



GREEN GRANTS GUIDEBOOK



Dear all,

With this small handbook about grants we, YEE secretariat, want to provide you a guide about donors and funding organisations. It can be quite useful in your follow up projects. It is quite important when you finish a project to multiply it as much as possible and use the skills and the possibilities that this kind of international events offer. Sometimes for follow up activities you have many ideas to organise more actions so in this case we want to show you which kind of founders and donors are available and can suit to your future projects.

In this manual you will find information about European Union funds, Council of Europe and private institutions, covering all the countries of Europe and many other regions in the world.

Enjoy it!

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Before to start your project you should take into consideration the following things:

WHO? – FOR WHOM? – WITH WHOM?

- identification of project partners or target groups
- their roles and relationships in the project
- their views on the project
- strengths and weaknesses rooted in these relationships and views

WHAT?

- the main project activities - spontaneous, organised and institutional
- social, economic, cultural, political and educational dimensions
- the project's impact on these dimensions

WHY?

- needs and wishes satisfied by the project
- motivation and interests of participants
- main objectives of the project
- project funding options
- relationship between participants' objectives and institutional objectives

WHERE?

- social context of the project and situation of participants

WHEN?

- what period is being focused on (past, present, future)?
- short, medium or long-term?
- background of participants as it affects the project

HOW?

- how was it done? Organisation and participation process
- techniques and instruments used
- input of participants' experience, theories, other projects, etc

Be SMART writing grants and goals

Specific: Well defined; Clear to anyone that has a basic knowledge of the project

Measurable: Know if the goal is obtainable and how far away completion is; Know when it has been achieved

Achievable: Able to achieve in time and materials on disposal

Realistic: Within the availability of resources, knowledge and time

Timing: Enough time to achieve the goal; Not too much time, which can affect project performance

Things to avoid writing a grant/leading a project

- Avoid repetition
- Just put activities together hoping that they will build on each other by accident.
- Make your project dependent on one single activity
- Avoid repetition
- Overestimate time! Most likely you will miss it!
- Put too many activities in one single period!

- Avoid repetition
- Overestimate your capacities. You also need energy and periods to recover!
- Stay forever at the level of planning!
- You also need to start organising and implementing
- Avoid repetition
- Being generic, and not specifying
- No application form will ask you about your personal motivations, don't do it
- Avoid repetition

Things to take into consideration while writing a grant

- Show clearly the link between the project and the organisation!
- Do not send too much information or publicity, unless requested
- Remember that few things are obvious to many people!
- Make sure that the analysis that you bring up in the application form
- Somehow fits or is in accordance with the funding of your sponsor.
- No application form will ask you about your personal motivations.
- The objectives should be simple and clear to understand.
- Most important: make sure that the information is correct and compatible with the budget.
- Check how much the sponsor can sponsor (some funding institutions do have limits by project or receiving organisation). Asking

for more than they can give reveals bad financial planning.

- Get information about the funders' criteria for selection, priorities, rules of calculation, etc. Follow them.

- Follow the rules about how to fill in the application form, even if they seem silly to you. Not following them is the shortest way to be rejected.

- Check what may already be planned in the community for the same period.

- Consider what public and private institutions may be eager to fund or support

- Bear in mind that the people evaluating project applications are normally experienced in projects themselves. And therefore they would know that often what counts most as the real impression is the objectives. Their formulation often reflects everything else. So, do take your time to define them appropriately.

- Most forms would ask you simply what the



objectives of the project are. Others will ask you what you expect to achieve and others, sometimes cumulatively, will ask you what results you expect as a result of the project.

- Make sure that contributions in kind and loans of material can be properly accounted for in the budget and in the financial report.
- Ask volunteers/technical experts how much their services are valued.
- Remember that “there are no free lunches”. Somebody has to pay for it at the end of the day. That is income. And it is an expense if you have to pay the lunch, so this is co-funding for your project.



- Prove that you have a significant need or problem in your proposal.
- Deliver an answer to the need, or solution to the problem, based on experience, ability, logic, and imagination throughout your proposal. Make sure your proposal describes a program/project for change.
- Reflect planning, research and vision throughout your proposal.
- Research grantmakers, including funding purposes and priorities, and applicant eligibility.

- Target your proposal to grantmakers appropriate to your field and project, but do not limit your funding request to one source.
- Contact the grantmaker, before you write your proposal, to be sure you clearly understand the grantmaker’s guidelines.
- State your organization’s needs and objectives clearly and concisely. Write well. Do not waste words. Use active rather than passive verbs. Use proper grammar and correct spelling. Be clear, factual, supportable, and professional. A well-written proposal is a key factor in the grantmaker’s decision-making process.
- Be clear about why you are seeking a grant, what you plan to do with the money, and why you are a good fit with the grantmaker’s priorities. Prepare an interesting, persuasive and unique proposal.
- Always cover the following important criteria: project purpose, feasibility, community need, funds needed, applicant accountability and competence.
- Answer these questions: Who are you? How do you qualify? What do you want? What problem will you address and how? Who will benefit and how? What specific objectives will you accomplish and how? How will you measure your results? How does your funding request comply with the grant, goals and objectives?
- Demonstrate project logic and outcome, impact of funds, and community support. Be specific about broad goals, measurable objectives, and quantified outcomes.

Youth in Action (programme of the European Commission)



What it is for?

- Youth Exchanges, Youth Initiatives, Thematic networking (Action 1, sub-action 3.1 – Youth Exchange with neighbouring countries)
- European Voluntary Service (Action 2)
- Trainings, seminars, networking (Action 3 and 4)
- Meetings of young people involved in youth policies, Cooperation of international organisations (Action 5)

The Youth in Action Programme is divided into 5 Actions, each of them has its own sub-actions.

Priorities/aims:

- 4 permanent priorities: European citizenship, Participation of Young people, Cultural Diversity, Inclusion
- annual priorities (For 2009 e.g.: European Year of Creativity and Innovation, sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of young people, awareness-raising to global challenges /such as sustainable

development and climate change/, intercultural dialogue...)

- specific priorities for each country involved in the Programme
- specific priorities for certain “Actions”

Who can apply?

- NGOs, Public body, ENGO, informal group of young people
- **Age limits:** Youth Exchanges 13 – 25, exceptionally 26 – 30; EVS (Action 2) 18 – 30; no age limits for trainings and networking, nor for the experts in the youth meetings (Action 5)
- **Countries:**
 - o “programme countries” (all Actions): EU countries + Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Turkey
 - o “neighbouring countries” (only Action 2 – EVS and Action 3.1) :
 - South East Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia
 - Eastern Europe and Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaidzhan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine
 - Mediteranean: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestina, Syria, Tunisia
 - Other countries of the world (only Action 2 – EVS and Action 3.2)

How to apply?

You can apply either by your National agency or by the Executive Agency in Brussels. You can also ask YEE to apply for a more complicated event by the Executive agency however the chances are usually higher by the National agencies.

1) Download the application form at: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc411_en.htm or at the website of your National agency (in the second case you can submit the application in your national language, not in English).

2) Find partners and ask them to send you a signed and stamped Part 3 of the application form – see our guidebook for the partner search websites

3) Send an application form by the deadline below. You obtain an answer from the National Agency usually in 2 months, from the Executive agency it usually takes a bit longer.

Contact:

- website of the Executive Agency in Brussels (EACEA):

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc74_en.htm

- Education, Audiovisual, and Culture Executive Agency, Unit P6: Youth, BOUR 01/01, Avenue du Bourget 1, B-1140 Brussels

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- Youth Helpdesk (accreditation, insurance, visa support, crisis management):

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- E-mail: Youth Helpdesk (General information, accreditation, insurance, visa): youthhelpdesk@ec.europa.eu

- Email: Information on specific call for proposals (actions 1.4, 3.2, 4.1, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6)

youthcallforproposals@ec.europa.eu

Deadlines

For projects submitted to a National Agency there are five application deadlines per year, for the Executive Agency three:

National Agency	
Application Deadline	Projects starting between
1 February	1 May – 30 September
1 April	1 July – 30 November
1 June	1 September – 31 January
1 September	1 December – 30 April
1 November	1 February – 31 July

Executive Agency	
Application Deadline	Projects starting between
1 February	1 August – 31 December
1 June	1 December – 30 April
1 September	1 March – 31 July

Tips:

- See the Programme guide to learn all the important information; you can download it in your language at: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc443_en.htm.

- If you are not very experienced at organising events yet, start with a Youth Exchange, it has the easiest criteria – you

just have to find your partner organisations, you do not need any experts and any previous experience with such an event.

- Try to keep partners from EU and non-EU countries balanced (if it is not balanced, the chance for succeeding is much lower!). Try to have a gender balance as well.



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

European Youth Foundation (EYF)



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What is it for

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. It is a fund set up to provide financial support to international youth activities.

- **international youth meetings – Category A**
 - international youth meetings for youth leaders, including seminars, conferences, workshops, camps, festivals, etc.
- **youth activities other than meetings – Category B**
 - studies, research projects and the production of information and documentation on youth issues
 - specialised publications (such as training manuals);
 - newsletters or magazines produced by international youth organisations or networks;
 - information campaigns;
 - exhibitions and the production of audio-visual materials etc;

- the development of websites or the production of CD-ROMs;
- the production of posters, badges and stickers;
- research projects on youth-related issues;
- study visits enabling youth organisations and networks to make new contacts, extend partnerships and develop co-operation.

- contributions to administrative costs of international youth NGOs – Category C

- a contribution for international non-governmental youth organisations or networks to cover part of the general administrative costs involved in running their activities at European level.

- **Category C bis** - for international non-governmental youth organisations and networks, during a maximum period of three years, in order to help them to establish a European structure

- pilot projects – Category D and D-HRE

- for pilot projects, both meetings and activities other than meetings
- particularly for disadvantaged young people and to encourage new forms of youth participation and organisation;

What is it NOT for

- operations of a commercial nature; the construction, purchase or equipment of buildings; tourist activities; statutory meetings; activities part of a school or university programme; activities with only a voca-

tional training character.

Priorities/aims

Priorities for 2009:

- human rights education and intercultural dialogue
- participation and democratic citizenship
- social cohesion and inclusion of young people
- youth policy development

Projects for 2010 – 2012:

Developing European youth co-operation through youth policy, youth work and non-formal education/learning; it includes:

- Project 1 - Human rights and democracy : youth policy and youth work promoting the core values of the Council of Europe
- Project 2 - Living together in diverse societies: youth policy and youth work promoting intercultural dialogue
- Project 3 - Social inclusion of young people
- Project 4 - Policy approaches and instruments benefiting young people and children

Priorities for 2010 (in the frame of the projects above):

- Project 1 - Human rights education; youth participation; gender equality; environment and sustainable development; youth information and counselling
- Project 2 – intercultural youth work and multicultural environment; promoting responses to racism, intolerance and discrimi-

nation; peace building and conflict prevention and transformation; promoting global solidarity and cooperation

- Project 3 – responses to social exclusion, promoting access of young people to social rights; non-formal education as means of facilitating the social inclusion of young people and children; supporting young people's wellbeing, access to decent living conditions; promoting intergenerational dialogue
- Project 4 – supporting youth and child policy development at national level, supporting intercultural cooperation

Who can apply

- An international non-governmental youth organisation or network
- A national or local non-governmental youth organisation or network
- Non-governmental structures involved in youth work

How to apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered online in the EYF database before being able to submit an application. After the registration, you can access the application forms, submit an application and follow their projects through the administrative procedure.

Deadlines

- **1 February** for requests for EYF administrative grants (Categories C and C bis) concerning the current year.

- **1 April** for activities to be carried out in the first half of the following calendar year; Category A and B

- **1 October** for activities to be carried out in the second half of the following calendar year; Category A and B

There is no fixed deadline for presenting pilot project applications (Category D and D-HRE). They must be submitted online at least three months before the start of the project.

The decisions are usually taken in 2-3 months (in June for projects submitted in April, in December for projects submitted in October and every 2 months for pilot projects; pilot projects not exceeding 7.600 eur can be examined ad hoc).

Payment of the grant and reporting

The grant is paid in 2 parts – one in

advance and one after finishing the activity and sending the final report.

- First confirm a grant acceptance form

- Notify for prior approval by the EYF any change in these details and/or in any other element of this project.

- Send the report and list of participants (signed by each participant) of the project to the European Youth Foundation within two months of its completion, accompanied by all necessary proof of expenditure for the total cost of the project and not just the EYF grant (bills or copies thereof).

- Return to the EYF any amount granted which is not used for the purpose stated in the application.

- After receiving the final report and list of participants with their signature, the EYF pays the balance of the grant.

Tips

- When you fill in an application form, please consult the How to apply section in the left-hand menu. It is there to help you and to avoid eligibility problems.

- After you are registered, check the section "How to apply" in each category (A, B,...) – you will learn even more useful tips and conditions for a success of your application.

- When applying, please check that the budget is balanced. Please also calculate the totals of expenditure and income correctly. This will avoid a long exchange of

e-mails before the validation of your application.

- If your project is accepted, please read the Grant Acceptance Form carefully. In particular, you must request the prior approval of the EYF for any change made to the original application (dates, place, budget, etc.).

- Registered NGOs can open and print their past project applications (see Project follow up).

- For category A – international meeting – these things are important:

- meet the Council of Europe's work

priorities, particularly those of its youth sector (see list of priorities in the youth sector's programme for 2010);

- be attended, in appropriate proportions, by nationals of at least seven member states of the Council of Europe. It may also include participants from states which are not members of the Council of Europe

- multiplying effect; non-formal education and intercultural learning;

- be, at least for one-third of its total cost, financed from sources other than the European Youth Foundation (EYF): for example, participation fees, the applicant organisation's own funds, or other grants;

- be attended by participants of whom at least 75% are under the age of 30;

- (as a general rule) be held in one of the Council of Europe's member states: applicant organisations are required to justify a choice of venue in a non-member state.

- The EYF secretariat will check the grant publications especially for the following aspects:

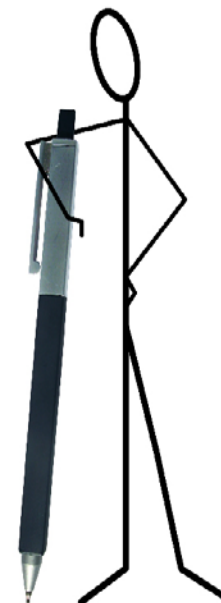
- clearly set out educational aims and learning objectives

- coherent and feasible budget

- geographical balance of participants

- international preparatory team

- multiplying effect.



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European Youth Centres

How does it work?

There are two European Youth Centres (EYCs) – one in Strasbourg and one in Budapest. They are international training and meeting centres with accommodation, hosting most of the activities of youth sector of the Council of Europe (they are part of the Directorate of Youth and Sport.

The youth centres provide youth organisations with a meeting place, board and lodging, travel costs, interpretation and preparation costs to hold “study sessions”, and 4 to 7 day long seminars on issues relevant to the Council of Europe’s youth work. The Youth Centers provide a flexible and modern working environment for international activities, with meeting rooms equipped for simultaneous interpretation, information centres, audio-visual and computer facilities. Applications for study sessions should suggest subjects directly related to the work priorities of the Directorate of Youth and Sport.

Priorities/aims

- Human rights education - human rights, cultural diversity and social cohesion
- facing problems of the European society, like racism, intolerance, discrimination against minorities, inequality, social exclusion, drug abuse, corruption and organised crime
- help young people find solutions to everyday problems

- Youth participation - support and encourage young people’s development and participation in European youth policy

- Non-formal education
- South-East Europe

The priorities of the EYCs correlate with the priorities of EYF as both of these programmes belong to the Council of Europe, Directorate of Youth and Sport.

What is it for?

Multilateral and international educational activities, such as:

- Training courses

The EYCs organise training courses for young people active in youth organisations and initiatives. Participants can learn about European youth activities, international co-operation, intercultural education, and methods of international youth work. The EYCs also organise long-term training courses giving participants competence in managing projects with an intercultural dimension. Participation in these activities is possible only by submitting completed application forms within the stated deadlines.

- Study sessions

Week-long international youth seminars (called study sessions) bring together members of youth organisations and experts for discussions on a wide variety of subjects. International youth organisations can apply for such activities, it is the applying organisation(s) or association(s) which

How to apply?

You can download application for study sessions here:

<http://www.eycb.coe.int/>

The training courses are organised directly by the European Youth Centres. If you are interested in one of the trainings, you can follow the news at the website of the Council of Europe: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/default_en.asp or www.youth-partnership.net/

suggests the subject of the study session and, if the application is approved by the Programming Committee, chooses the participants and plans the programme in co-operation with the European Youth Centre. Study sessions are run in cooperation with international non-governmental youth organisations

Who can apply?

The European Youth Centres run an annual programme of 40 to 50 activities in close co-operation with non-governmental youth organisations (NGYOs), such as party political, socio-educational and religious youth groups, rural youth movements, trade union and young workers’ organisations, children’s organisations and environmental networks. Applications for training courses are accepted from so-called “multipliers”, i.e. young people, volunteers and professionals in youth work and non-formal education in general, who are in a position to pass on newly acquired knowledge to other young people or co-workers at international, national, regional or local level:

- non-governmental organisations (in particular youth organisations);
- Council of Europe committees or working groups;
- Governments of member countries;
- Local authorities;
- Other international organisations.

Contact

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/EYC/European_Youth_Centres_en.asp

<http://www.coe.int/Youth/>

Applications should be addressed to:

Directorate of Youth and Sport

European Youth Centre

30, rue Pierre de Coubertin F- 67000

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Tel: +33388412300

Email: youth@coe.int

Deadlines

The Programming Committee of the European Youth Centres examines and decides on grant applications twice a year. The EYC Secretariat must receive applications for activities to be held at either EYC Budapest or EYC Strasbourg by the following deadlines:

- **1 April** for activities to be carried out in the first half of the following calendar

year;

- **1 October** for activities to be carried out in the second half of the following calendar year.

EYC Strasbourg

The EYC Strasbourg also hosts the European Youth Foundation and the Solidarity Fund for Youth Mobility.

The EYCS now has the following capacity: 40 single rooms, 17 double rooms, 2 triple rooms, a studio, as well as 3 rooms specially equipped to receive disabled people. Three meeting rooms equipped with interpretation facilities that cater for groups of 48, 52 and 110 people. There are also 7 smaller meeting rooms for working groups.

The EYCS has a cyber centre with 8 computers, which are at the disposal of the participants, as well as a wide range of technical equipment.

For the groups staying at the EYCS, the facilities of the EYCS (meeting rooms, technical equipment and technical staff) will be at their disposal free of charge.

Contact:

Information and reservations:

Tel: 33(0)3.88.41.23.00

reception.eycs@coe.int

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/EYC/Strasbourg_en.asp

The EYCS welcomes groups for visits and presentation. Agreement is subject to meeting room availability, as well as speakers' availability. You may address your re-

quest to eycs.visit@coe.int

EYC Budapest

The European Youth Centre Budapest is the first permanent service of the Council of Europe in a country of Central and Eastern Europe. Within the Council of Europe, the EYCB is part of the Directorate of Youth and Sport and is, like the European Youth Centre Strasbourg (EYCS) and the European Youth Foundation (EYF), an important instrument of the Council's youth policy.

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Long Learning Programme –Leonardo da Vinci

There are many activities in the frame of Leonardo LPP programme:

- Mobility – transnational placements and exchanges

- **Multilateral projects** in particular those aimed at improving training systems by focusing on the transfer of innovation involving the linguistic, cultural and legal adaptation to national needs of innovative products and processes developed in different contexts of innovation

- **Multilateral projects** aimed at improving training systems by focusing on the development of innovation and good practice

- **Thematic networks** of experts and organisations working on specific issues related to vocational education and training

- **Partnerships** focusing on themes of mutual interest to the participating organisations

- **Study and preparatory visits** for mobility, partnership, project or network activities

LEONARDO DA VINCI MOBILITY

What is it for?

- for transnational mobility projects intended for persons following a professional training and for trainers

- Transnational cooperation, Mobility actions, Teaching, Training, Creation of tools, Exchange of know-how

- Preparatory Visits: to help institutions eligible for the programme to contact and meet suitable partner institutions

- Transnational Placements in Enterprises or Training Institutions for Trainees in Initial Vocational Training (IVT)

- Period of vocational training and/or work experience undertaken by an individual beneficiary (apprentice, pupil, trainee, etc in IVT) in an enterprise or a training institution in another participating country

- 2 to 39 weeks

- Transnational Placements in Enterprises or Training Institutions for People in the Labour Market (PLM)- Period of vocational training and/or work experience undertaken by an individual beneficiary (people in the labour market: workers, self-employed or people available for employment, including graduates) in a partner organisation in another participating country - Duration: 2 to 26 weeks

- Placement and Exchanges - Mobility for Professionals in Vocational Education and Training (VETPRO) - Mobility project

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for Professionals in Vocational Education and Training with a focus on the transfer, improvement and update of competences and/or of innovative methods and practices in the field of vocational training. It can also cover vocational language learning of professionals. Duration: 1 to 6 weeks

Priorities/Aims/Objectives:

Objectives:

- Supporting transnational mobility actions for people in training, more especially young people undergoing training or endeavouring to enter the labour market, young employed workers or job seekers, recent graduates, students registered
- Support of transnational mobility of persons responsible for vocational training and/or human resources
- To enhance the attractiveness of vocational education and training and mobility for employers and individuals and to facilitate the mobility of working trainees

Priorities:

- Linguistic and cultural preparation
- Objectives, content and duration of the stay abroad
- Pedagogical organisation, tutoring and mentoring
- Validation of the skills acquired
- In addition, all individuals benefiting from a period of mobility within the programme will, on request and where applicable, be awarded a "Europass Mobility"

document.

Who can apply?

- Research centres - Local and Regional authorities - Corporations - Training centres - Federations, Unions - Administrations, States - Agencies, Chambers
- SMEs - Universities - Associations
- Geographically: European Union, Turkey and European Economic Area (= EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)

How to apply?

Individual beneficiaries will receive their grant within a mobility project organised by a coordinating organisation. The latter should apply to the National Agency of the country in which it is established. There are no open calls. If you want to receive calls, please subscribe to www.welcomeurope.eu.

MULTILATERAL PROJECTS

What is it for?

- for trans-national project to develop innovation and quality in the field of professional training
- Education - Training - Innovation - New technologies
- Transfer of Innovation:**
- Identifying and analysing targeted user requirements
- Selecting and analysing innovative content to meet these requirements and analysing the feasibility of transfer

- Integrating (or certifying) it in European, national, regional, local and/or sectoral training systems and practices

Development of Innovation:

- Developing something new (contents, methods, procedures etc.) as the end result of the project
- Finding a new solution to help several countries to cope with a common challenge in the VET area for which there does not yet exist an answer

Priorities/Aims/Objectives

The aim to facilitate the development of innovative practices in the field of vocational education and training other than at tertiary level, and their transfer, including from one participating country to others.

Objectives:

- Improve the quality of training systems through the development of innovative contents, methods and procedures within Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Improve the quality and attractiveness of the European VET system by adapting and integrating innovative content or results from previous Leonardo da Vinci Projects, or from other innovative projects into public and/or private vocational training systems and companies at the national, local, regional, or sectoral level

Priorities:

- Transparency and recognition of competences and qualifications
- Developing the quality and attractiveness of VET systems and practices

Developing the skills and competences of VET teachers, trainers and tutors

Develop Vocational Skills considering the labour market needs

Raising competence levels of groups at risk

Who can apply?

- Research centres - Local and Regional authorities - Corporations - Training centres - Federations, Unions - Administrations, States - SMEs - Universities - Associations
- Geographically: European Union, Turkey and European Economic Area (= EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)

How to apply?

- Transfer of Innovation: contact the National Agency in your country
- Development of Innovation: send your applications to the Commission via the Executive Agency
- There are no open calls. If you want to receive calls, please subscribe to www.welcomeurope.eu.

LEONARDO DA VINCI – NETWORKS

What is it for?

- to support transnational thematic networks of European competencies
- Areas: Education – Training
- Establish a vocational training network between multiple players by bringing together in the participating countries, at the

regional or sectoral level, the public and private players concerned

- Carrying out a work programme on a given subject: This principle implies that the Community financial support is granted for the implementation of the work programme and related activities rather than for the existence of the network

- Ensuring that the activities of the network are not confined to their contractual period only: From the outset each network should foresee a strategy to allow its activities to be continued beyond the period financed by the Community

- The proposals should also include the provision, based on the initial results, for a widening of the network, accompanied by a plan for canvassing new potential partners

Priorities/Aims/Objectives

- Pool knowledge in a specific domain to share experience and foster innovation in vocational training by bringing together experts or organisations

- Identify trends and skills requirements in this area and improve the anticipated benefit of vocational

- Publish the results of work undertaken by such transnational networks so as to promote greater innovation and transnational co-operation in vocational training

Who can apply?

- Processing industries, chemical industry in particular
- Transport and logistics

- Construction
- Hotel and catering

- Trade

- Craft sector

- Banking, insurance and financial services

- Automobile manufacturing and maintenance

- Geographically: European Union, Turkey and European Economic Area (= EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)

How to apply?

Send your applications to the Commission via the Executive Agency, There are no open calls. If you want to receive calls, please subscribe to www.welcomeurope.eu.

LEONARDO DA VINCI PARTNERSHIPS

What is it for?

- A Leonardo da Vinci Partnership is a framework for small-scale cooperation activities between organisations working in the field of vocational education and training

- Transnational cooperation - Dissemination of information - Mobility actions - Teaching, Training - Organisation of events - Pilot project - Exchange of know-how

- Activities must be clearly linked to VET topics and may involve cooperation between VET institutions and enterprises and/or social partners, trainee or parents

associations on issues of common interest linked to VET

- Generate results and outcomes for later dissemination and further applications (a common report, a conference, a CD, a tangible product)

Priorities/Aims/Objectives

Objectives:

- Partnerships must implement the objectives and tools of the Copenhagen process and the Helsinki declaration.(transparency, EQF, ECVET, quality assurance, excellence of skills) etc.

- Improving the attractiveness and quality of VET

- Development and implementation of common tools for VET

- Strengthening mutual learning

- Taking all stakeholders on board

Priorities:

- Development of guidance and advice on VET

- Opening VET to flexible pathways and create better conditions for transition to working life

- Reinforce or create closer links of VET with working life

- Promoting the recognition of non-formal and informal learning

- Responding to the needs of the labour market, particularly of SMEs, anticipation of skills needed in labour market

- Improve the qualification of teachers and trainers

- Support the implementation of Quality

assurance in VET

- Cooperate in the area of transparency of VET systems (i.e. ECVET, EQF, Europass...)

- Support the development of national qualifications frameworks in relation to EQF

- Cooperate to test and apply common concepts developed at European level

Who can apply?

- Local and Regional authorities - Corporations - Training centres - Federations, Unions - Administrations, States - Agencies, Chambers - SMEs - Associations

- Geographically: European Union, Turkey and European Economic Area (= EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)

How to apply?

Applications have to be sent to the national agency. There are no open calls. If you want to receive calls, please subscribe to:

www.welcomeurope.eu.

Tips

The partnership should include partners from at least 3 participating countries. One of the partners must act as coordinator.

FP6 – The sixth EU Framework Programme for Research and Technology

What is it for?

- Research projects
- Individual trainings (Marie Curie Programmes)

Priorities/Aims/objectives

Objectives:

- Strengthening the scientific and technological bases of industry
 - Encourage international competitiveness
- The priorities follow the objectives and are specified in each call.

Activity areas:

- Cross cutting research activities
- Nuclear energy
- Thematic activities: sustainable development, global change, life sciences, genomic and biotechnology for health,...

Who can apply?

- A research group at university
- A company intending to innovate
- A small or medium-sized enterprise (SME)
- A SME association or grouping
- Public administrators
- Undergraduate students
- Early stage researchers, postgraduate
- Experienced researchers
- Acknowledge world-class
- Institutions running research facility of trans-national interest
- Organisations and person from third countries

How to apply and deadlines

- Follow the calls published in the Official journal of the European Communities Calls
- there you can find calls with their specific requirements, guidelines and deadlines
- Check all the work programmes and calls for proposals carefully for priorities
- You are encouraged to use the electronic proposal submission system and use the user guide provided: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6SubmitProposalPage>
- Proposals are selected by the European Commission

Contact

Web: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6HomePage>
 Cordis helpdesk: http://cordis.europa.eu/guidance/helpdesk/home_en.html
 Research Enquiry Service: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=enquiries> (Help desk)
 The National contact points are the same as for FP7: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html
 Find a partner: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/dc/index.cfm>

Tips

See the “Step by step” section to learn how to find your research theme, make a proposal, prepare the contract and manage the project.

FP7 – The Seventh Framework Programme

What is it for?

FP7 supports research in selected priority areas - the aim being to make, or keep, the EU as a world leader in those sectors.

Objectives

The broad objectives of FP7 have been grouped into four categories: Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities. For each type of objective, there is a specific programme corresponding to the main areas of EU research policy. All specific programmes work together to promote and encourage the creation of European poles of (scientific) excellence.

- Cooperation - collaborative research, coordination of national research programmes, joint technology activities, technology platforms; the areas are:
 - Health; food, agriculture and fisheries;
 - Biotechnology;
 - Information and communication technologies;
 - Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies ;
 - Energy;
 - Environment (including climate change);
 - Transport;
 - Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities
 - Space;
 - Security;
 - Coordination of Research Activities

- Joint Technology Activities

Ideas – for strating and advanced researchers, supported by the European Research Council (ERC) <http://erc.europa.eu/>

People – Initial training; life-long training; industry academia; international dimesion; specifix actions

Capacities – research infrastructures, sceince in society....

Non-nuclear actions by the Jiont Research Center

Who can apply?

Any company, university, research centre, organisation or individual, legally established in any country, may participate in a collaborative project.

Geographically:

- Member States - The EU-27;
- Associated Countries – with science and technology cooperation agreements that involved contributing to the framework programme budget;
- Candidate Countries – currently recognised as candidates for future accession;
- Third Countries - the participation of organisations or individuals established in countries that are not Member States, candidates or associated should also be justified in terms of the enhanced contribution to the objectives of FP7.

How to apply?

Follow the calls for proposals and experts

here: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

Register your organisation: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/pp_en.html

Online submission - The recommended method in FP7 is electronic online proposal preparation and submission (EPSS)

Recent calls and deadlines

- Calls for cooperation: helath (1/12/2009), biotechnology (01/01/2010), nanotechnologies (04/01/2010), environment (10/01/2010),
- Calls for people: training entire life (08/10/2009)

Tips

There are training sessions, which will help you to understand the FP7 (FP7 architecture and instruments for 2007-2013, proposal preparation, project organisation and formalization (application file and budget planning), consortium building). The trainings are for all research projects leaders, persons in charge of research projects application, from public, private and non-profit sector (Universities, Research centres, public authorities, enterprises including SMEs, associations active in the field, etc.) price: 690 eur.

Contacts

EPSS Helpdesk: support@epss-fp7.org support@epss-fp7.org or +32 2 233 3760
 Enquiry Service: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>
 National Contact Points: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html
 Find project partners: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html



LIFE+ Support to European NGOs Active in the field of Environment (programme of the European Commission)

Priorities/aims

- * Limiting climate Change.
- * Nature and biodiversity, including desertification, protecting a unique resource.
- * Environment and health.
- * Ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and waste.
- * Horizontal or cross-cutting issues: implementation and enforcement of EU environmental legislation.

What it is for

This programme supports overhead costs for organisations (NGOs) and their operational activities costs that are written in their work-programmes.

Who can apply

- NGOs which are:
- Independent and non-profit-making legal person primarily active in the field of environmental protection
 - Active at a European level, and have activities covering at least three European countries. (Coverage of two European countries is acceptable, when the primary objective of the activities is to support implementation of Community environmental policy,
 - Leading activities meeting the principles underlying the Sixth Environment Action

Programme

- Been legally constituted for more than 2 years
- Having financial resources not exclusively made up of subsidies from European Union institutions

How to apply

NGOs can submit their proposals via the application form available on the website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ngos/how_to_apply.htm

Deadlines

The deadline is once per year. The call for application normally are in autumn or winter.

Contact

1. website of the Directory General of Environment <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ngos/>
2. DG Environment, unit A1 Rue de la Loi, 200 B-1049 Brussels Belgium
3. Phone Number: 32 2 299 05 21
4. Contact Person: katharina.spens@ec.europa.eu

Life + Environment policy and Governance

Priorities/aims

1. "Climate change"

- ensuring the implementation of EU commitments under UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol, and facilitating development of post 2012 implementation programme with a view on further reducing EU greenhouse gas emissions up to 2020;
- ensuring the adaptation of the EU economy and society, nature and biodiversity, water resources and human health to the adverse impacts of climate change (to a potential temperature increase of 2 °C resulting from increased greenhouse gas concentrations) and mitigating its impact;
- ensuring the implementation and use of market-based instruments in particular in order to achieve a cost-efficient emission reduction in a post 2012 framework.

2. "Water"

- preparing the WFD programmes of measures and integrating measures from parent directives such as e.g. the Urban Waste-water Treatment Directive, the Bathing Water Directive, the Drinking Water directive, the Plant Protection Products and Nitrates Directive, the Flood Directive and the IPPC Directive;
- contributing to the effective implementation of the EU Marine Strategy.

3. "Air"

- implementing the Thematic Strategy on air pollution.

4. "Soil"

- implementing the Thematic Strategy on the protection of soil;
- ensuring the protection and restoration of soil biodiversity.

5. "Urban environment"

- contributing to a better implementation of existing EU environment policies and legislation at the local level by supporting and encouraging local authorities to adopt a more integrated approach to urban management, including the transport and energy sectors and green public procurement.

6. "Noise"

- to prevent and reduce the harmful effects from exposure to environmental noise.

7. "Chemicals"

- enhancing science-policy integration and the transfer of results to provide a solid technical background in support of REACH14;
- implementation of the thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides¹⁵.

8. "Environment and health"

- human biomonitoring and data linkage on environment and health;
- protection of the ozone layer to reduce

negative health and environmental impacts.

9. "Waste and natural resources"

- promoting sustainable use of natural resources, with a life-cycle approach, including environmental, social and economic aspects, in order to decouple environmental impact from economic growth;
- promoting waste prevention, recovery and recycling with a focus on life-cycle thinking, eco-design and the development of recycling markets;
- contributing to the implementation of Community policy and legislation on waste, in particular the Landfill Directive, the Waste Framework Directive, the Waste Shipment and POPs Regulations and the Directives on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS), End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), Hazardous Waste, Waste Oils, PCBs and mining waste.

10. "Forests"

- promoting the collection, analysis and dissemination of policy-relevant information concerning forests and interactions between forests and the environment;
- promoting harmonisation and effectiveness of forest monitoring activities and data collection systems and making use of synergies by creating links between monitoring mechanism established at regional,

national, European and global level;

- stimulating synergies between specific forests related issues and environmental initiatives and legislation (e.g. EU soil strategy, Natura 2000, Water Framework Directive, etc.);
- contributing to sustainable forest management in particular by collecting data related to the improved Pan-European Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management as adopted by the MCPFE Expert Level Meeting 7-8 October 2002, Vienna, Austria;
- building capacities at national and Community level to allow for coordination and guidance on forest monitoring.

11. "Innovation"

- promoting the identification, demonstration and dissemination of innovative technologies and practices, through actions complementary to those of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme.

12. "Strategic approaches"

- strengthening the knowledge base for policy making and implementation by building a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and supporting the implementation of the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security initiative (GMES);
- implementing the Environmental Compliance Assistance Programme for SMEs (ECAP)¹⁷.

What it is for

- Demonstration and/or innovation projects related to any of the “priority areas of action” .
- Projects contributing to the monitoring of the environmental status of forests within the European Union territory.

Who can apply

LIFE+ is open to public or private bodies, actors or institutions registered in the European Union. Project proposals can either be submitted by a single beneficiary or by a partnership which includes a coordinating beneficiary and one or several associated beneficiaries. They can be either national or transnational, but the actions must exclusively take place within the territory of the 27 Member States of the European Union.

How to apply

Download from the webpage the applica-

tion pack and fill the documents required for them

LIFE+ beneficiaries must submit their proposals to the competent national authority of the Member State in which the coordinating beneficiary is registered.

Deadlines

The deadline for submitting the proposals to the national authorities is 15 September 2009.

Contact

1. website of the Directory General of Environment <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifep-lus2009/call/index.htm>
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4. Contact Person: philip.owen@ec.europa.eu



long-term, sustainable conservation measures and investments in Natura 2000 sites, species and habitats

- land purchase and long-term lease or compensation eligible

- infrastructure and equipment costs 100% eligible (public bodies and NGOs)

LIFE+ Biodiversity

- not restricted to the Birds and Habitats Directives, but is in relation to the Commission Communication “Halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010 – and beyond”

- demonstration and/or innovation

- demonstration of the feasibility of measures in favour of biodiversity monitoring, evaluation and active dissemination of these measures are an integral part of the project

- only short term lease or compensation are eligible

- infrastructure and equipment costs only partially eligible (depreciation)

Who can apply

A proposal may be submitted by any legal person registered in the European Union, i.e. (1) public bodies, (2) private commercial

organisations and (3) private noncommercial organisations (including NGOs).

Any coordinating beneficiary that is not a public body must provide evidence with the proposal about its financial viability during the project period and its capacity to manage the amounts proposed in the proposal budget. Such beneficiaries will therefore have to provide with their proposals a number of additional documents.

How to apply

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Life + Nature and Biodiversity**Priorities/aims**

LIFE+ Nature and LIFE+ Biodiversity projects should be primarily focussed on nature protection and/or on halting the loss of biodiversity. A project that may have a positive but secondary impact on nature and biodiversity and whose main objective is in relation to another environ-

mental theme should not be submitted under LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity

What it is for

LIFE+ Nature

- exclusively in relation to the objectives of the Birds and Habitats Directives
- best practice and/or demonstration

LIFE+ information and Communication

Priorities/aims

Aimsspecificallyatco-fundinginformationand communication activities for the environment.

What it is for

Disseminate information and raise awareness on environmental issues, including forest fire prevention.

Provide support for accompanying measures, such as information, communication actions and campaigns, conferences and training, including training on forest fire prevention.

Who can apply

The applicants must be public or private bodies, actors or institutions registered in the EU. This application guide categorises such applicants into three types of beneficiaries: public bodies, private commercial organisations and private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs).

How to apply

Download from the webpage the application pack and fill the documents required for them

LIFE+ beneficiaries must submit their proposals to the competent national authority of the Member State in which the coordinating beneficiary is registered.

Deadlines

The deadline for submitting the proposals to the national authorities is 15 September 2009.

Contact

1. website of the Directory General of Environment <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifepius2009/call/index.htm>
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EECONET Action Fund

Priorities/aims

The goal of the EAF is to fund third parties (semi-state governmental organisations e.g. National Parks, and non-governmental organisations) to buy or lease important natural sites which contribute to the Pan European Ecological Network.

What it is for

To buy or lease important natural sites, or

purchase concessions, as a means of securing biodiversity and landscape protection in order to contribute to the Pan European Ecological Network

Who can apply

Eligible countries small NGOs from: Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, FYR Macedonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia,

Turkey, and Ukraine.

How to apply

Download the application form from their website. The secretariat will guide the applicant during the application process to ensure that the information provided is correct and provide the Board with the material that is needed in order to reach a decision.

- All applications must be supported by a letter of support from a regional or national government
- Five copies of the application form must be submitted together with: a general map of the country showing the location of the

project area, a detailed map of the project area, and photographs or slides of the area - A copy of the annual report of the applicant organisation

Deadlines

Last deadline was 1st of August 2009

Contact

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 Website www.eeconet.org/eaf/

Darwin Initiative

Priorities/aims

The Darwin Initiative offers funds to encourage the sharing of UK biodiversity expertise with local partners in countries with a wealth of biodiversity, but who lack the means to protect these resources and to assist in meeting their CBD commitments.

- institutional capacity building
- training
- research
- work to implement the Biodiversity Convention
- environmental education or awareness

Who can apply

Organisations based in UK for projects to be held in UK or Tajikistan, Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Serbia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Po-

land, Lithuania, Russia, Slovenia

How to apply

Darwin projects are initiated by an institution from within the UK Should download and send the application form to the next address: darwin-applications@ltsi.co.uk

Deadlines

Different deadlines along each year. Next one 18 August 2009

Contact

<http://darwin.defra.gov.uk/>
 Projects - Eilidh Young - Tel: 0131 440 5181
darwin-projects@ltsi.co.uk
 Applications - darwin-applications@ltsi.co.uk
 LTS Pentlands Science Park Bush Loan Penicuik EH26 0PL

Intelligent Energy Europe

Priorities/aims

* Improvement of sustainability and development of the potential of cities and regions, as well as of the the legislative measures\` preparation

* Boosting investment across the Member States in new and best performing technologies in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and energy diversification, including in transport, by bridging the gap between the successful demonstration of innovative technologies and their effective market uptake in broad scale in order to leverage public and private sector investment

* Removing the non-technological barriers to efficient and intelligent patterns of energy production and consumption by promoting institutional capacity building including at local and regional level; by raising awareness, notably through the educational system; by encouraging exchanges of experience and know-how among business and citizens in general

What it is for

The programme is structured in 4 specific fields:

* SAVE to foster energy efficiency and the rational use of energy resources

* ALTENER III to promote new and renewable energy sources and to support energy diversification

* STEER to promote energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energy

sources in transport

* INTEGRATED INITIATIVES to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in various fields

Grants can be allocated in 3 types of actions (analysis, surveys, awareness raising):

- 1: Promotion and dissemination projects
- 2: Market replication projects - minimum 2 local authorities from 2 different countries
- 3: Specific activities for restricted target groups (Creation of new local and regional energy management agencies or Action with standardisation bodies)

From 2008, funding is available for action and projects concerned with the first market replication of just-proven technologies of Community relevance.

Who can apply

All applicants must be legal entities, whether public or private, established in the territory of the EU Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Croatia. Applications must be submitted by a team of at least three independent legal entities, each established in a different eligible country

How to apply

Using the on-line submission system and application forms indicated on the IEE programme website

Deadlines

Once a year; next deadline in 2010



Contact

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patrick.lambert@ec.europa.eu; eaci-enquiries@ec.europa.eu

Europa Aid

Priorities/aims

To formulate better policies and strategies, which, in the long run, should lead to a world free of poverty as defined by the Millennium Development Goals. EU activities in this area also support sustainable development for all nations and show a commitment to strengthening human rights across the world.

What it is for

Europa Aid is tackling a huge range of activities. For each call you will find different aims and ways to proceed. The topics that they are dealing with are: Social Affairs, Culture, Media, Public management, Local development, Education, Training, Energy and Environment

Grants fall into two categories:

- Grants for actions: aim to achieve an objective that forms part of an external aid programme.

- Operating grants: finance the operating expenditure of an EU body that is pursuing an aim of general European interest or an

objective that forms part of an EU policy.

Who can apply

Administrations, States - Agencies, Chambers - Development NGOs - Associations from EU countries to develop activities in different parts of the world outside (also inside) of the EU.

How to apply

Each action is asking for different information regarding the type of project that you are asking for.

Deadlines

There are many proposals per year with not specific deadline, for each project. <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=public.welcome&userlanguage=en>

Contact

EuropeAid Cooperation Office D2, Rue de la Loi, 200, B-1049 Brussels, Belgium
 32 2 296 06 56
<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid>

Eco Innovation

Priorities/aims

Through the Eco-innovation funding scheme, the EU wants to support innovative products, services and technologies that can make a better use of our natural resources and reduce Europe's ecological footprint.

What it is for

In the field of materials recycling:

- Improved sorting processes for waste materials such as construction, industrial, household, electrical and electronic waste;
 - Eco-friendly design and production of high quality consumer goods, innovative recycling processes;
 - Business innovations that strengthen the competitiveness of the recycling industries.
- In the building & construction sector:
- Innovative building products that reduce environmental impact and/or support a rational use of natural resources;
 - Innovative sorting, reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste;
 - Innovative water systems including water saving, re-use of natural waters, rainwater collection and re-use, green roofs.

In the food & drink sector:

- Innovative products including packaging methods and material that reduce environmental impact and maximise the use of raw materials in the food sector;
- Cleaner and more efficient processing of food and drink products so as to reduce waste and increase material recycling and recovery;

- Improved efficiency water management processes that reduce the use of water across the food & drink supply chain;
- Innovative products, processes and services reducing environmental impacts of consumption including packaging, distribution and purchasing decisions.

In the area of greening business & 'smart' purchasing:

- Products and services that follow the principles of Integrated Product Policy and the life-cycle approach and in line with the various policies documented in the Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy;
- Implementation and promotion of environmental criteria for purchasing decisions of enterprises;
- Innovative approaches to EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) including increased resource and energy efficiency and biodiversity aspects or simplifications (Cluster approach is mandatory).

Who can apply

Only legal persons, based in the next countries: 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Albania, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Israel, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey

How to apply

By internet. You should register your organisation and project in the following link: <https://www.epss-fp7.org/cip-pmrrp/wel->

[come.jsp?CALL_ID=209&SUBSCHEME_ID=CIP-EIP-EI-PMRRP](http://ec.europa.eu/eco-innovation/come.jsp?CALL_ID=209&SUBSCHEME_ID=CIP-EIP-EI-PMRRP)

Deadlines

The closing date for submission is 10 September 2009 before 17h00:00 (Brussels local time).

Contact

<http://ec.europa.eu/eco-innovation>
There are different national "informal" contacts that can help you in the next webpage you can find them: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/contactncp_en.htm

Useful links

Searching for partners, experts, trainers, volunteers:

EACEA: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/tools/partner_search_en.php - useful links for some more databases in the YiA programme

SALTO

<http://www.salto-eeca.eu/szukaj.php> - partner search engine
<http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/> - pool of trainers
<http://www.salto-youth.net/database/> - register and search in the database for South East Europe, YiA
<http://www.salto-youth.net/partner-requests!!/> - partners for YiA, subactions 1.2 and 1.3

EVS DATABASE

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs/aod/hei_en.cfm

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL

<http://europa.eu/youth/>

YOUTH NETWORKS

www.youthnetworks.eu - search for partners

GERMAN YIA NATIONAL AGENCY

<http://www.jugendfuereuropa.de/service/kontaktboerse/english/>

PARTNERS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Web: cordis.europa.eu/fp6/dc/index.cfm

Web: cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html

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