

# Trainers' Digest



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## **The European Programme on Gender Equality Call for proposals 2006**

The European Commission has launched a Call for proposals in the framework of the programme on Gender Equality, whose aim is to finance transnational projects to promote gender equality.

### **Priorities in 2006 and activities**

In 2006 the priority theme will be "the promotion of gender equality, particularly in local development".

This theme can be developed by addressing two complementary issues:

- how to encourage balanced participation of men and women in various aspects of local development
- how policies implemented at local level can encourage the promotion of gender equality.

Suggested activities:

- Analysis and comparison of situations, methods and tools for promoting equality
- Exchanges of good practices, and gearing of good practices to different contexts
- Development of products, strategies and methods
- Awareness-raising activities and seminars
- Dissemination of results
- Production of material

### **Participating Countries**

The Programme is open to:

- the EU Member States
- the 3 EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)

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- Candidate Countries (Bulgaria and Romania)

## Duration of projects

15 months from the signature of the contract. Project activities must start in 2006.

## Funding

The Community's financial contribution will not exceed 80% of the total costs of the activities involved. Co-financing of 20% must be provided in cash. Contributions in kind are not allowed.

Priority for funding will be given to proposals requesting grants of at least € 250,000. The maximum grant is € 500,000.

## Who can apply?

**Promoters must be legal entities** (public authorities, social partners, networks, associations and partners) and belong to one of the following categories:

- NGOs at European level (which must be non-profit and with members in at least 3 Member States, EEA countries or Bulgaria and Romania. NGOs at national level **cannot** apply). The NGOs must pre-exist the call.  
National NGOs, accredited to international organizations, and the international organizations themselves - also at regional and national level - are not eligible.
- The social partners:
  - a) at European level, as defined in art. 138 of the Treaty;
  - b) at national level, presenting proposals having a transnational scope and with a transnational partnership. Proposals from national social partners must be accompanied by a reference letter from *a social partner at European level*
- Transnational networks: non-profit organisations, with members from at least 3 eligible European countries, whose aims are to promote gender equality.

### As partners:

National, regional and local authorities; bodies promoting gender equality ; NGOs at EU and national level; **social partners**; universities and research institutes, media, statistical institutes.

The transnationality requirement is for the participation of at least 3 countries from: EU Member States, the EEA area, Bulgaria and Romania, including the country of the promoter.

## Quality assessment

- Degree to which the proposal meets the objectives of the Call, particularly the priority theme
- Clarity and feasibility of the work programme, including the timetable and methodology
- Quality of the partnership and of the transnational dimension
- Added value at European level

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- Scope and effectiveness of the dissemination
- Quality of the mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and evaluation
- Overall quality of the proposal

*On financial elements:*

- Reasonable and realistic budget
- Sound cost-efficiency ratio
- Priority for funding will be limited to requests of not less than € 250.000

## Procedure and deadline

Promoters or their legal representatives must complete an online application form by registering on the following website:

<https://webgate.cec.eu.int/swim/displayWelcome.do>

Before starting, we suggest you read carefully the Users' Guide (click on the "help on SWIM" button at the top of the page). A step by step online explanation will guide the users on filling in boxes, sections and all annexes.

After filling in the form, promoters must submit it both electronically and in hard copy:

- electronic submission: validate the request (this step is **irreversible** and must be carried out **before the closing date**);
- hard copy submission: print out the validated form, signed by your legal representative, attach all the required documentary proof and send 1 original and 2 copies , **before the closing date**, to:

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DG Employment Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Call for proposals - VP/2005/020

EMPL G1- Equal opportunities for women and men

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**The closing date is 28.4.2006 - midnight (Brussels time).**

Deliveries by hand may be made only to the **European Commission's central mail service, at:**

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Please indicate the number of the Call for proposals on the envelope.

A copy of the post office or courier receipt must be kept, or, in the event of delivery by hand, a copy of the acknowledgment receipt must be kept.

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