

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF INNOVATIVE CO-OPERATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION PROJECTS DG EAC 62/05

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Objectives and description

In addition to the Action 5 activities as specified in the User's Guide of the YOUTH programme, the European Commission launches annual Calls for the submission of Action 5 innovative co-operation, training and information projects.

In previous years, these Calls referred to the submission of "large-scale" projects. The name of the Call was changed to put bigger emphasis on the fact that the Commission intends to support innovative projects in the context of this Call and does explicitly not aim at supporting standard activities of organisations or networks.

All applications submitted have to follow one of the priority themes defined in the Call. The priority themes of the Call DG EAC N° 62/05, published in the Official Journal N° C27 of 3 February 2006 , are as follows:

1. Cultural diversity and tolerance: projects promoting cultural diversity and tolerance and addressing non-violent conflict transformation by facilitating dialogue and joint activities of young people from multicultural, multiethnic and multi-faith backgrounds;
2. Less favored regions: projects aiming at the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities who face multiple obstacles in geographical (e.g. deprived urban areas, isolated rural areas or islands) and socio-economic terms. Projects need to address how young people can deal with issues of concern to them (participation, decision making, education and training, employment, housing ...). They should lead to an increase in self-confidence, new skills and competencies and have a positive impact on the young persons' educational or professional pathway;
3. Eastern Europe - Caucasus - South East Europe: projects aiming at enhancing the promotion and visibility of the Youth programme in Eastern Europe (Eastern neighbouring countries of the enlarged EU: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine), the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) or South East Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro), with a focus on training of regional multipliers as well as the development of networks and partnerships among stakeholders in the field of youth in these countries;
4. Innovation in European Citizenship education: projects aiming at innovative and effective ways of bringing Europe closer to young citizens, of involving them in European Citizenship education and a process to show how European Citizenship can be made a reality. Projects should inform young people on various issues of the European construction and/or build the bridge towards the implementation of this knowledge and experience in youth work and youth activities. Projects should play a role in having young citizens have their say in the European project and should show how young people can play their part in the European construction. The multiplier effect and visibility of measures taken is essential;
5. Co-operation between local or regional authorities and youth NGOs: Projects under this theme have to be clearly focused on one of the priorities (e.g. cultural diversity, inclusion, participation of young people) of the Youth programme. They have to be submitted by local or regional authorities and shall involve non-profit organisations active in the field of youth from partner countries, leading to a strong trans-national partnership between these entities. The number of local or regional authorities and youth NGOs participating in the project should be balanced.

Projects must be innovative and show new approaches on how to deal with the priority themes

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mentioned. Projects have to involve partner organisations from at least four different countries (including the applicant), must have a strong transnational European component and must involve young people and youth workers in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of activities. This enumeration is not exhaustive, for the full list of selection and award criteria, please see the text of the Call.

Please pay attention to the fact that only applications which comply with the eligibility criteria mentioned in the Call will be subject of an in-depth evaluation.

All non-profit making organisations and local and regional authorities with a legal identity which have their seat in one of the Programme countries and are willing to develop activities in line with the Youth programme's objectives, are entitled to apply under this Call.

Project duration and budget

Projects must be of duration of at least 18 months in order to ensure that the activity is sustainable. If justified, a maximum duration of up to 3 years will be accepted.

Applicants have to choose between two different project/budget formats (please see application form) depending on the type of activities/instruments they want to use.

The total amount earmarked for the co-financing of projects in the context of this Call for projects is 2.000.000 €. The maximum funding amount per project will not exceed EUR 100.000 per year (12 months) of activity and the maximum grant will not exceed EUR 300.000. It is expected that the Call will allow supporting about 10-15 high quality projects.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications is 1 July 2006 , at the latest. Activities must start between 1 January 2007 and 28 February 2007 .

For further details, please consult the full text of the Call.

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