

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DG EAC/68/04****'PROMOTION OF ACTIVE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP'****Support to non-governmental organisations and associations and federations of European interest**

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**1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION**

This call for proposals supports initiatives conducted by (a) non-governmental organisations and (b) associations and federations of European interest, participating in European dialogue, on specific themes relating to the objectives of the programme to promote active European citizenship.

Project proposals should relate to one or more of the following thematic areas, with a view to encouraging reflection and discussion on the consolidation of the European Union, and/or promoting and disseminating its values and objectives:

- (a) to promote and disseminate the values and objectives of the European Union;
- (b) to bring citizens closer to the European Union and its institutions and to encourage them to engage more frequently with its institutions;
- (c) to involve citizens closely in reflection and discussion on the construction of the European Union;
- (d) to stimulate initiatives by the bodies engaged in the promotion of active and participatory citizenship.

**Thematic areas**

- (a) Non-governmental organisations:
  - (i) rights and duties relating to citizenship of the European Union, with a purpose of better awareness, understanding and application;
  - (ii) foster ideas to support the integration of citizens residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals into the host society on a local level (including better access to education, training and employment);
  - (iii) reinforcing active citizenship on the basis and through the rights guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
  - (iv) solidarity between generations, protection of children's rights;
  - (v) society of pluralism (tolerance, solidarity and respect for diversity) and non-discrimination.
- (b) Associations and federations of European interest:
  - (i) promote dialogue and reflexion concerning the ethical and spiritual values of European development;
  - (ii) develop links between ethics and politics with regard to the promotion of active European citizenship;
  - (iii) the future of the Union and the promotion of its values internationally, particularly in the context of ongoing intercultural dialogue;
  - (iv) explore the possibility of the development of a European identity which respects and builds on cultural diversity;
  - (v) involving various ethnic and/or religious groups in Europe and aiming at promoting understanding, respect and tolerance between such groups.

## 2. ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

Proposals may be submitted by non-governmental organisations and associations and federations of European interest that have legal personality and are registered in one of the countries referred below, are independent of public authorities, have the appropriate qualifications and requisite financial and operational resources to complete the project, and are of known and moral integrity.

Demands from NGOs or associations/federations of European interest having a legal status and being established in one of the following countries are eligible:

- the 25 Member States of the European Union as from May 1 2004 (Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom);
- the EEA/EFTA countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA Agreement;
- Romania and Bulgaria, the conditions for participation for which to be laid down in accordance with the European Agreements, their additional protocols and the decisions of the respective Association Councils;
- Turkey, the conditions for participation to be laid down in accordance with the Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Turkey on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Turkey in the Community programmes <sup>(1)</sup>.

## 3. BUDGET AND DURATION OF PROJETS

The total budget for projects support addressed to:

- (a) non-governmental organisations is approximately EUR 2,85 million.  
Project proposals should contain a funding request between EUR 35 000 and 70 000 which may not exceed 60 % of the total eligible project costs;
- (b) associations and federations of European interest is approximately EUR 1,32 million.  
Projects should contain a funding request of not for more than EUR 35 000 which may not exceed 60 % of the total eligible project costs.

The project must begin between the 1 May 2005 and the 1 November 2005.

The maximum total duration of a project will be 12 months.

## 4. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Proposals must be submitted by 30 November 2004.

## 5. FURTHER INFORMATION

The specifications and the application forms are available on the Europa server on the Internet at the following address of the European Commission:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/education\\_culture/activecitizenship/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/education_culture/activecitizenship/index_en.htm)

Applications for funding must respect the conditions set out in the specifications and must be submitted on the application forms provided.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 61, 2.3.2002, p. 29.