the management of the candidate volunteers and the EU Aid Volunteers;
- Strengthening local volunteering in third countries;
- Capacities to undergo certification including administrative capacity;
- Tools and methods of needs assessment at a local level;
- Communicating the European Union's humanitarian aid principles agreed in the European Consensus on Humanitarian
- Aid and raise awareness levels and visibility of its humanitarian aid

Financed actions

Activities supported under this call for both Technical assistance and Capacity building projects may include the following:

- Study/scoping visits/mapping and analysis
- Seminars/workshops/conferences
- Job-shadowing/On the job training
- Exchange visits of staff/Twinning arrangements
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Organisational reviews/assessments
- Coaching and mentoring
- Facilitated retreats/team building
- Training courses/train the trainers
- Distance learning/webinars/Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)
- Consultancy
- Exchange of good practice/peer learning
- Simulation exercises/response assessments

The themes covered by these activities can include:

- EU humanitarian aid: functioning and principles;
- Monitoring and evaluation;
- Leadership development;
- Organisational development/strategic planning/change management;
- Administration/financial management/accounting;
- improving accountability/governance/participation;
- Communication/visibility/stakeholder relations;
- Advocacy; Research/producing evidence; programme and project management;
- (Local) volunteering development;
- Funding/fundraising;
- Networking/partnership and alliance building (including for future EU Aid projects);
- Standards and procedures of the EU Aid Volunteers Initiative.

For both types of projects must start between 1 September 2015 and 31 December 2015, with a minimum duration of 6 months and a maximum duration of 24 months.

Eligibility

Proposals for both, Technical assistance and Capacity building activities, must be submitted by:

- non-governmental not-for-profit organisations formed in accordance with the law of a Member State and whose headquarters are located within the Union; or
- public law bodies of a civilian character governed by the law of a Member State; or
- the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Applicants (Applicant — coordinating organisations) must — at the specified deadline for submitting their proposals — have at least five years of experience of activity within the field of humanitarian aid.

The **Partner organisations** must be:

- non-governmental not-for-profit; or
- public law bodies of a civilian character; or
- the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Technical assistance projects must involve the applicant and partner organisations from at least three different countries participating in the programme (only bodies established in the 28 Member States of the EU are eligible under these projects), of which:

- at least one partner organisation is active in the field of humanitarian aid
- at least one partner must have a minimum of 5 years of experience in volunteer management;

Capacity building projects must involve the applicant and partner organisations from at least six different countries, of which:

- at least three partners are from third countries
- all partners from countries participating in the programme must have been active in the field of humanitarian aid for at least 5 year
- at least two partners from third countries must be active in the field of humanitarian aid
- at least one partner from countries participating in the programme must have been active in the field of volunteer management for at least 5 years.

Financial allocation

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is EUR 4,863,600.

The maximum grant value awarded under this call for proposals is EUR 700,000

The minimum grant value is EUR 100,000. Grant requests below that value will not be considered.

Deadline:

1 September 2015

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For enquiries about this call and the application process: EACEA-EUAID-VOLUNTEERS@ec.europa.eu

Call for proposals - GP/DSI/ReferNet_FPA/001/15: ReferNet Framework Partnership Agreements 2016-2019

Overall objective

With the objective of establishing a European network for Vocational and Educational Training – ReferNet–, this call aims at selecting one applicant from each eligible country (EU Member States, Iceland and Norway) with which the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) will conclude a four-year Framework partnership agreement.

Specific objectives of this call:

ReferNet is Cedefop's European network for information on VET. The mission devoted to ReferNet is to support Cedefop by reporting on national VET systems and policy developments and by raising the visibility of VET and Cedefop's products. It comprises 30 members known as ReferNet national partners from EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. ReferNet national partners are key institutions involved in VET or labour market policies in the country they represent.

Framework partnership agreements are implemented through Specific grant agreements. The Framework partnership agreement defines the legal and financial framework and the scope of activities. Specific grant agreements define the partner's annual work plans. The conclusion of these Specific grant agreements will be subject to other grant procedures.

Applicants are therefore required to submit under this grant procedure a proposal for a four-year Framework partnership agreement for the years 2016-2019.

Financed actions

Cedefop will require national ReferNet partners to:

- (a) report on VET policy and the way VET-related objectives of Europe's 2020 strategy and other European VET and related policy priorities are being addressed in their countries;
- (b) provide up-to-date information on VET systems and the way VET is developing in their country;
- (c) deliver thematic and other support to complement the information on VET systems and/or address topical information needs; and
- (d) carry out visibility activities, including maintenance and update of a national ReferNet site.

The partners shall be requested to perform the activities below and to deliver four types of deliverables:

A. Reporting on national VET systems and policy developments

Deliverable type 1: Reporting on VET and VET-related policy

Deliverable type 2: Reporting on VET systems

Deliverable type 3: Ad-hoc thematic and other support

B. Raising the visibility of VET and online dissemination

Deliverable type 4: Visibility activities, including maintenance and update of a national ReferNet website

For more detailed information about the specific expectations under each of the abovementioned deliverables, please refer to page 17 and following of the Guidelines.

The working language for ReferNet activities is English. In particular, all deliverables must be submitted to Cedefop in English. They may additionally be provided in the country's official language(s). The national partner will ensure that the deliverables submitted are of high linguistic quality and have been checked either by a native-speaker or a professional language editing service familiar with the relevant terminology used at the EU level.

The national partner will also ensure that the format used for the deliverables follows Cedefop's Style manual and Referencing guide (see Annex III). Related costs will be considered eligible.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants should meet the following requirements:

- be a public or a private organisation, with a legal status and legal personality (natural persons, i.e. individuals, are not eligible);
- have their seat registered in a country where the grant is applied, i.e. in one of the following:
 - o EU-28 (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom);
 - o Associated countries (Iceland and Norway).

In addition, the applicant will be required to prove its technical and professional expertise in the fields of VET or labour market issues, and its financial capacity to be able to run the project (see the detailed criteria in the Guidelines).

Financial allocation

The estimated budget available for the four year duration of the framework partnership agreements amounts to EUR 4 000 000, depending on the annual decisions of the Budgetary Authority.

The total available budget for the 2016 annual work plan (project duration: 12 months) will be EUR 980,000 for the 30 partners (from the 28 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway).

The grant varies according to the country population and is awarded for carrying out an annual work plan. The total available budget for the 2016 work plan will be distributed on the basis of three country groups based on country population:

- **Country group 1:** Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Slovenia and Iceland. Maximum grant amount: EUR 23 615.
- **Country group 2:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Sweden and Norway. Maximum grant amount: EUR 33 625.
- **Country group 3:** France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom. Maximum grant amount: EUR 43 620.

The Union grant is a financial contribution to the beneficiary's (and/or co-beneficiaries') costs which must be supplemented by own financial contribution and/or local, regional, national and/or private contributions. The total Union contribution shall not exceed 70 % of the eligible costs.

Deadline:

21 August 2015

Info

Requests for additional information/clarification regarding this call may be submitted to the following email address or by fax until 12/08/2015. No such requests will be processed after that date.

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Call for tenders: AO/DSI/JP/ Learning outcomes and the labour market /004/15: The role of learning outcomes in supporting dialogue between the labour market and education and training; the case of vocational education and training

Overall objective

This tender will fund a study that contributes to a better understanding of how the learning outcomes approach can be used as a tool supporting the dialogue between labour market and education and training, thus supporting also the continuous review and renewal of vocational education and training.

The purpose of the study is to strengthen Cedefop's knowledge base in three essential areas:

- To gather evidence on the strengths and limitations of the learning outcomes approach as currently being implemented across Europe;
- To further reflect on the conditions and mechanisms for cooperation and dialogue between the education and training system and the labour market in continuously reviewing and renewing qualifications and education and training provisions. The study should in this context build on the findings of Cedefop 2014a;

To reflect on the relationship between the definition of learning outcomes and the monitoring of skills and competence needs in the labour market.

Specific objectives of this call:

The funded study should contribute to a better understanding of how the learning outcomes approach can be used as a tool supporting the dialogue between labour market and education and training and thus support the continuous review and renewal of vocational education and training.

The project covers 10 countries of the European Union/European Economic area and seeks to map and analyse the use of learning outcomes as an instrument for strengthening the dialogue between the labour market and education and training.

10 initial VET qualifications will be thoroughly studied in 10 countries, allowing for an in-depth understanding of strengths and weaknesses of the learning outcomes approach in promoting increased relevance and quality of vocational education and training. In-depth case studies will be carried out in 10 VET institutions, involving teachers, trainers, organisers of practical training in companies and employers involved in delivery and renewal of provision and qualifications. The qualifications will be selected from a range of economic sectors, to be agreed with the contractor. The project will have to apply research methodologies allowing for an in-depth understanding of the dynamics characterising the definition, review and renewal of learning outcomes.

Financed actions

The study should document and analyse the use of the learning outcomes approach from the perspective of the education and training sector and from the perspective of the labour market stakeholders; a key is to better understand the use of learning outcomes in interaction between the worlds of education and employment.

The study should be carried out in **10 countries**. While the final selection will be agreed in the inception phase of the project, the contractor should indicate a group of countries that are geographically balanced, where the learning outcomes approach has reached different stages of development and where different form of VET (school as well as work based) are represented.

A group of 10 qualifications, covering a range of economic sectors and offered in all the chosen countries, should be selected for in-depth study. In the same way as for the selection of countries, the contractor should indicate a group of qualifications and sectors for study, seeking to balance between (for example) craft and industry, production and service as well as public and private orientation. While acknowledging that these qualifications will not be exactly identical and differ somewhat from country to country, the focus on this core group will allow for a comparison of how the learning outcomes approach is applied and reviewed. The final selection of qualifications, and their sectoral coverage, will be concluded in dialogue with Cedefop. The following stages of research will have to be carried out:

First, the study needs to clarify the different ways in which the learning outcomes are expressed for each chosen qualification in selected countries. While learning outcomes based qualifications standards will provide a main reference for the study, it will be important to map how qualifications are linked to the levels of the national qualifications framework and how the learning outcomes approach influences curricula and assessment.

Second - and referring to the mapping in stage one - the following questions are relevant at this stage:

- What evidence/basis is used when defining qualifications, occupational standards and/or subject/discipline areas?
- What is the conceptual basis on which the learning outcomes description builds; in terms of learning domains (the horizontal dimension) and levels of proficiency and complexity (the vertical dimension)?
- What level of granularity is applied (generic versus specific descriptions)?
- What is the balance between occupation specific and transversal knowledge, skills and competences requirements?

Third – the involvement of and dialogue between stakeholders on learning outcomes is crucial. The following questions are important:

- How often is the qualification reviewed/?
- Which stakeholders are involved in the definition, writing and review of learning outcomes?
- What formal mandate is the involvement of stakeholders built on?
- Which human and financial resources are available to the involved stakeholders?

Fourth, the study should clarify how the learning outcomes approach – and the dialogue it may support - influences the review and renewal of qualifications. The key-question is whether a dialogue based on the learning outcomes approach can help to strengthen the relevance and quality of qualifications.

- What evidence do stakeholders take into account when reviewing and renewing learning outcomes;
 - o Linked to the actual achievements of learner;
 - o Linked to skills and competence needs in the relevant part of the labour market?
- Which tools are used at national and institutional level to gather this evidence?

Brought together, these staged sets of questions will allow for a comparison of different national approaches to the definition, review and renewal of learning outcomes based qualifications and programmes and how these are implemented in selected institutions. The following questions orient this final comparison:

- To what extent has the learning outcomes feed-back-loop described above become a reality in the countries and institutions covered by the study? Which procedures, mechanisms and instruments for undertaking review are defined at different levels?
- How can the learning outcomes be used to support and further enhance the interaction between the world of work and education and training in the future?
- Are procedures on feedback and review part of a strategic learning process in an organisation?

Eligibility

Participation in Cedefop tendering procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons or groupings of such persons (consortia) falling within the scope of the Treaties. It includes all economic operators registered in the EU and all EU citizens. Pursuant to Article 119 of the general Financial Regulation the participation is also open to all natural and legal persons from non-EU countries that have a ratified agreement with the European Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement. Cedefop can therefore accept offers from and sign contracts with tenderers from 35 countries, namely: the 28 EU Member States, 3 EEA Countries (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland) and 4 SAA Countries (FYROM, Albania Serbia and Montenegro).

In addition, the technical proposal should meet a number of requirements indicated in the Terms of Reference. The Technical Proposal should prove that the tenderer is capable of meeting the tender specifications, by providing all the information related to the scope of this project.

More specifically, and related to the three awarding criteria, the following information should be included:

For award criterion 1

- Discussion of the shift to learning outcomes in the VET sector in relation to the conceptual and political basis this builds on and the application in VET as well as the particular challenges encountered in relation to this.

- Discussion on the different approaches to review and renewal of VET qualifications and how this differs within Europe.
- A reflection on the possible interaction between the learning outcomes principle and VET-governance approaches, also addressing the linkages to quality assurance approaches.

For award criterion 2

- A clear presentation of the research methodology, its strengths as well as its limitations.
- Discussion on the type of data required, the challenges involved in reaching relevant stakeholders (in education as well as in the labour market) and the selection of countries, sectors and qualifications that will ensure the best possible comparison.

For award criterion 3

- A detailed work plan illustrating intended organisation and management of the tasks and human resources.
- Description of deliverables including a clear timetable, the challenges and an assessment of risks involved in carrying out the project

The tenderer shall identify a Project Manager within his organisation who will represent the single contact point for all administrative and operational communication in regards to the contract implementation. As appropriate, the Team leader can also act as Project Manager or two different persons can be identified. Cedefop will also designate the Contact Person in charge of handling the contact with the selected tenderer.

Financial allocation

The estimated budget for the required services described in this call for tenders is of the order of 195,000 Euro (without VAT).

Deadline:

31 July 2015

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Employment, Innovation, Social Affairs & Inclusion

Call for proposals - DS-05-2015: Trust eServices (Innovation Action under Horizon 2020)

Overall objective

The objective of this call is to devise demonstrators for the automated comparison and interoperability of electronic trust services covering aspects such as security assurance levels, operational security audits, state supervision systems, data protection regimes or liability of trust service providers, in order to contribute support the deployment and widespread adoption of trust eServices in in specific applications areas like health, public administration or eCommerce.

Specific objectives of this call:

The ultimate aim of this call is to demonstrate a positive business case and the economic value for the use of and reliance upon trust eServices. By paving the way for global interoperability of trust eServices, the initiative should contribute to empower and protect users in their digital experiences like e-contracting, e-bidding, e-invoicing, accessing social networks, or accessing the services of local or national administrations (e.g. issuing documents like driver's licence, visa, ...). The initiative should create the conditions for more commercial applications and services to integrate the use of e-signatures, timestamps, e-seals and certified electronic delivery. Enhancing the trustworthiness of electronic transactions will ease the dematerialisation of processes, reduce administrative overhead for citizens and businesses and, last but not least, facilitate higher availability of eGov services.

Financed actions

Solutions should rely on state-of-the-art technology, interoperability linking existing electronic identification and authentication systems, taking into account different jurisdictions. Key elements of the initiative will be the differential assessment of technical and organisational standards for trust services, as well as the development of a framework for 'global trust lists'.

Validation platforms able to handle the specificities of various jurisdictional or national systems could be created to provide easy to understand assessments of the trustworthiness of any given trust service.

Proposals have to address the specific needs of the end-user, private and public security end user alike. Proposals are encouraged to include public security end-users and/or private end users.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a grant, the proposal must:

- Be submitted by at least three legal entities, each of which must be established in a different Member State or associate country (see full list of eligible countries [here](#))
- All three legal entities must be independent from one another.

Financial allocation

The total indicative budget allocated to this call is EUR 50,210,000.

The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU of between EUR 3 and 8 million would allow this topic to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

The maximum EU contribution for innovation actions is 70% (except for non-profit legal entities, where a rate of 100% applies).

Deadline:

27 August 2015

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Environment, Climate Action and Energy

2015 Call for proposals for traditional projects under LIFE Programme (under both Sub-programmes)

Overall objective

The European Commission invites proposals for so-called “Traditional” projects (i.e. best-practice, demonstration, pilot or information, awareness and dissemination projects) under both Sub-Programmes of the LIFE programme. “Traditional” projects cover the following priority areas:

Under the sub-programme for Environment:

- LIFE Nature & Biodiversity
- LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency
- LIFE Environmental Governance & Information

Under the sub-programme for Climate Action:

- LIFE Climate Change Mitigation
- LIFE Climate Change Adaptation
- LIFE Climate Governance and Information

Specific objectives of this call:

This call will fund best-practice, demonstration, pilot or information, awareness and dissemination projects on the previously referred priority areas. In more detail, “traditional” projects may encompass:

- **Best practice** projects, which apply appropriate, cost-effective and state-of-the-art techniques, methods and approaches taking into account the specific context of the project;
- **Demonstration** projects, which put into practice, test, evaluate and disseminate actions, methodologies or approaches that are new or unknown in the specific context of the project, such as the geographical, ecological, socio-economic context, and that could be applied elsewhere in similar circumstances;
- **Pilot projects**, which apply a technique or method that has not been applied or tested before, or elsewhere, that offer potential environmental or climate advantages compared to current best practice and that can subsequently be applied on a larger scale to similar situations;
- **Information, awareness and dissemination** project, which aim at supporting communication, dissemination of information and awareness raising in the fields of the sub-programmes for Environment and Climate Action.

Financed actions

The specific financed actions depend on the chosen priority:

LIFE Nature & Biodiversity (sub-programme for Environment) will co-finance action grants for best practice, pilot and demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives Directives and the Union Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, and the development, implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network.

LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency (sub-programme for Environment) will co-finance action grants for pilot and demonstration projects to develop, test and demonstrate policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions, including development and demonstration of innovative technologies, to environmental challenges, suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed, including with respect to the link between the environment and health, and in support of resource efficiency-related policy and legislation, including the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe; and to improve the knowledge base for the development, implementation, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of Union environmental policy and legislation, and for the assessment and monitoring of the factors, pressures and responses that impact on the environment within and outside the Union.

LIFE Environmental Governance & Information (sub-programme for Environment) will co-finance action grants for information, awareness and dissemination projects to promote awareness raising on environmental matters, including generating public and stakeholder support of Union policy-making in the field of the environment, and to promote knowledge on sustainable development and new patterns for sustainable consumption; to support communication, management, and dissemination of information in the field of the environment, and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful environmental solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms among stakeholders and training; and to promote and contribute to more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches.

LIFE Climate Change Mitigation (sub-programme for Climate Action) will co-finance action grants for best practice, pilot and demonstration projects that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; that contribute to the implementation and development of Union policy and legislation on climate change mitigation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions for climate change mitigation; that improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective climate change mitigation actions and measures and that enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice; that facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for climate change mitigation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level; and that contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative climate change mitigation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed.

LIFE Climate Change Adaptation (sub-programme for Climate Action) will co-finance action grants for best practice, pilot and demonstration projects that contribute to supporting efforts leading to increased resilience to climate change; that contribute to the development and implementation of Union policy on climate change adaptation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions for climate change adaptation, including, where appropriate, ecosystem-based approaches; that improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective climate change adaptation actions and measures, prioritising, where appropriate, those applying an ecosystem-based approach, and to enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice; that facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for climate change adaptation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level, prioritising, where appropriate, ecosystem-based approaches; and that contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative climate change adaptation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed.

LIFE Climate Governance and Information (sub-programme for Climate Action) will co-finance action grants for information, awareness and dissemination projects that promote awareness raising on climate matters, including generating public and stakeholder support of Union policy-making in the field of the climate, and to promote knowledge on sustainable development; that support communication, management, and dissemination of information in the field of the climate and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful climate solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms among stakeholders and training; and that promote and contribute to more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union climate legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches.

For further information about the specific types of action eligible for funding under each priority refer to the relevant application package (see links below).

Eligibility

Proposals may be submitted by legal persons (entities) registered in a EU Member State. Applicants may fall into three types of beneficiaries:

- 1) public bodies*,
- 2) private commercial organisations and
- 3) private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs).

*The term "public bodies" is defined as referring to national public authorities, regardless of their form of organisation – central, regional or local structure – or the various bodies under their control, provided these operate on behalf of and under the responsibility of the national public authority concerned. In the case of entities registered as private law bodies wishing to be considered for the purpose of this call as equivalent to "public law bodies", they should provide evidence proving that they comply with all criteria applicable to bodies governed by public law and in the event the organisation stops its activities, its rights and obligations, liability and debts will be transferred to a public body.

LIFE projects shall take place in the territory of the European Union Member States. The LIFE Programme may also finance activities outside the EU and in overseas countries and territories (OCTs), provided that the coordinating beneficiary is based in the EU and strong evidence is provided that the activities to be carried out outside the EU are necessary to achieve EU climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member State territories to which the Treaties apply.

Financial allocation

The total amount available for co-financing action grants for all types of **"traditional" projects under the Environment sub-programme** is indicatively set at EUR 184,141,337.

The first LIFE Multiannual Work Programme covering the period 2014-2017 foresees a budget of EUR 449.2 million for the **sub-programme for climate action**. Of this, EUR 56.67 million will be made available for the 2015 call for proposals.

There is no fixed minimum size for the grants.

For the duration of the first LIFE multiannual work programme for 2014-2017, the maximum EU co-financing rate for "traditional" LIFE projects is **60%** of the total eligible project costs.

By way of exception, a co-financing rate of **up to 75%** of the total eligible costs may be granted to LIFE Nature and Biodiversity proposals that focus on concrete conservation actions for priority species or habitat types of the Birds and Habitats Directives, when actions in the project are necessary to achieve the conservation objective. This higher financing rate will only be applied to projects allocating 50% or more of the total estimated cost for concrete conservation actions, to activities directly benefitting priority habitats or species.

Deadline:

15 September 2015 for Climate change and governance and information-related calls

1 October 2015 for Environment and resource efficiency call

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Call for proposals - DRS-11-2015: Disaster Resilience & Climate Change topic 3: Mitigating the impacts of climate change and natural hazards on cultural heritage sites, structures and artefacts (Research and Innovation Actions under Horizon 2020)

Overall objective

The aim of this call for proposals is to fund projects aiming to develop eco-innovative solutions to help mitigate the effects of climate change and natural hazards on cultural heritage sites, structures and artefacts taking into account the values they hold for people and respecting their historic and cultural integrity.

Specific objectives of this call:

The ultimate aim of this call is to ensure a more sustainable and effective safeguarding and management of the European cultural heritage.

Financed actions

Effective adaptation strategies, systems and technologies are needed for better risk management of vulnerable heritage materials and for mitigating damage to cultural heritage assets. Proposals may include case studies and address any research gaps or barriers needed to respond to this challenge, including aspects relating to innovative environmental assessment methodologies, integrated monitoring technologies and systems, improved non-invasive and non-destructive methods of surveying and diagnosis including wide area surveillance, cost-effective conservation and restoration techniques, risk management, disaster prevention and quick damage assessment when catastrophes occur.

Projects are expected to proactively target the needs and requirements of users, such as decision makers at local, regional, national and international level responsible for disaster mitigation and safeguarding of cultural heritage assets.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a grant, the proposal must:

- Be submitted by at least three legal entities, each of which must be established in a different Member State or associate country (see full list of eligible countries [here](#))
- All three legal entities must be independent from one another.

Financial allocation

The total indicative budget made available under this call is EUR 82,330,000.

The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU between the range of 6 to 8 million euro would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

The EU contribution may cover up to 100% of the eligible costs of the project.

Deadline:

27 August 2015

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NGO framework partnership agreements - call for proposals for Life framework partnership agreements (for funding in 2016 and 2017)

Overall objective

The objectives of this action are to promote better environmental and/or climate governance. This should be done by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGOs, in policy consultation and implementation. This is foreseen as a specific objective of the sub-programme for Environment for the priority area Environmental Governance and Information and the priority area Climate Governance and Information of the Clima Action sub-programme in Articles 12(d) and 16(d) of the LIFE Regulation, respectively.

The expected result of this action is to identify and support those non-governmental organisations which are able to strengthen the participation of civil society in the dialogue process of environmental and/or climate policy development and implementation.

This call for proposals aims at identifying framework partners to which the EASME may at a later stage award specific operating grants. Those specific operating grants shall foresee co-financing of the operating costs of NGO's related to the eligible activities provided for in the framework partners' 2016 and 2017 Work Programme.

Specific objectives of this call:

The priorities for this call for proposals are the following:

- To protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural capital;
- To turn the Union into a resource-efficient, green and competitive low-carbon and climate resilient economy;
- To safeguard the Union's citizens from environment- and/or climate-related pressures and risks to health and wellbeing;
- To increase the Union's effectiveness in addressing international climate related challenges.

The EU contribution aims at facilitating the implementation of a work programme of the applicant NGO, which could not otherwise be implemented without the support of the European Union. The financial contribution is based on the co-financing principle. It is only a supplementary financial contribution, additional to local, regional, national and/or private contributions obtained for implementing the work programme of the NGO.

Financed actions

As it is a call of a framework partnership agreement (FPA) with the European Commission, there is not an indicative list of activities or tasks eligible for funding. Prospective applicants are required to provide a detailed description of their strategic plan for the 2 years which should be covered by the framework partnership agreement, where they should address the priority areas previously referred to. They will be asked to give a detailed description of the European policies addressed in their strategic plan, the objectives pursued in the fields of environment and/or climate action, the channels and means planned to address these objectives and the expected results.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be a non-profit making legal person;
2. Be independent, in particular, from government, other public authorities, and from political or commercial interests;
3. Be primarily active in the field of environment and/or climate action and have an environmental/climate objective which is aimed at:
 - the public good, and
 - sustainable development, and
 - being involved in the development, implementation, and enforcement of Union environmental and/or climate policy and legislation.
4. Be established (legally registered) in one of the European Union Member States, or in a third country in accordance with Article 5 of the LIFE Regulation and subject to the conditions therein
5. Be operating at Union level with a structure and activities covering **at least three** European Union Member States.

Applicants will have to demonstrate a structure and activities covering at least three European Union Member States. To this end, partnerships, networks and memberships are eligible if they are formally established as a legal entity.

Partnerships, networks and memberships must be represented by a management board or other administrative forum that is mandated by its members to represent the entity at EU level and is responsible for the activities of the network.

Loose co-operations or temporary partnerships are not eligible under this call.

Financial allocation

The indicative total budget earmarked for the co-financing of NGO operating grants is estimated at EUR 18,000,000 for a two-year period, i.e. 9,000,000 yearly.

Nevertheless, the available amount for specific operating grants is only known annually, after adoption of the annual EU budget.

Proposals for operating grants may receive a maximum EU contribution of EUR 700,000 per year.

For determining the threshold on how many proposals may be funded, the applicants are invited to submit, with their proposal for the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) an indicative global budget, indicating the maximum contribution that will be requested for the operating grants under the following Specific Grant Agreement (SGA).

Deadline:

27 July 2015

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Health and Consumer Protection

Call for proposals - PJ-04-2015: Support for the implementation and scaling up of good practices in the areas of integrated care, frailty prevention, adherence to medical plans and age-friendly communities

Overall objective

The aim of this action is to build on the preliminary results of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP-AHA), in the areas of integrated care, frailty prevention, adherence to medical plans and age-friendly communities.

This action will facilitate the implementation and scaling-up of good practices at local, regional or country level or the exchange of good practices between Member States, supporting the potential of innovation in health and social care by encouraging the integration of health and care and highlighting independent living and participation in the community.

Specific objectives of this call:

The results of this action should show the benefits of moving towards community-based health and social care which enables older people to remain active and healthy for longer as well as providing efficient care and treatment when needed. The results will also contribute to an informed decision-making at European level.

Financed actions

Building upon previous work conducted in these areas, the activities to be addressed will include:

- (i) **identification of benchmarks** focusing on successful local interventions with high transferability potential, and
- (ii) **support to the twinning, coaching, and/or scaling up of identified good practices** on: integrating health and social care in age-friendly community settings; community programmes implementing tools and European guidance on age-friendly communities that use a participatory approach and respond to needs of older people; integrated community-based approach programmes for the screening, assessment, prevention and management of frailty in older people, and development of interventions for adherence to treatment and medical plans, in particular involving health care professionals, patients in the community, caregivers and community pharmacies.

Eligibility

Grant applications are eligible if submitted by legal persons. More specifically, the applicants must be legally established organisations, public authorities, public sector bodies, in particular research and health institutions, universities and higher education establishments.

Applicants participating in a project proposal have to be different legal entities (i.e. independent from each other) from at least 3 countries participating in the Health Programme (see below). Proposals which involve fewer applicants will be rejected.

Only applications from entities established in one the following countries are eligible:

- One of the 28 EU Member States;
- Iceland and Norway from the EEA/EFTA countries.
- Entities from third countries in particular acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates benefiting from a pre-accession strategy, neighbouring countries and the countries which, have a bilateral agreement with the European Union, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 on the establishment of a third Health Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020).

Financial allocation

The total budget made available under this call for proposals is EUR 2,500,000.

Proposals requesting more than 60% co-funding will need to comply with the criteria for exceptional utility, specified in the Annex VII of the 2015 work plan

Deadline:

15 September 2015

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Call for proposals - PJ-01-2015: Gathering knowledge and exchanging best practices on measures reducing availability of alcoholic beverages

Overall objective

Building on previous work conducted in this area, this action should support Member States' efforts to reduce alcohol related harm and particularly contribute to the objectives of the Member States' action plan on Youth Drinking and on Heavy Episodic Drinking. It should generate and promote new and innovative good practices targeting the reduction of heavy episodic drinking amongst young people and encourage networking for building EU and national capacities to successfully reduce availability of alcoholic beverages.

Specific objectives of this call:

Financed actions

The activities should aim at testing methods/tools and at identifying good practices on reducing heavy episodic drinking amongst young people in different settings and different Member States through measures reducing availability of alcoholic drinks. The activities would also analyse the impact of such measures reducing availability (in terms of reducing harmful alcohol use, in particular heavy episodic drinking amongst young people). Priority should be given to initiatives aiming at identifying good practices targeting young people among the lowest socioeconomic groups and encourage EU networking and good practise exchange.

Eligibility

Grant applications are eligible if submitted by legal persons. More specifically, the applicants must be legally established organisations, public authorities, public sector bodies, in particular research and health institutions, universities and higher education establishments.

Applicants participating in a project proposal have to be different legal entities (i.e. independent from each other) from at least 3 countries participating in the Health Programme (see below). Proposals which involve fewer applicants will be rejected.

Only applications from entities established in one the following countries are eligible:

- One of the 28 EU Member States;
- Iceland and Norway from the EEA/EFTA countries.
- Entities from third countries in particular acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates benefiting from a pre-accession strategy, neighbouring countries and the countries

which, have a bilateral agreement with the European Union, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 on the establishment of a third Health Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020).

Financial allocation

The total amount made available under this call is EUR 1,700,000.

Proposals requesting more than 60% co-funding will need to comply with the criteria for exceptional utility, specified in the Annex VII of the 2015 work plan.

Deadline:

15 September 2015

Info

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Call for tender n° Chafea/2015/CP/01 concerning the conclusion of Multiple Framework contracts with reopening of competition for the provision of behavioural studies – Second wave

Overall objective

The objective of the Framework Contracts (FWCs) to be concluded under the present call will be the provision of Chafea, DG JUST and other Commission Services with studies related to consumer and citizen behaviour, as a result of a sound, professional and scientific analysis. In practice, the studies will scrutinise different factors that affect consumers' behaviour and decision-making.

Specific objectives of this call:

The funded studies will scrutinise different factors that affect consumers' behaviour and decision-making. The in-depth analysis of consumers' behaviour will comprise tasks including the preparatory review of the behavioural economics literature, gathering of data on consumers' self-reported preferences, the scrutiny of commercial practices employed by the economic operators and existing policy remedies, the collection of first-hand information through behavioural laboratory, online and/or field experiments, including input from surveys and/or interviews, the analysis of the obtained results and the formulation of policy recommendations.

Within this context, a behavioural study may have either an exploratory perspective, researching a specific market or issue from a behavioural perspective, regardless of whether any policy intervention is envisaged, or a more specific approach, directed at testing policy interventions or fine-tuning concrete policy measures, using behavioural evidence.

The FWCs should be an important tool for providing CHAFEA and the European Commission Services with timely and high quality information pertaining to behavioural issues. In particular, the information acquired through the behavioural studies will enhance the understanding of EU consumers' decision-making processes and, therefore, provide an evidence base for future policy making.

The call for tender is aimed at identifying operators capable of fulfilling the tasks described below. Due to the fact that each specific contract will be complex and will comprise scrutiny of behavioural issues of different nature, a single economic operator may lack sufficient capacities. Therefore, CHAFEA welcomes tenders representing joint offers or a tender submitted by a consortium.

Financed actions

The in-depth analysis of consumers' behaviour to be performed under each Framework Contract will comprise the following tasks:

- Preparatory review of the behavioural economics literature, gathering of data on consumers' self-reported preferences, the scrutiny of commercial practices employed by the economic operators and existing policy remedies;
- Collection of first-hand information through behavioural laboratory, online and/or field experiments, including input from surveys, focus group and/or interviews; and
- Analysis of the obtained results and the formulation of policy recommendations.

For more detailed information about the above-mentioned tasks to be performed under this FWC refer to page 7 and following of the [Guidelines](#).

Eligibility

Participation in tendering procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties of the European Union, and to all natural and legal persons in a third country which has a special agreement with the European Union on the conditions laid down in that agreement (i.e. EU Member States, countries of the European Economic Area, FYROM, Albania and Montenegro).

Tenderers will be required to prove their economic, financial, technical and professional capacity to be able to run de tender (for specific requirements refer to page 24 and following of the [Guidelines](#)).

Financial allocation

The maximum value of the specific service contracts that might be concluded over a 4 year period (maximum possible duration the multiple Framework Contracts) is 10.000.000 €.

Deadline:

18 September 2015

Info

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Call for tender n° Chafea/2015/CP/02 concerning “The exploratory Study of Consumer Issues in the Sharing Economy”

Overall objective

The objective of the present call is the provision of Chafea (Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency), DG JUST and other Commission Services with studies related to consumer issues in the sharing economy. The call will particularly concern the research of the economic importance of sharing economy peer-to-peer (P2P) online markets in EU Member States, the analysis of the experience and problems of consumers in P2P online services in core sharing economy with particular emphasis on online platforms.

The present call will also focus on the examination of the relevance and enforcement of the EU consumer acquis and other related EU legislation as well as on the evaluation of the transparency of business models and effectiveness of self-regulatory mechanisms for verification, redress or complaint handling, fulfilling tax obligations as operated by online P2P platforms.

Specific objectives of this call:

This study focuses on P2P markets, as opposed to regular business to consumer (B2C) markets. It includes businesses, intermediaries and platforms that facilitate P2P transactions.

Peers make resources available to other peers; peers are both suppliers and consumers of resources. Peer transactions as defined for this study are between people who do not know each other personally.

This study will deal exclusively with P2P markets that are facilitated on-line. It focuses in particular on on-line platforms that facilitate transactions between peers and that offer additional services, such as guarantees, payment facilities, insurance, reservations.

The study will not deal with P2P transactions that occur through direct personal contact, sharing arrangements between closed groups or friends and family, or where the sharing offer is not addressed to the general public. It will cover sharing arrangements facilitated by an information/ communication network for the benefit of its users.

Given the focus of the study on consumer and user protection, and in particular consumer rights aspects, the activities to be covered by this study are P2P transactions of certain consumer goods and certain services.

This study includes the sharing of goods and the (re)sale of new and used/second hand goods by persons in a private capacity (irrespective of whether they can be held to exercise a commercial activity), and on-line platforms facilitating such transactions.

It includes certain services, in particular the sharing of private transport and private accommodation. Personal services provided by non-professionals, such as for example MyTaskangel, are to be included to the extent possible, to be determined by the volume of transactions by country, for example in the case studies.

Given the focus of the study on consumer protection and consumer rights aspects, the study will cover all sharing platforms regardless of whether their users pay a price or a fee (for facilitation, insurance), or whether they are in any other way compensating the platform for accessing and using it.

Notwithstanding this, the study will not cover platforms, which do not pursue a commercial purpose (non-for-profit, charitable private initiatives) that do not charge any fees from their users, and on which the users perform transactions where no form of payment occurs, such as free gifts, exchanges or lending.

E-commerce platforms/market places that facilitate (re)sales of goods both by professionals and by private citizens, of both "new" and used items (such as e-bay, marktplaats.nl, leboncoin.fr, amazon) shall be included insofar as they facilitate P2P(re)sale of "new" and second hand/used goods.

Platforms that offer predominantly commercial services to facilitate B2C transactions (such as booking.com, etc.), communication platforms (Skype, Whatsapp), operating systems and app stores, audiovisual and music platforms (Youtube), and payment systems (Paypal) are excluded.

Financed actions

The geographical scope for the study is:

- at least the 28 EU Member States for the initial Desk Research and Literature Review;
- at least the 28 EU Member States for the Legal Analysis;
- at least 5 EU Member States where P2P transactions have reached a certain critical mass, and/or where relevant research has been conducted or is on-going, such as Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany ("sharing economy core countries");
- Contactors may propose to extend specific tasks to additional (EU or other relevant) countries.

The overall objective of the assignment is to explore and construct a picture of:

- the (indicative) economic importance of sharing economy P2P online markets in EU Member States, and the main P2P business models;
- experience, perceptions, expectations and problems of consumers/users in P2P online services in core sharing economy EU Member States, with particular emphasis on on-line platforms;
- the relevance of the EU consumer acquis and other related EU legislation in addressing specific issues and problems in the main P2P business models, and in its enforcement, in particular concerning the distinction between P2P and B2C transactions;
- the transparency of business models and effectiveness of self-regulatory mechanisms for verification, redress/complaint handling, fulfilling tax obligations as operated by on-line P2P platforms;
- if and where there is evidence of real or potential personal consumer detriment;
- and options for resolving any major issues or problems identified.

For further details about the list of tasks and deliverables eligible for funding refer to page 10 and following of the [Guidelines](#).

The duration of the tasks is a maximum of 10 months.

Eligibility

Participation in tendering procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties of the European Union, and to all natural and legal persons in a third country which has a special agreement with the European Union on the conditions laid down in that agreement (i.e. EU Member States, countries of the European Economic Area, FYROM, Albania and Montenegro).

Financial allocation

The maximum value of the contract is 575.000€.

Deadline:

24 August 2015

Info

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Democracy, Citizenship and Transparency

Call for proposals - EuropeAid/150131/DH/ACT/Multi: Facility for dialogue - support to social dialogue

Overall objective

The overall objective of the “Facility for Dialogue – component Support to Social Dialogue” is to strengthen the consultative function of economic and social partners in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The purpose of the project is to reinforce the capacities of Economic and Social Councils (ESCs) and of economic and social actors in the countries of the Southern Neighbourhood in order to enhance their role as channels of communication between civil society and governments. It also aims at developing exchanges of experience and good practices through a network of ESCs and CSOs in the region and in the EU.

Specific objectives of this call:

The specific objectives of the project are the following:

- Institutionally reinforcing ESCs and economic and social actors of the Neighbourhood South region;
- Helping ESCs and economic and social actors to develop their organisation and activities.

Activities under these objectives should aim at:

- a) Strengthening the role of ESCs and economic and social actors, and reinforcing their relationships with governments, building on the experience acquired in the Southern Neighbourhood area and in Europe, through organising gatherings and conferences to highlight the role and added value of ESCs. These gatherings should bring together, besides the ESCs and economic and social actors, Government officials, Members of Parliaments, representatives of NGOs, media, etc.

Expected result: Civil society and politicians better understand the role of ESCs and can exchange views with counterparts from other countries.

- b) Supporting the establishment of Economic and Social Councils in countries where they do not exist and supporting existing ESCs where they have difficulties functioning. Some of the countries covered by the ENP in the Mediterranean area currently have ESCs. Other countries either have existing ESCs but which are not functioning properly, or do not have such body. But in the different cases, civil society strongly supports the establishment and proper functioning of an ESC in each country. The Project will help civil society to promote the concept of ESC through seminars gathering various categories of stakeholders: trade unions, employers’ associations, NGOs, politicians, government officials, etc. For doing so, the project will cooperate with EU Delegations.

Expected result: steps are taken to establish ESCs in countries where they are not present yet.

- c) Further to point b, bringing institutional support to ESCs on essential issues such as: representativeness of members, transparency of activities, capacity of ESCs to take initiatives, relationship with governments, budgets, financing of activities, etc., through facilitating exchanges between ESCs of the Southern Neighbourhood area, organising workshops and seminars, providing assistance on the above specific topics and on others pertinent ones.

Expected result: representativeness, capacities and institutional functioning of ESCs are reinforced.

- d) Improving the approach of ESCs to collaboration and dialogue with the organisations representing economic and social interests through exchanges of experience and good practices, whenever these organisations are not member of the ESC, and with economic and social organisations in countries with no ESC, in order to provide a better knowledge of the role of the consultative bodies and to exchange experiences on consultation and participatory democracy models.

Expected results: improved knowledge of consultation models; stronger collaboration between economic and social partners and institutionalised representative bodies.

- e) Supporting the establishment of a structured cooperation between (a) Economic and Social Councils of the ENP South area, and (b) the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), ESCs of

Member States, and the UfM. This should be done ensuring relevance, feasibility and sustainability of such structured cooperation, taking into account country contexts and existing communication/consultation channels between civil society and authorities. Pilot activities, covering joint meetings and exchanges, and involving a limited number of ESCs at first stage could be used. Based on the results, the pilot activities could then be up-scaled.

Expected result: community of practice between ESCs of Europe and of the Southern Neighbourhood developed.

Financed actions

Main actions must take place in the Southern Neighbourhood region. Some activities such as workshops and those related to North-South exchanges can take place in the European Union.

Types of funded activities include:

- Organisation of gatherings, conferences, workshops, seminars; capacity building activities (for example for members and staff of ESCs, for economic and social actors); exchanges of best practices
- Support to ESCs and social actors' involvement in local/national/regional policy dialogue, capacity-building and networking
- North-South exchanges as good opportunity of peer-learning and of networking among ESCs and economic and social actors from the North and from the South (twinning-like actions)
- North-South exchanges between ESCs and economic and social actors regarding the way to most effectively engage in policy dialogue with the authorities
- Organisation of traineeships (or job shadowing) for ESCs staff from partner country offering them an opportunity to experience on site how more experienced ESCs operate. Traineeships should be demand-driven, and ideally based on one specific objective per traineeship.
- Mentoring and/or coaching activities
- Web-based learning (only as secondary/complementary activity)
- Peer-learning seminars
- Joint trainings including CSOS to strengthen their abilities to undertake dialogue and foster cooperation and collaboration among them.
- Improvement of organisational processes, work procedures, administrative processes, etc.
- Coalition building and networking activities
- Identification and dissemination of results and good/bad practices of policy dialogue and of social dialogue processes
- Activities targeting the facilitation of information to ESCs and economic and social actors, such as internet platforms

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicant must:

- be a legal person and
- be non-profit-making and
- be a non-governmental organisation, in particular those representing economic and social stakeholders, from the Neighbourhood South Region or from the EU Member States, or
- be a public sector operator, and
- be established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country from the Southern Neighbourhood region, and\
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary

The partnership (applicant and co-applicants) must include Economic and Social Council(s) (ESCs) from **at least two** eligible countries, one (or more) must be from the Neighbourhood South countries and one (or more) from the EU Member States.

Apart from ESCs, the partnership can include, but cannot be limited to, civil society organisations, such as non-governmental non-profit organisations and independent foundations, community-based organisations and private-sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations and networks thereof at local, national or regional (i.e. European or Euro-Mediterranean) and level. These partners should not be already member of the ESC(s) involved in the partnership and should be chosen outside the membership of these ESC(s).

If the applicant is from an EU Member State, it must act in partnership with at least one co-applicant from the Southern Neighbourhood countries; the partnership can also include other co-applicants from EU Member States.

If the applicant is from a Southern Neighbourhood country, it must act in partnership with one co-applicant from an EU Member State; the partnership can also include other co-applicants from the Southern Neighbourhood region.

Financial allocation

The overall indicative amount made available under this Call for Proposals is EUR 3,000,000.

Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

- minimum amount: EUR 2,500,000
- maximum amount: EUR 3,000,000

Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must respect the following maximum percentage of total eligible costs of the action:

- Maximum percentage: 80 % of the total eligible costs of the action

Deadline:

23 August 2015

Info

Questions may be sent by e-mail no later than 21 days before the deadline for the submission of Concept Notes to the following email address, indicating clearly the reference of the Call for Proposals: NEAR-CALL-150131-SOCIALDIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu.

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Twinning call for proposals - EuropeAid/137305/IH/ACT/MK: Freedom of Expression support to Media Reforms in Macedonia

Overall objective

The objective is to encourage and accelerate media reform, consolidate European standards focusing on media protection, professionalism and independence, improve the implementation of the media legislation by creating an environment for freedom of media, as well as to promote effective competition on the media market in Macedonia.

Specific objectives of this call:

The specific purpose is to increase the efficiency of existing regulatory mechanisms in the media sector, ensure respect for the code of ethics, improve the profile of the media community and industry, to improve implementation of European standards in the area of freedom of media and freedom of expression and increase public awareness about the issues related to media freedom protection and the importance of competition rules for proper functioning of the media markets.

The purpose is also to build the skills of journalists and of editors regarding the new media environment and new media policies, as well as to improve the delineation of the competences among the different regulatory bodies to ensure functioning of the Media Ethics Council and to improve the quality of the Public Service Broadcaster.

The Twinning project aims to introduce and share EU wide best practices in connection with EU legislation and specific needs of the Beneficiary Country (FYROM) in the field of freedom of expression and independent media. The Twinning project will be implemented by close co-operation between the partners aiming to achieve the mandatory results in sustainable manner.

Financed actions

The proposal made by the Member State should include the activities they propose to achieve the results listed in the Twinning project fiche. Without listing necessarily all the possible activities, the proposal should be detailed enough to respond adequately to the Twinning project fiche.

The set of proposed activities will be further developed with the Twinning partners when drafting the Twinning work plan, keeping in mind that the final list of activities will be decided in cooperation with the Twinning partner. The components are closely interlinked and need to be sequenced accordingly.

The Twinning assistance will be provided in the form of know-how transfer, and will be delivered through the activities that will indicatively include:

a) **Advice and coaching sessions:** Coaching and advice activities will be the predominant type of activity. The Member State (MS) experts will train and advice the Beneficiary Country (BC) experts from the participating institutions to improve the methods and procedures related to freedom of expression and independent media. They shall contribute to increased effectiveness of relevant institution that monitor the media in cooperation with local partners in the country and its harmonisation with the EU legislation and best practices.

b) **Tailor made training programme:** This project will include the development of training programme and curricula for trainings (provision of a maintainable development of the concept); Preparation of manuals for trainings; Conducting of trainings; Preparation and implementation of working plan for supervision and assistance to the selected trained trainers in the initial phase of the delivery/cascading of the training to the end users.

c) **Seminars, workshops and conferences:** The training programme envisaged will involve the organisation of seminars, workshops, conferences etc.

d) **Study visit:** Study visit will be organised for the representatives of the institutions involved in the project from the beneficiary country to the Member State institutions, for exchange of good practices and experience in connection with implementation of freedom of expression and independent media, as well as for different aspects of monitoring of the programme services in the new media environment, media market and media ownership structure. Study visit will be organized for AJM members to journalistic associations to EU country

regarding journalist professional standards, rights and obligations deriving from journalists' profession, European media standards, freedom of media, media professionalism.

e) **Legal acts, Guidelines, Manuals, procedures:** The Twinning partner should review, analyse and propose new legal acts, and/or Guidelines and amendments to existing national legislation which regulates the area of freedom of media and freedom of expression in line with the Acquis and EU best practice, as well as propose more effective procedures. This task will be done in close cooperation and consultation with Beneficiary institutions.

f) **Assessment:** The activities will be assessed through practical tools. The results will be compiled and presented to the Steering Committee, and integrated in the quarterly reports. When it is relevant and possible, the other activities of the Twinning project will be evaluated in the most relevant way.

Eligibility

Only Public Administrations and Mandated bodies as per Twinning Manual of European Union Member States may apply through European Union MSs' National Contact Points (see [list of mandates bodies](#) and [National Contact Points](#)). Any MS administration is automatically eligible as a Twinning partner.

The project will be implemented in the form of a Twinning contract between the Beneficiary country and an EU Member State(s). Details of implementation shall be agreed during the preparation of the work plan. The implementation of the project requires one **Project Leader** (PL) with responsibility for the overall coordination of project activities, one **Resident Twinning Adviser** (RTA) to manage project activities and a **pool of STE** within the limits of the budget. It is essential that the team has sufficiently broad expertise to cover all the areas included in the project description. The interested Member State institution shall include in its proposal the CVs of the designated PL and RTA.

The **Project Leader** from the Member State must be a high-ranking public servant or equivalent staff, but preferably in an institution / agency / bureau or a department responsible for strengthening competition, preventing and reducing anti-competitive activities specifically in the area of media, with relevant working experience of at least 3 years.

The **BC Project Leader** will act as the counterpart of the MS PL and will ensure close cooperation in the overall steering, co-ordination and management of the project from the beneficiary side. He/she will support the Twinning project team in organizational and technical matters and will also coordinate the PSC on behalf of the BC. The role of the BC PL and the MS PL are complementary.

One **RTA** will be appointed and he/she will be located in the premises of the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services (AVMU) in the Beneficiary country. The secondment of the RTA will last 17 months, during which he/she will be responsible for the direct implementation of the project. He/she will come from an EU Member State to work on a full time and day-to-day basis with the beneficiary administration. The RTA will have a key role in the coordination of the inputs required for the successful implementation of the project activities. He/she shall be supported by a pool of short – term experts.

For more details on the specific requirements and qualifications that the abovementioned experts should fulfil, please refer to page 14 and following of the [Guidelines](#).

Financial allocation

The project will be implemented through a Twinning Contract estimated at a maximum of EUR 800.000 (out of which 95% IPA funds and 5% National co-financing).

Deadline:

2 September 2015

Info

The Central Financing and Contracting Department of the Ministry of Finance shall be the Contracting Authority and will be responsible for all administrative and procedural aspects of the tendering process, contracting matters and financial management including payment of project activities. The Head of CFCD will act as the Programme Authorising Officer (PAO) of the project:

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Call for proposals - EuropeAid/136857/ID/ACT/LB: reinforcing human rights and democracy in Lebanon – Active citizenship – Increase active citizenship

Overall objective

The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to promote development and reform through improving the socio-economic situation in Lebanon.

Specific objectives of this call:

The specific objective of this Call for Proposals is to improve the socio-economic situation in Lebanon through building capacity of the Civil Society Organisations and increasing resilience of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities including organisations addressing women, youth and children rights.

Added-value elements will be considered for actions that include Financial Support (sub-granting) to local civil society organizations mainly grass root organizations and cooperatives. Financial support to CSOs aims at supporting initiatives with coherent and self-contained sets of activities designed to achieve specific objectives as stated above. The projects are expected to demonstrate clear target groups, tangible outcomes with relevant indicators and be implemented within a limited timeframe. Proposals outside the identified specific objectives will not be considered for financial support.

Preference will be given to proposals built on a participatory approach involving partner(s) as well as a wide range of stakeholders as associates (i.e. authorities, state institutions, etc.) so as to jointly ensure consolidated outcomes. Project should contain measures ensuring sustainability and duplication (if applicable) of its outcomes. The submission of innovative, well-focused proposals is encouraged. Projects should be clearly relevant to key issues and problems identified in response to the situation of Lebanon and to the specific needs of the target groups as per specific objective defined above.

Projects should focus and contain activities of a different nature to ensure a sustainable institutional building effect. Linkages and synergies between activities are encouraged. They must result of careful preparation and cooperation between the applicant and the partner(s).

Financed actions

Actions must take place in Lebanon.

Actions must be coherent and designed to achieve one or more of the following specific needs:

- Actions supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.
- Actions supporting a dynamism that allows meeting the current socio economic challenges in the fields of health, environment, sustainable consumption, agriculture, education, job creation, income generation etc...
- Actions supporting and consolidating social, economic and educational rights.
- Actions improving the performance of the civil society organisations and the elected councils of local municipalities and strengthening their partnership to be active agents for development and reform.

All proposals must be based on a sound needs assessment and stakeholders' analysis. The logical framework should be carefully designed with pertinent, realistic, measurable and time bound indicators. An appropriate exit strategy should be developed in close coordination with co-applicant(s) and proposed beneficiaries. The action should ensure its sustainability.

Activities which may be eligible for funding under this call include:

- Provision of basic services to vulnerable groups in relation environment, water, sanitation and electricity, waste management, renewable energy, health, skills development for small-scale economic activities and social assistance
- Provision of psycho social assistance
- Innovative approaches in the provision of social and economic services including livelihood, child, community , youth and women activities as well as activities targeting persons with disabilities.
- Initiatives resulting in job creation and income generation for vulnerable groups (including youth, women and people with disabilities) in rural areas
- Vocational training programme to enhance their skills in the rural affected areas with emphasis on women and youth to limit migration
- Purchase of equipment and supplies necessary for the implementation of the action
- Training programmes to build the capacities of civil society organizations (community-based organizations, producer associations, farmers' groups, women groups, youth groups and other grassroots organizations) to enhance their role in the economic and social development in the regions to protect citizens' rights and to better respond to crisis situation awareness raising campaigns, job coaching ,training sessions
- Legal /juridical/social assistance to the target groups particularly on gender issues including women victims of domestic violence and the need for improved follow up of implementation of domestic violence law
- Provision of expert to develop/implement training programmes
- Studies and researches as a basis for the proposed project
- Monitoring/evaluating and watchdog activities

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicant must:

- be a legal person and
- be non-profit-making and
- be specific types of organisations such as: Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO), local authorities, international (inter-governmental) organisation and other non-state actors
- be established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country that it is beneficiary of the ENPI Regulation,. This obligation does not apply to international organisations

f (i) in the case of a local applicant, be constituted in accordance with the legislation in force in Lebanon for at least two years at the time of the submission of an application and registered with the relevant ministry.

f (ii) in the case of an international and/or regional applicant from a Member State of the European Union or from an ENPI member country, be registered for at least two years prior to the deadline for submission of project proposals in accordance with the legislation in force in their respective country.

and

- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the coapplicant(s) and

- affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary, and
- If the applicant is a non-state actor from a Member State of the European Union or from an ENPI member country, a partnership with one or several Lebanese actors is mandatory.

Financial allocation

The overall indicative amount made available under this Call for Proposals is EUR 6.1 Million.

Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

- minimum amount: EUR 300,000
- maximum amount: EUR 500,000

Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum percentages of total eligible costs of the action:

- Minimum percentage: 50% of the total eligible costs of the action
- Maximum percentage: 80 % of the total eligible costs of the action

The balance (i.e. the difference between the total cost of the action and the amount requested from the Contracting Authority) must be financed from sources other than the European Union Budget or the European Development Fund.

Deadline:

3 August 2015

Info

Questions may be sent by e-mail or by fax no later than 21 days before the deadline for the submission of Concept Notes to the address(es) below, indicating clearly the reference of the Call for Proposals:

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Call for proposals – Europe for Citizens: town twinning projects (second deadline)

Overall objective

This call for proposals aims at supporting projects that bring together a wide range of citizens from twinned towns around topics in line with the objectives of the programme. Priority is given to projects that target the annually defined priorities for this measure.

By mobilizing citizens at local and EU levels to debate concrete issues on the European political agenda, this measure will seek to promote civic participation in the Union's policy-making processes and develop opportunities for civic engagement and volunteering at the Union level. supporting projects bringing together citizens from twinned towns.

The 2015 annual priority of Strand 2 of the Europe for Citizens programme (to which town twinning projects belong) will be built around the debate on the future of Europe. The debate should not be limited to citizens

already supporting the idea of the European Union, but reach out to citizens who have not been involved so far, or who reject the Union outright or put in question its achievements.

Twinning must be understood in largo sensu, thus referring to the municipalities which signed or are engaged to sign twinning agreements as well as to the municipalities having other forms of partnerships fostering their cooperation and cultural links.

Specific objectives of this call:

Financed actions

All activities contributing to the objective of this call for proposals (i.e. fostering debate on the future of Europe in the framework of citizens' meetings) may be eligible for funding.

Eligibility

General eligibility criteria for all projects under the Europe for Citizens Programme:

- The applicants and involved organisations must be either public bodies or non-profit organisations with legal personality;
- They must be established in a participating country, i.e. in a Member state or in a country having signed an agreement with the Commission on its participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme; and
- The mission as outlined in the organisation's statutes must be consistent with the objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme, strand and measure under which the project application has been submitted (i.e. Strand 2 on democratic engagement and civic participation).

Specific eligibility criteria applicable to town twinning projects:

- Towns/municipalities or their twinning committees or other non-profit organisations representing local authorities may apply for funding under this call.
- In order to be eligible a project must involve municipalities from **at least 2 eligible** countries of which at least one is an EU Member State.
- A project must involve a **minimum of 25** invited participants. "Invited participants" are international participants sent by the eligible partner/s.
- The activities must take place in any of the eligible countries participating to the project. The maximum duration of a project (i.e. maximum duration of the meeting) is 21 days.

Financial allocation

Maximum eligible grant for a project under this call: EUR 25 000.

Maximum percentage of co-funding: 50%

Deadline:

1 September 2015

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Call for proposals – Europe for Citizens: Networks of Towns 2015 (second deadline)

Overall objective

Under this call for proposals, municipalities or regions and associations working together on a common theme in a long-term perspective are invited to develop networks of towns to make their cooperation more sustainable and to exchange good practice.

Networks of Towns are expected to integrate a range of activities around the subjects of common interest to be addressed in the context of the Programme's objectives or annual priorities, to have defined target groups for which the selected themes are particularly relevant and involve community members active in the subject area, and to aim at sustainability.

The 2015 annual priority of Strand 2 of the Europe for Citizens programme (to which the measure networks of towns belongs) will be built around the **debate on the future of Europe**. The debate should not be limited to citizens already supporting the idea of the European Union, but reach out to citizens who have not been involved so far, or who reject the Union outright or put in question its achievements.

Specific objectives of this call:

Networks of Towns are expected to:

- Integrate a range of activities around the subject(s) of common interest to be addressed in the context of the Programme's priorities for 2015 (i.e. the debate on the future of Europe)
- Have defined target groups for which the selected themes are particularly relevant and involve community members active in the subject area (i.e. experts, local associations, citizens and citizens' groups directly affected by the theme, etc.);
- Serve as a basis for future initiatives and actions between the towns involved, on the issues addressed or possibly on further issues of common interest.

Financed actions

All activities contributing to the objective of this call for proposals (i.e. fostering debate on the future of Europe in the framework of citizens' meetings) may be eligible for funding.

Eligibility

General eligibility criteria for all projects under the Europe for Citizens Programme:

- The applicants and involved organisations must be either public bodies or non-profit organisations with legal personality;
- They must be established in a participating country, i.e. in a Member state or in a country having signed an agreement with the Commission on its participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme; and
- The mission as outlined in the organisation's statutes must be consistent with the objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme, strand and measure under which the project application has been submitted (i.e. Strand 2 on democratic engagement and civic participation).

Specific eligibility criteria applicable to Networks of Towns:

The following organisations may apply as lead applicants for funding under this call:

- Towns/municipalities or their twinning committees or networks;
- Other levels of local/regional authorities;
- Federations/associations of local authorities.
- Non-profit organisations representing local authorities

Partners: In addition to the applicants mentioned above, non-profit civil society organisations can be partners to those projects.

A project must involve municipalities **from at least 4 eligible countries** of which at least one is an EU Member State.

A project must involve a minimum of 30% of invited participants. "Invited participants" are international participants sent by the eligible partner/s.

The activities must take place in any of the eligible countries. At least 4 events per project have to be foreseen. The maximum project duration is 24 months.

Financial allocation

Maximum eligible grant for a project under this call: EUR 150 000.

Maximum percentage of co-funding: 70%.

Deadline:

1 September 2015

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Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights

Call for proposals - JUST/2015/JACC/AG/PROC: Action grants to enhance the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime

Overall objective

The overall objective of this call is to co-fund transnational and or national projects that contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the area of the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime and to the preparation of new EU action, in line with the specific objective to facilitate effective access to justice for all.

Specific objectives of this call:

This call for proposals aims in particular to contribute to the correct implementation and effective monitoring of the following three legal instruments:

- Directive 2013/48/EU on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings;
- Commission Recommendation C(2013) 8179/2 on the right to legal aid in criminal proceedings;
- Commission Recommendation C(2013) 8178/2 on safeguards for vulnerable persons suspected or accused in criminal proceedings.

Proposals for projects may also contribute to the preparation of EU action in the following areas:

- Further improving procedural rights of defendants (other than existing EU instruments), including through judicial remedies;
- Limitation of the use of pre-trial detention;

The Commission will also consider projects dealing with the implementation of the following two instruments :

- Directive 2010/64/EU on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings;
- Directive 2012/13/EU on the right to information in criminal proceedings

Financed actions

This call for proposals will cover the following activities:

- capacity building for professionals;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, development of working methods which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- exchange and provision of information and development of information tools;
- facilitating cooperation between competent authorities and agencies, legal practitioners and/or service providers (including multi-disciplinary networks at international, national, regional or local levels);
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.
- analytical activities, such as data collection and creation of data bases, surveys, research, etc.;

Projects ensuring maximum practical benefits and impacts for the target groups will be more favourably assessed than projects consisting mainly of research and other analytical activities. Moreover, projects providing for conformity assessments of transposition of the above instruments into national law are not a priority of this call.

Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

Projects funded under this call shall also seek to promote equality between women and men and the rights of the child. Consequently, when relevant, the applicant shall take the necessary steps to ensure that gender equality and child-related issues are taken into account by paying attention to the situation and particular needs of women and men and of children.

Eligibility

Applicants and partners must comply with the following requirements:

- a) be legally constituted public or private organisations, or international organisations. Natural persons (private individuals) are not allowed to submit applications.
- b) Bodies and organisations which are **profit-oriented** can apply, be it as applicant or as partner, only in partnership with private non-profit or public organisations.

'Non-profit organisation' can be

1) a legal entity that is by its legal form non-profit-making; or

2) has a legal or statutory obligation not to distribute profits to its shareholders or individual members. The provision that profits will not be distributed must be clearly stipulated either in the law or in the statutes of the organisation; decisions on (not) distributing profits made by its managing board, associates, stakeholders, members or representatives are not sufficient proof of the non-profit nature.

c) be legally established in an eligible country. This is not applicable for International organisations. Eligible countries under the Justice Programme are the EU Member States, except for the United Kingdom and Denmark.

Financial allocation

The indicative available budget under this call for proposals is 2 000 000 EUR.

The EU grant requested cannot be lower than EUR 75 000. There is no upper limit.

Deadline:

28 October 2015

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