

Trainers' Digest



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2006 European Year of Workers' Mobility

Call for proposals

In its efforts to enhance the EU's competitiveness and foster job creation, the European Council has placed mobility at the heart of the Lisbon strategy. Notwithstanding the efforts undertaken to facilitate mobility, in both geographic and labour market terms, the current mobility rates for workers in Europe remain low, due to a combination of factors, such as the persistence of legal, administrative, and sociocultural obstacles; the lack of knowledge about rights, opportunities and instruments concerning workers' mobility; as well as the inability of many stakeholders – in particular public authorities, social partners and businesses – to work together in order to provide the right support to enhance workers' mobility in the EU.

It is in this context that the European Commission has designated **2006** as the **European Year of Workers' Mobility**.

Objectives

1. Develop and test innovative instruments which facilitate the geographic and labour market mobility of workers and their families and remove existing obstacles to mobility;
2. Transfer between sectors, regions and countries or mainstreaming of existing successful instruments and practices in the area of mobility.

All projects need to demonstrate a clear **European added value** and should be able to be reproduced in other contexts. They should involve relevant stakeholders and should have the potential to lead to new policy initiatives.

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Themes

1. Development and testing of innovative tools /methodologies in strategic areas in order to facilitate workers' mobility and removal of existing obstacles (e.g. support for families and dual career couples, enforcement of social protection rights and housing policies, specific tools for temporary/seasonal mobile workers, recognition of acquired skills and qualifications and management of return to the country of origin, promotion of mobility to regions experiencing demographic decline or with specific labour needs, feasibility studies on financial support mechanisms for encouraging workers' mobility within the EU, etc).

2. Transfer between sectors, regions and countries or mainstreaming of existing successful mobility instruments and practices (e.g. adaptation and transposition of particularly successful existing activities developed in a given sector, country or region to a broader context).

All proposals should include the organisation of an **awareness raising activity** (i.e. a press conference, workshop, for instance) **before 31 December 2006**, aimed at informing the public about the aims and characteristics of the project, and relating it to the objectives of the European Year.

Eligible applicants and partnership

This Call for proposals is open to participants from the Member States of the European Union.

Applications may also be submitted by countries having effectively made a financial contribution to the budget line funding this Call, i.e. the countries of the European Economic Area and Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Croatia.

Proposals must be developed and implemented by a **partnership**, preferably at transnational level, and involve at least two relevant stakeholders potentially interested in the objectives of the call (i.e. public authorities and social partner organisations, non governmental organisations, public-private partnerships, municipalities, etc).

What scale of funding is available?

The budget available for this Call is € 2 million. It is envisaged that this will be sufficient to award between 5 and 8 grants. In keeping with the open nature of this call, no minimum and maximum grant amounts are being fixed.

The average grant under the call is expected to be around € 300.000.

Commission grants under this call may not be used to finance the normal operational or running costs of applicant or partner organisations.

Under this Call, the Commission will co-finance projects up to a maximum of 85% of the total eligible costs. The applicant and its partners must therefore guarantee co-financing of at least 15% of the total budget in cash. Contributions in kind are not accepted.

Any application which requests a grant of more than 85 % will be automatically excluded from the selection.

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Deadline and procedure

The deadline for the submission of applications under this call is **17/07/2006**.

The application form must be filled in online via SWIM (Saga Web Input Module) official website: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/swim/displayWelcome.do?lang=en>

Applicants are invited to fill in the application form preferably in English, French or German. Proposals in other Community languages will, however, be accepted.

Proposals must also be submitted in 3 copies in paper format - on a printout of the SWIM Application Form - and be sent together with all supporting documentation as listed in the Applicants' Guide, either by post to address (a) below, or by express courier service to address (b).

Proof of the submission date will be taken as the postmark date or receipt by express courier services and any proposal submitted after this date will not be eligible. Applicants submitting by courier express are advised to ensure they keep proof of having sent their applications on or before the deadline for submission.

a) by **post** to the following postal address :

European Commission
Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG
Directorate E: Call for Proposals VP/2006/014
CAD Service J-27 (0/115)
1049 Brussels
Belgium

b) by **express courier service** to the following address :

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Rue de Genève 1
1140 Evere
Belgium

Proposals may also be delivered personally to address (b) above, *by 16h00 on 17/07/2006*. Date and time of delivery will be recorded by the Central Courier Service and a signed and dated receipt will be issued to the person delivering the proposal.

All the relevant documentation is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=505

Publicity

Any product and publication by the beneficiary about the project must display the European Year logo (downloadable from

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/employment_social/workersmobility2006/index_en.htm)

and specify that:

"This project has received funding from the European Commission within the framework of the European Year of Workers' Mobility 2006".

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