

# Trainers' Digest



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## **Budget heading 04.03.03.01 "Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue" Call for proposals 2006**

**A Call for Proposals** has been launched by the European Commission, supporting social dialogue at cross-sectoral and sectoral level, in accordance with Articles 138 and 139 of the EC Treaty.

The budget heading can also finance activities in the field of industrial relations, in particular measures designed to develop expertise and exchange of information on European basis.

This Budget Line can also be used to finance operations involving social partner representatives in candidate countries.

Special attention will be given to improving the level of female participation.

In 2006 operations related to the **European Year of Workers' Mobility** can be supported under the subprogrammes I and III.

## **Sub-programmes**

Four sub-programmes have been defined:

1. Support of the European social dialogue, through:
  - measures to prepare the European social dialogue (surveys, meetings, conferences);
  - negotiations and meetings to prepare for negotiations;
  - measures to implement the European social partners' work programmes;
  - measures to monitor and follow up European social dialogue activities;
  - measures to strengthen social dialogue in the new Member States and the candidate countries;
  - measures by European and national social partners contributing to the European Employment strategy;
  - operations related to the European Year of Workers' Mobility 2006
2. Promotion of financial participation of workers,
3. Improvement of expertise in the field of industrial relations,
4. Corporate social responsibility (CSR).

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

Applicants must be properly constituted and registered legal entities.

In derogation from this requirement, social partners without legal personality are also eligible for grants for operations falling within the scope of article 138 of the EC Treaty.

In particular, applicants can be:

1. Social partners:

- European social partners (as under art. 138 of the Treaty), as defined in the list established by the EC, annexe 5 of COM (2004) 557;
- National or regional members of European social partners, if the project is framed in a European context and developed in co-operation with their European organisation;
- European social partners dealing with activities related to European social dialogue at sectoral level

2. Organisations dealing with industrial relations: research centres and institutes, NGOs, universities, non-profit-making networks of companies or of workers' organisations

3. Public authorities, at national and regional level, including related associations and government services or agencies

4. Civil society organisations: NGOs or associations independent of public authorities active in the field of CSR and financial participation.

If the applicant is a national social partner, or if the activity is under the sub-programme I, a signed letter indicating involvement of the European organisation is necessary.

## Deadlines and procedure for submission of proposals

The deadlines for submitting project proposals in 2006 are:

**1 March 2006**, for operations starting no earlier than 1 May 2006

or

**1 September 2006**, for operations starting no earlier than 1 November 2006 and no later than 22 December 2006.

N.B.: Operations with an earlier starting date will not be considered by the Evaluation Committee.

The application forms, with all the documents listed, must be sent to the following address:

Call for proposals VP/2006/001

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European Commission-DG EMPL/D.1

Rue de Genève, 1- J37 3/23

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by registered mail or express courier service.

We suggest keeping the proof of the sending date.

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## What scale of funding is available?

The grant will not cover the full costs of the project, and the applicants must contribute at least 20% of the total cost of the project.

Contributions in kind are not taken into account.

In derogation to this rule, the EC may decide to finance up to 95% of the total cost for:

- social dialogue operations involving negotiations,
- meetings to prepare for negotiations (sub-programme I-second bullet point),
- joint social partner operations on implementation of the results of European social dialogue negotiations,
- social dialogue meetings organised by the social partners themselves.

The activities must be carried out within the Member States of the EU or in a candidate country.

## Who administers the budget line?

The Budget Line is administered by the:

DG Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

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European Commission

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The Call for proposals and all the relevant documents are available from the web address:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment\\_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders\\_en.cfm?id=125](http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=125)

Within the European Trade Union Confederation, ***the SDA (Social Development Agency)*** is fully available to assist promoters in setting up their project proposals:

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