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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2013 — EAC/S11/13

Erasmus+ programme

(2013/C 362/04)

Suspensive clause

The 2014-2020 EU programme for education, training, youth and sport proposed by the European Commission on 23 November 2011 (hereafter 'the programme') has not yet been adopted by the European legislative authority. Nonetheless, the Commission has decided to publish this call for proposals in order to allow a smooth implementation of the programme as soon as its basic act has been adopted by the European legislator and to enable potential beneficiaries of European Union grants to prepare their proposals in good time.

Furthermore, the implementation of this call for proposals is subject to the following conditions:

- the adoption by the European legislative authority of the basic act establishing the programme without any significant modifications,
- a positive opinion or lack of objection by the programme committee established in the basic act,
- the adoption by the Commission of the 2014 annual work programme, after referral of the committee of the programme, and
- the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2014 after the adoption of the budget for 2014 by the budgetary authority or if the budget is not adopted as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Therefore, this call for proposals does not legally bind the Commission. In case of a substantial modification of the basic act by the European legislators, the contracting authority reserves the right to abandon or cancel the present call for proposals and to launch other calls with different content and appropriate deadlines for submission.

1. Introduction and objectives

This call for proposals is based on and subject to the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. The programme covers the period 2014 to 2020. The specific objectives of the Erasmus+ programme are listed in Articles 5, 11 and 16 of the Regulation.

2. Actions

This call for proposals covers the following actions of the Erasmus+ programme:

Key Action 1 (KA1) — Learning mobility of individuals

- Mobility of individuals in the field of education, training and youth

- Joint master degrees
- Large-scale European voluntary service events

Key Action 2 (KA2) — Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices

- Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth
- Knowledge alliances
- Sector skills alliances
- Capacity building in the field of youth

Key Action 3 (KA3) — Support for policy reform

- Structured dialogue: meeting between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth

Jean Monnet activities

- Jean Monnet chairs
- Jean Monnet modules
- Jean Monnet centres of excellence
- Jean Monnet support to institutions and associations
- Jean Monnet networks
- Jean Monnet projects

Sport

- Collaborative partnerships in the sport field
- Not-for-profit European sport events

3. Eligibility

Any public or private body active in the fields of education, training, youth and sport may apply for funding within the Erasmus+ programme. In addition, groups of young people who are active in youth work, but not necessarily in the context of a youth organisation, may apply for funding for learning mobility of young people and youth workers as well as for strategic partnerships in the field of youth.

The Erasmus+ programme is open to the participation of the following countries ⁽¹⁾:

the following programme countries can fully take part in all Erasmus+ programme actions:

- the 28 Member States of the European Union,
- the EFTA/EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway ⁽²⁾,
- EU candidate countries: Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁽³⁾,
- the Swiss Confederation ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Except for the Jean Monnet actions that are open to applications from higher education institutions from the whole world.

⁽²⁾ The participation of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway is subject to an EEA Joint Committee Decision. If, at the time of the grant award decision, the Erasmus+ Regulation has not been incorporated in the EEA Agreement, participants from these countries will not be funded and will not be taken into account with regard to the minimum size of consortia/partnerships.

⁽³⁾ The participation of Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the present call for proposals is subject to the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the competent authorities of each of these countries respectively. If, at the time of the grant award decision, the Memorandum of Understanding has not been signed, participants from this country will not be funded and will not be taken into account with regard to the minimum size of consortia/partnerships.

⁽⁴⁾ The participation of the Swiss Confederation is subject to a bilateral agreement to be concluded with this country. If, at the time of the grant award decision, this bilateral agreement has not been signed, participants from the Swiss Confederation will not be funded and will not be taken into account with regard to the minimum size of consortia/partnerships.

In addition, certain Erasmus+ programme actions are open to organisations from partner countries.

Please refer to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for further details on the modalities of participation.

4. Award criteria

Applications for the actions included in this call for proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

Key Action 1, Key Action 3, Sport (Not-for-profit European sport events):

- relevance of the project,
- quality of the project design and implementation,
- impact and dissemination.

Key Action 2, Jean Monnet, Sport (Collaborative partnerships in the sport field):

- relevance of the project,
- quality of the project design and implementation,
- quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements,
- impact and dissemination.

Please refer to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for further details on how the award criteria are applied to the specific actions.

5. Budget and duration of projects

The total budget earmarked for this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 1 507,3 million:

Education and training: EUR 1 305,3 million

Youth: EUR 174,2 million

Jean Monnet: EUR 11,2 million

Sport: EUR 16,6 million

The level of grants awarded as well as the duration of projects vary depending on factors such as the type of project and the number of partners involved.

6. Deadline for the submission of applications

All deadlines for submission of applications specified below end at 12.00 (noon), Brussels time.

Key Action 1

Mobility of individuals in the field of education, training and youth (all)	17 March 2014
Mobility of individuals in the field of youth only	30 April 2014
Mobility of individuals in the field of youth only	1 October 2014
Joint master degrees	27 March 2014
Large-scale European voluntary service events	3 April 2014

Key Action 2

Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth (all)	30 April 2014
Strategic partnerships in the field of youth only	1 October 2014
Knowledge alliances, sector skills alliances	3 April 2014
Capacity building in the field of youth	3 April 2014
	2 September 2014

Key Action 3

Meeting between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth	30 April 2014
	1 October 2014

Jean Monnet actions

Chairs, modules, centres of excellence, support to institutions and associations, networks, projects	26 March 2014
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Sport actions

Collaborative partnerships in the sport field	15 May 2014
Not-for-profit European sport events	14 March 2014
	15 May 2014

Please refer to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for detailed instructions for the submission of applications.

7. Full details

The detailed conditions of this call for proposals, including priorities, can be found in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide at the following Internet address: <http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/>

The Erasmus+ Programme Guide constitutes an integral part of this call for proposals and the conditions for participation and funding expressed therein apply in full to this call.
