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Call for proposals — EACEA/06/12

Youth in Action Programme

Action 3.2 — Youth in the world: Cooperation with countries other than the neighbouring countries of the European Union

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1. Objectives

The purpose of this call for proposals is to support projects, which promote cooperation in the youth sector between Youth in Action Programme Countries and Partner Countries other than those which are neighbours of the European Union (countries which have signed with the European Union an agreement relevant to the youth field). This call provides grants to projects.

It is addressed to organisations working in the youth sector that are interested in running projects promoting cooperation in this field, involving youth workers and youth leaders, young people themselves and other actors involved in youth organisations and structures.

Its objectives are as follows:

- To improve the mobility of young people and youth workers, as well as youth employability;
- To promote youth empowerment and active participation;
- To foster capacity-building for youth organisations and structures in order to contribute to civil society development;
- To promote cooperation and the exchange of experience and good practice in the field of youth and non-formal education;
- To contribute to the development of youth policies, youth work and the voluntary sector; and
- To develop sustainable partnerships and networks between youth organisations.

Priorities

Preference will be given to those projects which best reflect the following priorities:

- (i) Permanent priorities of the Youth in Action Programme
 - Participation of young people;
 - Cultural diversity;
 - European citizenship;
 - Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

- (ii) Annual priorities of the Youth in Action Programme
 - Youth unemployment, poverty and marginalisation;
 - Spirit of initiative, creativity and entrepreneurship, employability;
 - Grassroots sport and outdoor activities;
 - Global environmental challenges and climate change.

(iii) Cooperation with specific Partner regions or countries:

As a follow-up to the 2011 EU-China Year of Youth and in the context of the 2012 EU-China Year of Intercultural Dialogue, attention will be given to projects promoting dialogue, exchange and cooperation in the field of youth between the EU and China. Attention will be given in particular to projects aiming at ensuring follow-up and sustainability to the cooperation initiated in 2011 and/or to projects focusing on the promotion of intercultural dialogue between young people from the EU and China.

2. Eligible applicants

Proposals must be submitted by non-profit organisations. These organisations can be:

- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs);
- Public bodies at regional or local level; or
- National Youth Councils.

The same applies to the partner organisations.

Applicants must — at the specified deadline for submitting their proposals — have been legally registered for at least two (2) years in one of the Programme Countries.

The Programme Countries are as follows:

- The Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom ⁽¹⁾;
- Those countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA): Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland;
- Candidate countries for which a pre-accession strategy has been established, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions laid down in the framework agreements concluded with these countries with a view to their participation in EU programmes: Croatia, Turkey.

Bodies established in the following countries may participate as partners but may not submit proposals under this call. Countries which are parties to agreements with the European Union regarding the youth field are deemed to be Partner Countries. These are as follows:

- Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela;
- Africa: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Brazzaville), Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Guinea, Rwanda, Sao Tome e Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe;
- Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sainte-Lucia, Saint-Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago;

⁽¹⁾ Persons from overseas countries and territories and, if applicable, public or private institutions based there, are eligible under the 'Youth in Action' Programme, depending upon the rules of the programme and those which apply in the Member State with which they are connected. A list of these overseas countries and territories is given in Annex 1A of Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ('Overseas Association Decision') (OJ L 314, 30.11.2001): <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2001D0822:20011202:EN:PDF>

- Pacific: the Cook Islands, East Timor, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu;
- Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau), India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen;
- Industrialised countries⁽¹⁾: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, United States of America.

Projects must involve partners from at least four different countries (including the applicant organisation), including at least two Programme Countries, of which at least one is a Member State of the European Union, and two Partner Countries.

An exception is granted to projects involving the People's Republic of China as a Partner Country in relation with the follow-up to the 2011 EU-China Year of Youth or the 2012 EU-China Year of Intercultural Dialogue. In those cases, projects may involve one single Partner Country (China) and one or more Programme Countries of which at least one must be a Member State of the European Union.

3. Eligible activities

The project must include activities of a non-profit-making nature that are related to the field of youth and non-formal education.

Indicative list of activities to be implemented by the proposals

Activities supported under this call may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Large-scale youth events, seminars, conferences;
- Activities encouraging the development of partnerships and networks;
- Activities encouraging the policy dialogue in the field of youth;
- Information and awareness campaigns in favour of and by young people;
- Training and capacity-building of youth workers, youth organisations and multipliers;
- Job-shadowing and long-term mobility for youth workers.

Projects must start between 1 September 2012 and 31 December 2012, with a minimum duration of six months and a maximum duration of 12 months.

4. Award criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance of the project in relation to the objectives and priorities of the call (30 %);
- Quality of the project and of the working methods that it comprises (50 %);
- Profile and number of participants and of promoters involved in the project (20 %).

Although a balanced geographical representation will be sought in the selected projects, the major determining factor as to the number of projects funded per country will be quality.

5. Budget

The total budget allocated to the cofinancing of projects under this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 3 000 000.

Financial assistance from the Agency shall not be granted for more than 80 % of a project's total eligible expenses. The maximum grant shall not exceed EUR 100 000.

The Agency reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

6. Submission of applications

Please note that no more than one project proposal can be submitted by the same applicant under this Call for proposals.

⁽¹⁾ If projects involve industrialised countries, the EU grant cannot cover costs incurred by partners or participants from those countries.

The forms can be obtained on the Internet at the following address:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/call_action_3_2_en.php

Grant applications must be drawn up in one of the official EU languages, and sent **no later than 15 May 2012** to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
Youth in Action Programme — EACEA/06/12
BOUR 4/029
Avenue du Bourget/Bourgetlaan 1
1140 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

- by post, date as per postmark,
- by an express courier company, the date of receipt by the courier company being taken as proof of posting (a copy of the original deposit date receipt must be included in the application form).

Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

7. Additional information

Applications must comply with the provisions contained in the Application Guidelines — Call for proposals EACEA/06/12, be submitted on the application form provided for this purpose and contain the relevant Annexes.

The said documents can be found on the Internet at the following address:

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