

# Trainers' Digest



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## **Budget heading 04.03.03.03**

### **"Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings"**

#### **Call for proposals 2006**

**A new Call for Proposals** has been launched by the European Commission, aiming to strengthen transnational cooperation between workers' and employers' representatives on information, consultation and participation arrangements in undertakings operating in more than one Member State.

Part of this appropriation also covers the setting up of information and observation points aimed at informing social partners and undertakings and helping them to set up transnational information, consultation and participation structures, and at fostering relations with EU institutions.

### **Priorities for transnational cooperation projects**

- Actions designed to prepare the setting up of information, consultation and participation structures in the context of the European Company and the European Co-operative Society;
- Promotion of information and consultation in undertakings, through the exchange of information and good practices on the implementation of Directive 2002/14/CE;
- Setting up of new European Works Councils, and improvement of the information and consultation processes in undertakings and group of undertakings, through exchanges of experience and good practice;
- Promotion of equal opportunities and a better balance between men and women in transnational representational bodies;
- Transnational co-operation, particularly involving the representatives from new Member States and Candidate countries;
- Innovative measures relating to the management of information, consultation and participation, aimed at supporting the anticipation of change and the prevention

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and resolution of disputes in the context of restructuring, mergers, take-overs and relocation of enterprises;

- Innovative measures in the field of information, consultation and participation aimed at promoting the geographical and professional mobility of workers, specifically in the context of the 2006 European year of workers' mobility.

## Eligible measures

### For transnational cooperation projects

- Conferences, seminars, training activities and exchanges of information involving workers' and employers' representatives,
- Studies and working groups,
- Websites, publications, newsletters and other means of dissemination.

### For information points

- Helpdesks,
- Assistance with transnational cooperation projects,
- Observation of experiences regarding transnational representative bodies at enterprise level through: studies, websites, publications, newsletters, reports and databases.

## Award criteria

The content of the project application must:

- be linked to one of the objectives of the budget heading
- show the added value compared to previous transnational projects funded by this budget line
- propose innovative measures or themes related to information and consultation
- promote joint worker/employer participation
- have a real transnational dimension
- secure the involvement of social partner representatives from the new Member States and Candidate countries
- have a multiplying effect
- offer a good price-quality ratio
- display overall high quality, with particular regard to the budget
- comply with the co-financing requirement of a maximum of 80%
- include a dissemination strategy.

## What kinds of organisations are eligible to be promoters?

For the **transnational cooperation projects**:

Representatives of workers or employers having their registered offices in one of the Member States.

In particular: **for proposals on behalf of workers**: works councils or similar bodies ensuring the general representation of workers; regional, national, European, sectoral or multi-sectoral trade union organisations.

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**For proposals on behalf of employers:**

Management of the undertaking or group of undertakings concerned or from organisations representing employers at regional, national, European, multi-sectoral or sectoral level.

**Non-profit training bodies or research bodies** will be eligible only if they get a mandate from the abovementioned partners and are properly constituted legal entities.

**Persons concerned:**

Workers' and employers' representatives, from the Member States and the Candidate countries, such as: members or future members of information, consultation and participation bodies; management; officials of workers' organisations and trade union representatives; experts nominated by the abovementioned social partners.

**For information and observation points**, applicants must be European organisations representing workers and employers.

A project applicant cannot be an individual.

## **Deadline for submission of proposals**

Applications will be examined and selected by a selection committee meeting.

The deadlines are:

**31 March 2006**, for operations starting no earlier than 31 May 2006

**15 September 2006**, for operations starting no earlier than 15 November 2006 and no later than 22 December 2006.

Only projects starting in 2006 will be considered.

**NB:** Send the application by the deadlines.  
Include all the documents listed in the Application Form.  
And, do not forget to sign!!

## **What scale of funding is available?**

In 2006 a global amount of € 7.700.000 is available for this budget heading.  
The grant will cover a maximum of 80% of the total costs.  
Contributions in kind will not be accepted.

## **Who administers the budget line?**

The Budget Line is administered by the European Commission  
**DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities**  
Unit D/2, J37 4/21  
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## Procedure for submission of application

**Completed** applications should include signed originals plus 1 copy, and be sent by the above deadlines to the following address:

Call for proposals VP/2006/003

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EC-DG EMPL/D.2

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Please send your application by registered mail (date of the post office stamp will be considered proof) or express courier service (in this case keep the receipt).

Hand delivered applications must be received by the European Commission (address above) on the last day for submission.

Proof of delivery is a signed receipt for the Commission's Archives Service stamped with the date of the delivery.

All enquiries can be made **by e-mail only** at: [Empl-04-03-03-03@cec.eu.int](mailto:Empl-04-03-03-03@cec.eu.int)

The Call for proposals 2006 and all the relevant documents are available at the following address:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment\\_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders\\_en.cfm?id=145](http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=145)

Within the European Trade Union Confederation, the SDA - Social Development Agency - is fully available to assist promoters with setting up project proposals:

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