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Call for Proposals under the Programme "Fundamental rights and citizenship"

A call for proposals (**JLS/FRC/2007 Actions Grants**) has been launched by the European Commission, aiming at selecting specific transnational projects to be co-funded by the European Commission within the framework of the Specific Programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship". The projects are anticipated to begin in the second half of 2008 and will have duration of up to 18 months.

Only new projects will be eligible for support; projects that have already begun will not be eligible for co-financing.

Priority areas

The priority areas for this Call for proposals will be the following:

- I. Protection of the rights of the child
- II. Active participation in the democratic life of the Union
- III. Combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism
- IV. Data protection and privacy rights.

Eligible applicants and countries

Non-governmental organisations, institutions and public or private organisations, universities, research institutes, national, regional and local authorities, international organisations and other not-for-profit organisations established in acceding countries, the candidate countries and the Western Balkan countries.

Specific conditions for these countries must first be met before they can be funded (i.e.: they must have signed a memorandum of understanding in order to participate

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in the Specific Programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship" and must have contributed to the Budget of the European Communities). Organisations from all other countries may participate as associate partners but will **not** be eligible for Community funding.

Transnational Partnership

Proposals must involve a partnership of at least 2 eligible organisations from two different EU Member States or at least one Member State and one other State, which may either be an acceding country or a candidate country.

Partners (co-beneficiaries) are those organisations involved in the implementation of project activities and are eligible for funding.

Associate partners are those organisations participating in the project on a non funded basis (from the other participating countries).

EU funding

The Community's financial contribution may not exceed 80 % of the total direct eligible costs of the project.

Each applicant will therefore have to secure 20% funding from other sources to cover the balance of the project costs.

The Commission's contribution towards a single project cannot be less than EUR 75,000 nor greater than EUR 500,000.

Contributions in kind shall not count as actual project expenditure and shall not constitute eligible costs.

Deadline and procedure

The applications have to be sent by **5 May 2008**:

- by registered mail, to the following address:

European Commission
DG Justice, Freedom and Security Unit
JLS/C/4
LX 46 07/122
B-1049 Brussels
Belgium
The postmark will attest to the date sent.

- by hand or messenger service, to the following address:

European Commission
CENTRAL MAIL DEPARTMENT
(Registered post)
Att: DG JLS/C/4
LX 46 07/122

Avenue du Bourget, 1
B-1140 Brussels (Evere)

In the case of hand delivery, a signed and dated certificate of receipt issued by the Commission will be given to the deliverer.

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If a private messenger service is used - including express courier services - the application must arrive **before 16.00 hrs CET on the day of the deadline.** The envelope must be clearly marked "**Application under the Specific Programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship" – Specific Transnational Projects Call 2007**".

Grant Application forms sent by e-mail or by fax will **not** be accepted.

The Commission recommends that the applicants should submit their applications in English, French or German.

Where to get the information

The forms necessary for the grant application, its annexes and the guide for submitting a grant application can be downloaded from the website of the Specific Programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship" at the following address:
http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm