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## COMMISSION

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DG EAC No 51/05

**Call for proposals relating to support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth**

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**1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION**

Decision No 790/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 established a Community action programme to promote bodies active at European level in the field of youth. Heading 15.07.01.02 (ex A-3029) of the general budget of the European Communities provides for support for such bodies.

**This call for proposals relates to grants to be awarded for the year 2006 (1 January to 31 December).** The grants are intended primarily to strengthen Community action in the field of youth and increase its effectiveness by promoting the bodies working in this field.

The programme supports the permanent activities of bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of youth or an objective which is part of the European Union's policy in that area.

These activities must contribute, or be capable of contributing, to the active participation of young citizens in public life and society and to the development and implementation of Community cooperation actions in the field of youth in the broad sense.

These activities must, in particular, relate to the subjects mentioned in the Commission's White Paper on '*a New Impetus for European Youth*'<sup>(1)</sup>.

In 2006, priority will be given to politically visible initiatives concerning the **participation of young people in the process of European construction.**

**2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Applications meeting the criteria below will be considered in detail.

**2.1. Eligible organisations**

In order to benefit from funding, an organisation must:

- have been legally established for more than one year;
- be non-governmental;

<sup>(1)</sup> COM(2001) 681 final, <http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/youth.html>

- be non-profit-making;
- be a youth organisation, or one having a broader scope but including a section dedicated to youth;
- receive cofinancing amounting to at least 50 % of its total annual budget from sources other than the European Union budget;
- include, among its own staff, at least one permanent person.

## 2.2 Eligible countries

Applications from legal entities established in one of the following countries are eligible:

- **European Union (EU):** Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Finland, Greece, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia;
- **EFTA countries in the EEA:** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway;
- **Candidate countries:** Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.

The Commission has the option of selecting a proposal from an applicant from an EFTA/EEA country or a candidate country, provided that, on the date of selection, agreements have been signed setting out the arrangements for the participation of these countries in the programme established by Decision No 790/2004/EC.

Applicant organisations must have active members in at least **eight of the countries** listed above.

## 3. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The total budget earmarked for the cofinancing of bodies active at European level in the field of youth is estimated at EUR **2 420 000** for 2006. The financial assistance from the Commission cannot exceed **50 % of the total operating costs approved by the Commission**.

The maximum Community grant per organisation will be EUR **35 000**.

## 4. DEADLINE

Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than **1 December 2005**.

## 5. FULL INFORMATION

The full text of the call for proposals and the application forms are available on the Europa site at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/ingyo\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/ingyo_en.html)

Grant applications must comply with the provisions of the full text and be submitted using the form specifically intended for this purpose.

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