

Trainers' Digest



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Call for proposals 2006:

Actions on social inclusion and social protection

The European Union, in recent years, has sought to foster coordination and learning among Member States about modernising and improving policies on social inclusion and social protection. The European Commission has therefore proposed to streamline the work on inclusion and pensions, linked also to the relaunch of Lisbon Strategy; this challenge is reflected in the Communication of last 2005 which sets out the new framework for the open coordination of social protection and inclusion policies at European level.

At the same time, in the framework of the Community Action Programme on social exclusion (2002-2006), pilot experiences were supported in order to increase information and awareness within Member States, Candidate countries and EFTA/EEA countries on social inclusion process, so as to mobilise and support all relevant actors. In view of the positive assessment of these actions, the EC has just launched a Call for proposals 2006 reflecting the new political priorities for the open coordination of social protection and inclusion policies in the EU.

Objectives

- Improving information and raising awareness about the relevance of the EU's social inclusion and social protection
- Promoting the involvement of concerned stakeholders on the implementation of Strategies in this area
- Promoting the involvement of concerned stakeholders in the monitoring of the Strategies.

Themes

The proposals may either address one or two of the following strands:

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1. Making an impact on the eradication of poverty and social inclusion;
2. Providing adequate and sustainable pensions;
3. Ensuring accessible, high-quality and sustainable healthcare and long-term care

Types of activities

- Meetings, workshops, seminars
- Leaflets and publicity material
- Information campaigns and awareness raising activities
- Websites

Who can apply

Applicants must be from organisations registered in either one of the Member States, the EFTA/EEA countries and the candidate countries (Bulgaria, and Romania).

The actions should include both general public and relevant stakeholders, such as the media, national, regional and local authorities, trade unions, NGOs, involved in the fight against social exclusion.

What scale of funding is available?

The amount available for this Call is € 2.600,000; an average of 10-15 projects will be selected.

The EU contribution may not exceed 80% of the total eligible project costs and it will be between € 150.000 and 250.000 per project.

Timetable and deadline

The applications must be sent at the latest on **30.06.2006**.

The maximum duration of a project will be 12 months, starting before 31 December 2006.

Submission of the application

Applications must be

1. submitted on-line with all the attached annexes and be sent by post in triplicate (one marked as "original", and two marked as "copy")
2. signed by the applicant's legal representative
3. submitted by **30.06.2006**
4. posted to:

Call for Proposals VP/2006/012

European Commission

Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Directorate-General

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The text of the call for proposals, the grant application forms, the financial identification form, the legal entities forms and a copy of the standard agreement are published at the following address:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=305

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