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PROGRAMMES

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European Commission (DG for Education and Culture) - Youth in Action Programme

Budget line: 15.05.55

Web site: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/index_en.php

Geographic coverage: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, the EU neighbours (Eastern Europe and Caucasus, the Mediterranean region, South-East Europe) and other partner countries in the world.

Eligibility criteria: The projects are submitted and, if selected, managed by promoters representing the participants:

- a non-profit or non-governmental organisation;
- a local, regional public body;
- an informal group of young people;
- a body active at European level in the youth field (ENGO), having member branches in at least 8 Programme Countries;
- an international governmental non-profit organisation;
- a profit-making organisation organising an event in the area of youth, sport or culture legally established in one of the Programme or Partner Countries.

Obs.: Participants and promoters from Programme Countries can participate in all Actions of the Youth in Action Programme. Participants and promoters from Neighbouring Partner Countries can participate in Action 2 and sub-Action 3.1 of the Programme. Participants and promoters from Other Partner Countries of the World can participate in Action 2 and sub-Action 3.2 of the Youth in Action Programme. Each project should also raise awareness about the opportunities offered by the Youth in Action Programme before and during the implementation of their activities.

Objectives:

- promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular
- develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union
- foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries
- contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field;
- promote European cooperation in the youth field.

Action 1 - Youth for Europe (1.1 - Youth Exchanges; 1.2 - Youth Initiatives; 1.3 - Youth Democracy Projects);

Action 2 - European Voluntary Service

Action 3 - Youth in the World (3.1 - Cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries of the European Union; 3.2 - Cooperation with Other Countries of the World);

Action 4 - Youth Support Systems (4.1 - Support to bodies active at European level in the youth field; 4.2 - Support to the European Youth Forum; 4.3 - Training and networking of those active in youth work and youth organisations; 4.4 - Projects encouraging innovation and quality; 4.5 - Information activities for young people and those active in youth work and youth organisations; 4.6 - Partnerships; 4.7 - Support for the structures of the Programme; 4.8 - Adding to the value of the Programme);

Action 5 - Support for European cooperation in the youth field (5.1 - Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy; 5.2 - Support for activities to bring about better knowledge of the youth field; 5.3 - Co-operation with international organisations).

Priorities:

- European citizenship;
- Participation of young people;
- Cultural diversity;
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

For 2009, the annual priorities are the following:

- European Year of Creativity and Innovation
- Young people's active participation in the European Parliament elections
- Combating violence against women
- Sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of young people
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport
- Promoting the inclusion of young people with disabilities
- Awareness-raising to global challenges (such as sustainable development and climate change)
- Young people's involvement in the revision of the European framework of cooperation in the field of youth policy
- Intercultural dialogue

Amount: Overall budget for 2007-2013: 885 million euros. *The allocated amount for calls for proposals (for some actions) in 2009 can be found under the Calls for proposals section on page 19 of this document.*

Timeline: Deadlines for the submission of the applications and duration of projects differ according to the action. For details consult the website

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/calendar_en.php.

European Commission (DG for Education and Culture) - "Lifelong Learning" Programme

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/index_en.html

Geographic coverage: EU Member States; Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway; Turkey.

Eligibility criteria: The Lifelong Learning Programme applies to all types and levels of education and training and it is accessible to:

- Pupils, students, trainees and adult learners
- Teachers, trainers and other staff involved in any aspect of lifelong learning
- People in the labour market
- Institutions or organisation providing learning opportunities within the context of LLP or within the limits of its sub-programmes
- The persons and bodies responsible for systems and policies concerning any specific aspect of lifelong learning at local, regional and national level
- Enterprises, social partners and their organisations at all levels, including trade organisations and chambers of commerce and industry
- Bodies providing guidance, counselling and information services relating to any aspect of lifelong learning
- Associations working in the field of lifelong learning, including students', trainees', pupils', teachers', parents' and adult learners' associations
- Research centres and bodies concerned with lifelong learning issues
- Not-for-profit organisations, voluntary bodies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs)

Objectives:

- To foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community so that they become a world quality reference
- To contribute to the development of quality Lifelong Learning, to promote high performance, innovation and a European dimension in systems and practices in the field
- To support the realisation of a European area for Lifelong Learning
- To help improve the quality, attractiveness and accessibility of the opportunities for Lifelong Learning available within Member States
- To reinforce the contribution of Lifelong Learning to social cohesion, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, gender equality and personal fulfilment
- To promote creativity, competitiveness, employability and the growth of an entrepreneurial spirit
- To contribute to increased participation in Lifelong Learning by people of all ages, including those with special needs and disadvantaged groups regardless of their socio-economic background
- To promote language learning and linguistic diversity
- To support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practices for Lifelong Learning
- To reinforce the role of Lifelong Learning in creating a sense of European citizenship based on understanding and respect for human rights and democracy, and encouraging tolerance and respect for peoples and cultures
- To promote cooperation in quality assurance in all sectors of VET in Europe
- To encourage the best use of results, innovative products and processes and to exchange good practice in the field covered by the Lifelong Learning Programme, in order to improve the quality of education and training

The programme is divided in sub-programmes: Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig, Transversal and Jean Monnet programme. Each sub-programme also mentions specific and operational objectives to which the applicant should contribute to. These objectives are described in each sub-programme.

Amount: Total budget for the period 2007 - 2013: estimated at EUR 6, 970 million. *The allocated amount for call for proposals in 2009 can be found under the Calls for proposals section on page 28 of this document.*

Timeline:

European Commission (DG for Education and Culture) - Europe for Citizens Programme

Budget line: 15. 06. 66

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/guide_en.html

Geographic coverage: EU Member States; Croatia; Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania.

Eligibility criteria: Open to all EU stakeholders promoting active European citizenship:

- local authorities and organisations;
- European public policy research organisations (think-tanks);
- citizens' groups;
- civil society organisations;
- non-governmental organisations;
- trade unions;
- educational institutions;
- organisations active in the field of voluntary work;
- organisations active in the field of amateur sport

Some actions of the Programme are however targeting a more limited range of organisations. The eligibility of applicant organisations is therefore defined in this guide specifically for each measure/sub-measure.

Objectives:

- giving citizens the opportunity to interact and participate in constructing an ever closer Europe, which is democratic and world-oriented, united in and enriched through its cultural diversity, thus developing citizenship of the European Union;
- developing a sense of European identity, based on common values, history and culture;
- fostering a sense of ownership of the European Union among its citizens;
- enhancing tolerance and mutual understanding between European citizens respecting and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity, while contributing to intercultural dialogue. specific objectives, which shall be implemented on a transnational basis:
- bringing together people from local communities across Europe to share and exchange experiences, opinions and values, to learn from history and to build for the future;
- fostering action, debate and reflection related to European citizenship and democracy, shared values, common history and culture through cooperation within civil society organisations at European level;
- bringing Europe closer to its citizens by promoting Europe's values and achievements, while preserving the memory of its past;
- encouraging interaction between citizens and civil society organisations from all participating countries, contributing to intercultural dialogue and bringing to the fore both Europe's diversity and unity, with particular attention to activities aimed at developing closer ties between citizens from Member States of the European Union as constituted on 30 April 2004 and those from Member States which have acceded since that date.

Action 1 – Active citizenship for Europe;

Action 2 – Active civil society in Europe;

Action 3 – Together in Europe;

Action 4 – Active European remembrance.

Priorities: The programme's priority areas are: promoting participation and democracy at the EU level, the future of the Union and its basic values, intercultural dialogue, employment, social cohesion and sustainable development, and boosting awareness of the societal impact of EU policies.

In 2009 there will be a specific focus on:

- Celebrations of Europe Day on 9 May and Celebrations to mark the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall
- European Parliament elections and institutional developments; women participation
- Integration of intercultural dialogue: methodological aspects
- Citizens' engagement with the big social issues which constitute the European Union's political priorities, such as climate change and energy; Actions which exploit the potential of sporting
- activities in promoting voluntary work and active citizenship
- The challenges of immigration; European Year of Creativity and Innovation 2009

Amount: Overall budget: 215 million euro for the seven years (2007- 2013)

Timeline: The maximum duration of projects is between 12 and 24 months, depending on the Action. For the deadlines of applications see the following link
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2009/index_en.php.

European Commission (DG Communication) - Priority Actions, including PRINCE

Budget line: 16.03 04

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/communication/grants/index_en.htm,
http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/communication/pdf/prog2009_en.pdf

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria:

- Non-profit organisations with their own legal personality, registered in one of the countries of the EU and independent of the public authorities.
- Owners and managers of websites aimed at young people and frequently visited by the target group.

The projects selected should contribute, through greater dialogue, to closer links between citizens and the institutions of the European Union, in particular through better knowledge of the Union's role and activities.

Objectives:

1). To provide financial support for transnational and national or regional European initiative in order to:

- encourage public participation in the debates on Europe;
- collect their opinions on priorities such as those in the Commission's annual work programme
- which are of specific interest to the target groups proposed;
- analyse contributions from the general public which could be used as input for decision-makers.

2). To provide financial support for local initiatives aimed at communicating with young people (aged 12 to 30) about Europe via the websites they visit.

Priorities:

Amount: The grant covers maximum 80% of each measure's eligible costs.

Timeline: The estimated duration of actions may not exceed one year.

European Commission (DG Environment) - LIFE+ (Financial Instrument for the Environment)

Operating grants to European environmental NGOs under the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE +) aimed at the promotion of the Non-Governmental Organisations primarily active in the field of environmental protection and enhancement at a European level.

Budget line: 07 03 07

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/grants_en.htm

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: NGOS primarily active in the field of environmental protection and enhancement with an environmental objective aimed at the public good and with a view to sustainable development;

- operating at a European level (alone or in associations, with a structure and activities covering at least three European countries);
- its activities must meet, in particular, the principles underlying the Sixth Environment Action Programme;
- legally constituted for more than two years;

Objectives: To promote non-governmental organisations (NGOs) primarily active in the field of environmental protection and enhancement at a European level.

Priorities: Support from this mechanism shall target in particular the priority areas from the Sixth Environment Action Programme, grouped under four main headings as follows: (a) limiting climate change; (b) nature and bio-diversity, including desertification, - protecting a unique resource; (c) health and environment; (d) ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and waste.

In addition to the abovementioned areas, implementation and enforcement of Community environmental legislation shall be a priority.

Amount: Indicative total budget: € 8.500.000

Timeline: The next application round for grants for 2010 is planned to be published in October 2009.

NGOs funded in 2008: For the environmental NGOs funded in 2008 consult the following document <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ngos/pdf/ngos2008.pdf>.

European Commission – European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

Budget line: 19.04.01

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/eidhr/details_en.htm

Geographic coverage: For 2009 Consult the Annual Action Programme 2009 http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/eidhr/documents/aap_2009_en.pdf.

Eligibility criteria: Civil society organisations (CSOs)

Objectives: There are five objectives for the period 2007-2010:

- 1) Enhancing respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in countries and regions where they are most at risk (focuses on country or regional situations, where fundamental freedoms are still to be realised or are at serious risk)
- 2) Strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform, in supporting the peaceful conciliation of group interests and in consolidating political participation and representation (implemented primarily through country-based support schemes for concerted action on local democracy and human rights issues of particular concern in the countries listed)
- 3) Supporting actions on human rights and democracy issues in areas covered by EU Guidelines, including on human rights dialogues, on human rights defenders, on the death penalty, on torture, and on children and armed conflict;
- 4) Supporting and strengthening the international and regional framework for the protection of human rights, justice, the rule of law and the promotion of democracy (aims at strategic support for international instruments)
- 5) Building confidence in and enhancing the reliability and transparency of democratic electoral processes, in particular through EU Election Observation Missions.

Priorities:

Objective 1: situations where there is a serious lack of fundamental freedoms, where human security is most at risk, where human rights defenders are under most pressure, where civil society operates with difficulty and where there is little room for political pluralism

Objective 2: pursuit of common agendas based on cooperation among CSOs, building coalitions across different regions, communities and identity groups and a range of socio-economic actors; civil society dialogues which seek to bridge societal divides; enhancing political representation and participation, including the empowerment of women and other underrepresented groups, initiatives by civil society in dialogue with “political society”; inclusiveness and pluralism of civil society and initiatives to promote independent media

Objective 3: actions on human rights and democracy issues in areas covered by EU Guidelines

Objective 4: strengthen the international frameworks for the protection of human rights, justice and the rule of law, and the promotion of democracy in accordance with EU policy priorities

Objective 5: develop electoral observation with a view to encouraging professionalism and transparency in electoral management, discouraging irregularities and abuse, and inspiring confidence in the electoral process.

Amount: Indicative amount of calls for proposal 2009:

Objective 1: €14 million

Objective 2: € 5,5 million

Objective 3: € 20million

Objective 4: € 4 million

Timeline: Calls for proposals are foreseen under objectives 1 to 4. The deadlines for 2009: Objective 1: call open - next deadlines are foreseen on 29 May 2009 and on 30 October 2009. The exact dates are published in the Europeaid Call for proposals and Procurement Notices web pages.

Objective 2 : exact calendars are decided by the EC Delegations and announced in their specific Annual Work Programmes.

Objective 3: The call for proposals is expected to be launched in June 2009.

Objective 4: The call for proposals is expected to be launched in July/August 2009.

European Commission - Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development

Budget line: 21.03.01, 21.03.02

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/civil-society/index_en.htm

Geographic coverage: EU Member States; partner countries; acceding countries.

Eligibility criteria: All types of non - profit NSA and LA from EU and partner countries; NSA and LA from EU acceding countries are eligible under objectives 2 and 3. Projects carried out by European or "non-national" actors: partnership with a local actor must be demonstrated and projects shall respond to an initiative emanating from the local partner.

Objectives: The overarching objective of the programme are poverty reduction in the context of sustainable development, including pursuit of the Millennium Development goals (MDG) and other internationally agreed targets. It is an "actor-oriented" programme aimed at capacity building through support to "own" initiatives from non-state actors (NSA) and local authorities originating from the EU and partner countries.

Three specific objectives of the programme are:

- 1). promote an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries to facilitate NSA and LA participation in poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies (in-country interventions)
- 2). raise public awareness of development issues and promote education for development in the EU and acceding countries to anchor development policy in European societies, to mobilise greater public support for action against poverty and fairer relations between developed and developing countries, and to change attitudes to the issues and difficulties facing developing countries and their peoples;
- 3). support activities to strengthen coordination and communication activities of NSA and local authority networks in the EU and acceding countries.

Priorities: *Objective 1: In-country interventions:* Geographical priority will be given to countries where: country situations are not conducive to ensuring non state actor and local authority involvement in the development process, including difficult partnerships¹⁶, unstable situations, conflict, poor governance etc.; specific needs of parts of the population are not addressed in the partner country development strategy and groups are out of reach of mainstream services and resources, excluded from the policy-making process. A list of priority countries is presented in the Annual Action Programme (AAP). *Global, multi-country/regional initiatives.* Priority will be given to: global, multi-country/regional initiatives which are ensured more efficiently through this thematic programme than through geographic programmes.

Objective 2: In order to maximise the impact and effectiveness of development education actions the priority will be given to the public support for the MDG agenda, with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa; coherence for development, with a particular focus on areas of public interest where common goals with development are important such as migration, trade, security, human rights, social dimension of globalisation and decent work, environment, and HIV/AIDS; Media and development. Special attention will be paid to awareness raising and development education in the new member states (EU 12).

Objective 3: In order to support the development and consolidation of dialogue between North-North stakeholder organisations and between these organisations and Community institutions, priority will be given to: information networks and exchange of best practices within and among their organisations, dialogue and exchange of best practice between different types of stakeholders, including between non state actors and local authorities, interaction of such organisations or networks with the EU institutions.

Amount: Total amount 2007-2010: 903.316 €M; Objective 1: 741 million (82%); Objective 2: 126 million (14%); Objective 3: 18 million (2%). *The allocated amount for calls for proposals in 2009 can be found under the Calls for proposals section on page 25, 26 and 30 of this document.*

Timeline:

European Commission (DG Justice, Freedom and Security) – Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm

Geographic coverage: Member States of the EU or one of the countries participating pursuant to Article 5(1) of the Decision establishing the Programme.

Eligibility criteria: The Calls for Proposals under this programme are open to non-governmental organisations, institutions and public or private organisations, universities, research institutes, national, regional and local authorities, international organisations and other non profit organisations.

Objectives: The objectives of the programme are:

- To promote the development of a European society based on respect for Fundamental Rights and rights derived from citizenship of the Union;
- To strengthen civil society and to encourage an open, transparent and regular dialogue with it in respect of fundamental rights;
- To fight against racism, xenophobia and antisemitism;
- To improve the contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions, including by way of support of judicial training, with the aim of better mutual understanding among such authorities and professionals.

Priorities: The programme aims at funding:

- specific actions taken by the Commission;
- specific trans-national projects of Community interest presented by an authority or any other body of a Member State, an international or non-governmental organisation;
- support to the activities of non-governmental organisations or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest.

Amount: The indicative amount for the 2007 – 2013 period is EUR 93, 8 million. The maximum grant that can be awarded is €300 000.

Timeline:

European Commission (DG Justice, Freedom and Security) – DAPHNE III

Budget line: 18.04.07

Website:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm#part_2

Geographic coverage: 27 EU Member States, the EFTA/EEA countries (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), the candidate countries and the Western Balkan states. The funding of organisations from the candidate and Western Balkan states is however conditional on these countries having entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Commission on their financial contribution to the EU budget for their participation in the programme.

Eligibility criteria: The programme is open to participation by NGOs, local public authorities and institutions (mainly universities and research institutes).

Objectives: The general objective of the Daphne III Programme is to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence and to attain a high level of health protection, well being and social cohesion. The programme shall contribute, especially where it concerns children, young people and women, to the development of the Community policies and more specifically to those related to public health, human rights and gender equality, as well as actions aimed at protection of children's rights, and the fight against trafficking of human beings and sexual exploitation.

The programme's specific objectives are to contribute to the prevention of, and the fight against, all forms of violence occurring in the public or the private domain against children, young people and women, including sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings, by taking preventive measures and by providing support and protection for victims and groups at risk.

Amount: The Commission's contribution towards a single project in any 12-month period must be between €75.000 and €300.000. *The allocated amount for calls for proposals in 2009 can be found under the Calls for proposals section on page 30 of this document.*

Timeline: The Commission will finance projects of 12 and 24 months duration.

European Commission (DG Justice, Freedom and Security) - Prevention and fight against crime

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: Bodies and organisations established in the Member States with legal personality. Bodies and organisations which are profit oriented may submit projects only in conjunction with non-profit oriented or state organisations and the project susceptible to be awarded a grant must present a non-profit budget.

The programme covers: action grants for transnational and national projects; **operating grants to NGOs**; action grants within framework partnerships; grants to bodies in monopoly situations.

Objectives:

- to promote and develop coordination, cooperation and mutual understanding among law enforcement agencies, other national authorities and related Union bodies in respect of the priorities identified by the Council, in particular as set out by Europol's Organised Crime Threat Assessment (OCTA);
- to stimulate, promote and develop horizontal methods and tools necessary for strategically preventing and fighting crime and guaranteeing security and public order such as the work carried out in the European Union Crime Prevention Network, public-private partnerships, best practices in crime prevention, comparable crime and criminal justice statistics consistent with the relevant EU Action Plan², applied criminology and an enhanced approach towards young offenders
- to stimulate, promote and develop horizontal methods and tools necessary for strategically preventing and fighting crime and guaranteeing security and public order
- to promote and develop best practices for the protection of crime victims.

Priorities: Priorities for the **operating grants to NGOs in 2009** under the programme are:

- preventing juvenile crime, urban crime or drug related crime, and facilitating different forms of restorative justice and mediation. They should develop mechanisms related to renunciation of violence and tackle antisocial behaviour, via organisation of preventive programmes of education and training, counselling, sport and physical activity;
- improving transparency and accountability⁵ of non-profit organisations in the European Union and thus contributing to the protection of these organisations against any abuse of financial criminal nature;
- fight against trafficking in human beings and against sexual exploitation of children.

Amount: The indicative amount for the programme 2007 – 2013 is EUR 600 million.

European Commission (DG Justice, Freedom and Security) – Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows (The European Refugee Fund, The European Fund for the Integration of Third-country nationals)

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/intro/funding_solidarity_en.htm

Geographic coverage: All member states of the EU except Denmark

Eligibility criteria: National, regional and local authorities, universities, NGOs, international organisations.

Objectives: *The European Refugee Fund:* To support and encourage the efforts made by the Member States in receiving, and in bearing the consequences of receiving, refugees and displaced persons, taking account of Community legislation on those matters.

The European Fund for the Integration: To support the efforts made by the Member States in enabling third-country nationals of different economic, social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to fulfil the conditions of residence and to facilitate their integration into European societies

Priorities:

Amount: *The European Refugee Fund:* Up to 1.500.000 € if the applicant is a National Authority or the UNHCR and 500.000 € for other applicants. Minimum funding is 200.000 € for any applicant.

The European Fund for the Integration: Funding per project will not exceed 500.000 € nor be less than 100.000 €.

Timeline: The maximum duration of projects should be 18 months.

Previous grants: *The European Refugee Fund:*

The European Fund for the Integration: For the projects awarded in 2007 check the link http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/integration/docs/grants_2007_en.pdf.

European Commission (DG Education and Culture) - Euromed Youth III Programme (2005 – 2008)

Website: <http://www.euromedyouth.net/about-euromed-youth-iii-programme.023>

Geographic coverage: Member states of the EU and 10 Mediterranean partner countries, signatories of the Barcelona Declaration (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia, and Turkey).

Eligibility criteria: EuroMed Youth grants are awarded on the basis of Calls for Proposals launched by the different EuroMed Youth Units (EMYUs).

Objectives:

- Fostering mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue among young people within the Euro-Mediterranean region
- Promoting young people's active citizenship and sense of solidarity
- Enhancing the contribution of non-governmental youth organisations to civil society and democracy
- Contributing to the development of youth policy

Priorities: The programme aims to promote the following thematic priorities:

- Fight against racism and xenophobia
- Active citizenship
- Gender equality
- Minority rights
- Heritage and environment protection

Amount:

Timeline:

Previous grants:

European Commission (DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities) – Programme PROGRESS: Anti-discrimination and Diversity

Budget lines: 04 04 01 04

Web site: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=1811&langId=en>

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: National authorities or organisations mandated by the national authority to carry out the action (such organisation must have their own legal status, must be mandated by national authority, be non-profit and not to have objectives in conflict with the policies of the EU)

Objectives: The objectives of this budget line is the support to the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination and to promote its mainstreaming in all Community policies by:

- Improving the understanding of the situation in relation to discrimination
- Supporting the implementation of Community anti-discrimination legislation through effective monitoring
- Raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to discrimination
- Developing the capacity of key European-level networks to promote and further develop Community policy goals and strategies in the field of combating discrimination

Priorities: The PROGRESS anti-discrimination contact points will be asked to consult civil society organisations active in the anti-discrimination field in order to draw up a document presenting national priorities for 2009.

Amount: The total amount for this budget line of programme in 2009 is EUR 23 009 280. *The calls for proposals for this programme in 2009 can be found under the Calls for proposals section on page 24 of this document.*

Timeline:

Previous grants: For the list of previously awarded grants check the website <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=632&langId=en>.

World Bank - Development Marketplace

Web site: www.developmentmarketplace.org

Geographic coverage: All

Eligibility criteria: This grant program funds innovative, early-stage projects with high potential for development impact. DM competitions – held at the global, regional and country level – attract ideas from a range of innovators, including civil society groups, social entrepreneurs, academia and businesses.

Competitions are open to: individuals, NGOs, academic organizations, faith-based groups, local government, local government, private sector companies, official aid agencies, and grass roots organizations.

Objectives: Promoting innovation in creative solutions to poverty reduction and development. Development Marketplace (DM) seeks to foster partnerships between various groups in the development community to find these solutions.

Priorities: The Program operates on two levels: Global (the Global Competitions, which are sector based (i.e. water and sanitation, nutrition, health etc)) and Country/Regional (Country and Regional Competitions, which are country based).

Amount: Grants size range from 10.000 to 50.000 USD for regional and country competitions up to 200.000 USD for global competitions.

Timeline: Global Competitions are generally held every 12 – 18 months and projects can last up to 2 years. Country and regional competitions generally fund 6 to 9 countries per year for projects lasting up to 1 year.

World Bank – Japan Social Development Fund

Website: <http://go.worldbank.org/U5OQZVF200>

Geographic coverage: Only low-income and lower middle-income countries (as defined in the most recent World Development Report) are eligible for both project and capacity-building grants.

Eligibility criteria: Applications can be proposed by local governments, NGOs, or civil society groups, but must be prepared and submitted by a Bank staff. An NGO may be a direct grant recipient or may act as the implementing agency for another recipient but its financial management capacity must meet Bank criteria. A Bank Financial Management Specialist will review NGO credentials and the financial management system established for the grant. As a recipient, the NGO must work with a Bank staff member who will see the proposal through the application process and act as Task Team Leader (TTL) once the grant is approved.

Objectives: The Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) was established in June 2000 by the Government of Japan (GoJ) and the World Bank as a united mechanism for providing direct assistance to the poorest and most vulnerable groups in eligible World Bank group member countries. Grants under the fund target initiatives that foster the direct participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community groups and civil society at large.

Two types of grants can be supported under the JSDF:

- "Project Grants" are for activities directly providing relief measures that address demand-driven poverty reduction needs and support innovative approaches; and
- "Capacity Building Grants" are for activities that strengthen service delivery at the grass roots level through learning by doing or expanding the capabilities or coverage of social fund-type institutions. They can also support measures nurturing positive interactions among local government, communities, interest groups, and non-governmental organizations in ways geared to generate substantive incremental benefits.

Priorities:

- The grant must support innovative programs that respond directly and rapidly to the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable groups.
- The grant should help spark changes in policy and decision-making at the grassroots level and/or cultivate partnerships with local populations, NGOs and other civil society organizations (CSOs), while encouraging the participation of such organizations in the design or implementation of the grant.
- The initiatives and mechanisms supported by the grant must have positive prospects for developing into sustainable activities over the long term.
- The grant activity should be consistent with the World Bank's assistance strategy for the eligible country and the application should be endorsed by the relevant the World Bank country director.

Amount: The size of a JSDF grant can range from US\$200,000 to US\$2 million.

Timeline: Applications for funding are invited by the JSDF Secretariat approximately three times a year.

Previous grants: For the list of projects awarded a grant in 2008 check the following website <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTABOUTUS/ORGANIZATION/CFPEXT/EXTTRUFUN/EXTMAINPRO/EXTJSDF/0,,contentMDK:21756943~isCURL:Y~menuPK:2803702~pagePK:64168445~piPK:64168309~theSitePK:2663400,00.html>.

World Bank - Civil Society Fund

Web site: <http://worldbank.org/civilsocietyfund>

Geographic coverage: Civil society organizations in countries where the World Bank manages the Civil Society Fund.. Check with the World Bank Country Office or World Bank website which country is eligible for the grant.

Eligibility criteria: The Civil Society Fund (previously known as Small Grants Programme) is administered through participating World Bank Country Offices. The applications can be submitted by:

- Civil society organizations based in a developing country and working on issues of development can apply for a grant.
- Civil society organizations must be in good standing, as well as have a record of achievement in the community and record of financial probity;
- Priority will be given to organizations not supported by the Program in previous years

Objectives: The purpose of the CSF is to strengthen the voice and influence of poor and marginalized groups in the development processes, thereby making these processes more inclusive and equitable. To this end, it supports activities of civil society organizations whose primary objective is encouraging and supporting civic engagement of these target populations. By involving citizens who are often excluded from the public arena, and increasing their capacity to influence policy and program decisions, the CSF helps facilitate ownership of development initiatives by a broader sector of society.

Priorities: It aims to: enhance awareness among citizens of their rights and responsibilities, leading to inclusion in the development process of otherwise marginalized voices; increase knowledge sharing and networking among civil society and development partners (social capital); and, for the Bank, improve understanding of civic engagement and empowerment and the most effective approaches to supporting civic engagement in unique country contexts at the local level.

Supports activities of Civil Society Organizations whose primary objective is encouraging and supporting civic engagement of its target populations.

Amount: Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$7,000 with a maximum of \$15,000.

Timeline: Guidelines and application forms are available from the participating World Bank Country Office in January and the decisions about funding are made only once a year by June. Applicant organizations should apply at least four to six months in advance of the date of the grant activity to the participating Country Office.

World Bank – Post –Conflict Fund (PCF)

Website: <http://www.worldbank.org/conflict>

Geographic coverage:

Eligibility criteria: NGOs and other civil society institutions, governments, regional and international organizations in any country that is currently in conflict or emerging from a recent conflict.

Objectives: Grants are focused on the restoration of the lives and livelihood of war-affected population, with a premium placed on innovative approaches to conflict, partnerships with donors and executing agencies and leveraging resources through a variety of funding arrangements. The grants aim to support 'conflict vulnerable' countries as well as those in transition from conflict for planning and analysis of reconstruction and conflict prevention activities. These include stabilizing the security environment, capacity building of diminished state and civil society for socioeconomic development.

Priorities: The PCF is designed to foster innovation in work with conflict-affected countries, in particular activities which test new approaches and partnerships. Priority is given to proposals which will impact more broadly on the work of the Bank and its partners, and which have features which enable the lessons to be learnt and applied elsewhere. Monitoring and evaluation elements are therefore critical.

Amount: Grants can range from \$25,000 to \$1 million, and in multi-year programs may exceed \$1 million.

Timeline: There are no deadlines for receiving PCF applications.

The United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)

Web site: <http://www.un.org/democracyfund/XApprovedProjects.htm>

Geographic coverage: Applications from all countries will be considered, strong preference will be given to applicants from countries and regions where the challenges of democracy are more critical (countries emerging from conflict, new and restored democracies, the Least Developed Countries (as per the official classification of the UN-OHRLLS), Low Income Countries ("Low Income Economies" as per the World Bank's official classification) and Middle Income Countries ("Lower and Upper Middle-income Economies").

Eligibility criteria:

- Civil Society Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations, engaged in promoting democracy
- Independent and Constitutional Bodies, including Election Commissions, Ombudsman Institutions, National Human Rights Institutions and other independent governance bodies, for project proposals facilitating the inclusion of the voice of civil society.
- Global and Regional inter-government bodies, organizations and associations other than the United Nations, for project proposals which strengthen the voice of civil society.

Objectives: The fund supports civil society projects around the world that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes.

Priorities: The priority will be given to projects working in the area of:

- Democratic dialogue and support for constitutional processes
- Civil society empowerment, including the empowerment of women
- Civic education and voter registration
- Citizen's access to information:
- Participation rights and the rule of law in support of civil society
- Transparency and integrity

Amount: UNDEF funds projects starting at 50,000 USD and up to 500,000 USD.

Timeline: UNDEF accepts applications during a call for applications period which takes place once a year during the fall/winter. It is usually announced on the UNDEF homepage a few weeks before the opening of the call.

In principle, UNDEF grants will be allocated for projects with a default duration of two years although it is acceptable to UNDEF if a successful applicant completes a project in less than 2 years.

Previous grants: For the list of previously funded projects consult the website <http://www.un.org/democracyfund/XApprovedProjects.htm>.

Council of Europe - European Youth Foundation

Website: <http://www.yef.coe.int/fej/>

Geographic coverage: Member States of the Council of Europe

Eligibility criteria: An international non-governmental youth organisation or network, a national or local non-governmental youth organisation or network, another type of non-governmental structure.

Objectives: The objective is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

It funds the following activities:

- International youth meetings
- Youth activities other than a meeting
- Administration of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks
- Pilot projects (those contributing to the priority objectives of the Council of Europe youth policy and those focusing specifically on Human Rights Education, as part of the Council of Europe's Youth Programme on Human Rights Education and Intercultural Dialogue)

Priorities: The 2009 priorities:

- Human rights and intercultural dialogue
- Youth participation and democratic citizenship
- Social cohesion and inclusion of young people
- Youth policy development

Amount: Annual budget approximately EUR 3 million.

Timeline: There are various deadlines, depending on the activity: 1st February, 1st April and 1st October. There is no fixed deadline for the pilot projects although the project application should reach the EYF Secretariat at least 3 months before the beginning of the activity.

Previous grants: For the list of previously funded projects consult the following website http://www.eyf.coe.int/fej/portal/media-type/html/user/anon/page/Projects_supported.

Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Program

Web site: <http://sgp.undp.org/>

Geographic coverage: Countries from Latin America and Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Arab states, Europe and CIS (Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan)

Eligibility criteria: NGOs, CBOs or a grassroots organization in one of the participating countries with a proposed site or intervention corresponding to one of the GEF operational programs.

Objectives: It aims to support activities of non-governmental and community-based organizations in developing countries towards climate change abatement, conservation of biodiversity, protection of international waters, reduction of the impact of persistent organic pollutants and prevention of land degradation while generating sustainable livelihoods.

Priorities: The principle objectives are:

- Develop community-level strategies and implement technologies that could reduce threats to the global environment if they are replicated over time;
- Gather lessons from community-level experience and initiate the sharing of successful community-level strategies and innovations among CBOs and NGOs, host governments, development aid agencies, GEF and others working on a regional or global scale;
- Build partnerships and networks of stakeholders to support and strengthen community, NGO and national capacities to address global environmental problems and promote sustainable development;
- Ensure that conservation and sustainable development strategies and projects that protect the global environment are understood and practised by communities and other key stakeholders. is administered by participating World Bank Country Offices.

Priority is given to the organizations not supported by the Program in previous years.

Amount: Maximum grant amount is US\$50,000 and the average grant amount is around US\$20,000.

Timeline: The Program makes decisions only once a year by June. Applications need to be sent at least four to six months in advance of the date of the grant activity. Deadlines for proposals are usually once a year.

UNESCO prizes in Social and Human Sciences (UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights, UNESCO Prize for Peace Education, UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence)

Web site: <http://www.unesco.org/shs/prizes>

Geographic coverage: Worldwide

Eligibility criteria: Institutions, organizations, individuals

Objectives: *UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights:* The purpose of the prize is to reward the efforts of institutions, organizations and individuals that have made a particularly important and effective contribution to the promotion of a culture of human rights at regional and international levels. This contribution could be made through the dissemination of knowledge, development of human rights education and research, sensitization of decision-makers and general public on human rights issues and related challenges, as well as the imparting of skills and the moulding of attitudes aimed at strengthening respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The prize shall be awarded also to encourage or stimulate innovative initiatives serving to promote a culture of human rights.

UNESCO Prize for Peace Education: Promotion of all forms of action designed to construct the defences of peace in the minds of men and to alert public opinion and mobilize the conscience of mankind in the cause of peace.

UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence: The purpose of the reward is to award outstanding activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication field aimed at the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and non-violence, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO.

Priorities:

Amount: From USD 20.000 to 60.000, depending on the prize.

Timeline: The prizes are awarded twice per year.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

European Commission - "Youth in the world: Cooperation with countries other than the neighbouring countries of the European Union" (Youth in Action)

Web site: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_3_2_en.php

Geographic coverage: Applicants must – at the time when they submit their proposal – be legally registered for at least two years in one of the Programme Countries. The Programme Countries are: EU Member States; EFTA and EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway; Turkey.

Eligibility criteria: Non profit organisations - NGOs or public bodies. Projects must involve partners from at least four different countries (including the applicant organisation), including at least two Programme Countries, of which at least one is a Member State of the European Union, and two Partner Countries.

Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to, the following: development of partnerships and networks, seminars and conferences, training of youth workers and multipliers, development of training tools, information and awareness campaigns in favour of

young people, job-shadowings for youth workers, feasibility and study visits, evaluation meetings, youth exchanges.

Objectives:

- to improve the mobility of young people and youth workers;
- to promote youth empowerment and active participation;
- to foster capacity-building for youth organisations and structures in order to contribute to civil society development;
- to promote cooperation and the exchange of experience and good practice in the field of youth and non-formal education;
- to contribute to the development of youth policies, youth work and the voluntary sector;
- to develop sustainable partnerships and networks between youth organisations.

Priorities: Preference will be given to those projects which best reflect the priorities of the 'Youth in Action' programme, namely:

- participation of young people;
- cultural diversity;
- European citizenship;
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities;

A specific priority for 2009:

- the mobilisation and awareness-raising of young people vis-à-vis global issues such as sustainable development, migrations and climate change.

In addition, the projects must deal with one of the following themes:

1. Strengthening of civil society (including youth structures), active citizenship and democracy
2. Fight against racism and xenophobia
3. Intercultural, inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue
4. Post-conflict resolution, reconstruction and rehabilitation
5. The active role of women in society
6. Minority rights
7. Youth contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Amount: The total budget allocated to the co-financing of projects under this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 2 600 000.

Timeline: Applications must be sent no later than 1 June 2009. The projects in 2009 must start between 1 November 2009 and 31 December 2009. They will have a minimum duration of six months and a maximum duration of 12 months.

European Commission: "Amicus Preparatory Action" (Youth in Action)

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/calls-for-proposals/call1332_en.htm

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria:

- public bodies whose main activity falls within the field of civic service;
- non-profit associations or non-governmental organisations whose main activity is in the field of youth volunteering.

Applicants must meet the following conditions:

- have their head office in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- have a legal status;
- be able to demonstrate at least two years' experience in the placing of young people in civic service or volunteering at national level.

Objectives: The Amicus Preparatory Action aims to:

- promote the transnational character of youth placements in civic service and volunteering activities;

- promote the development of a European framework to facilitate the interoperability of existing civic service and volunteering opportunities for young people in the Member States;
- allow a testing and evaluation phase by way of specific European cooperation projects in the field of youth transnational civic service and volunteering.

The aim of this call for proposals is to support transnational civic service and volunteering projects comprising, on the one hand, research and awareness raising activities and, on the other hand, the placement of young people within the European Union. This call for proposals will support projects put forward by civic service bodies or civil society organisations.

Priorities: The projects selected will have to implement the following activities:

- informing citizens, in particular young people, and raising their awareness of these issues;
- producing a document which evaluates their experience of placing young people in the context of the Amicus Preparatory Action and presents and analyses the national context (inventory), in particular with regard to civic service and the internationalisation of such activities;
- placing young people in civic service and volunteering projects abroad.

Amount: The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects under this call amounts to EUR 2 300 000. The maximum grant allocated to each project may not exceed EUR 300 000.

Timeline: The project must begin between 1 September 2009 and 30 November 2009 and end no later than 31 December 2010. Deadline for submitting the application: 30. April 2009.

Selected projects in 2008: Check the document http://ec.europa.eu/youth/calls-for-proposals/doc/amicus/eac_28_08/resultats_publication_site.pdf.

European Commission: "Awareness raising in the field of development - Audiovisual projects for television 2008 "

Budget line: 21 04 02

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/development/procurements-grants/grants_archives_en.cfm

Geographic coverage: European Union

Eligibility criteria: In order to be eligible for the grant the applicant must :

- be TV stations or audio-visual production companies. A priority shall be given to TV stations with a potential audience of at least some millions of television viewers. However any audiovisual production company which can demonstrate a direct access to TV stations and can guarantee TV broadcast of his production, shall also be eligible to the present call for proposals.
- have their headquarters within the European Union ;
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project, not acting as an intermediary;

Objectives: The objective is to promote the production and broadcasting of television programmes on European TV channels, likely to contribute to a better understanding by young Europeans of the realities of the developing world, of the need for North-South co-operation and of European actions and initiatives in this field. The target audience are European youngsters of age range 15 – 25.

Priorities: The actions should:

- Contribute to a better understanding of the realities of the developing world, preferably linked to the ACP states (Sub-Saharan Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, see attached list of countries) ;
- Demonstrate the need for North-South co-operation;
- Refer to the role played and opportunities created by the international development cooperation, including the efforts and initiatives implemented by or on behalf of the European Commission.

Amount: The total indicative amount is EUR 1,5 million. The minimum amount apply to the grants for the individual actions which may be financed under the programme is 75.000 EUR, the maximum 250.000 EUR.

Timeline: The duration of an action may not exceed 24 months. The deadline for the applications closed on October 6 2008.

European Commission: Call for proposals 2009 for actions under the programme "Intelligent Energy – Europe"

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/call_library_en.htm

Geographic coverage: EU Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Croatia.

Eligibility criteria: All applicants must be legal entities, whether public or private. Applications must be submitted by a team of at least three independent legal entities, each established in a different eligible country.

Objectives: The Intelligent Energy - Europe Programme aims to:

- 1). provide the elements necessary for the improvement of sustainability, the development of the potential of cities and regions, as well as for the preparation of the legislative measures needed to attain the related strategic objectives; develop the means and instruments to follow up, monitor and evaluate the impact of the measures adopted by the Community and its Member States in the fields addressed by the Programme;
- 2). boost investment across Member States in new and best performing technologies in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and energy diversification, including in transport, by bridging the gap between the successful demonstration of innovative technologies and their effective, broad market uptake in order to attain leverage of public and private sector investment, promote key strategic technologies, bring down costs, increase market experience and contribute to reducing the financial risks and other perceived risks and barriers that hinder this type of investment;
- 3). remove the non-technological barriers to efficient and intelligent patterns of energy production and consumption by **promoting institutional capacity building at, inter alia, local and regional level, by raising awareness, notably through the educational system**, by encouraging exchanges of experience and know-how among the main players concerned, business and citizens in general and by stimulating the spread of best practices and best available technologies, notably by means of their promotion at Community level.

Priorities: The priorities in 2009 are given to types of actions related to:

- Energy efficiency and rational use of resources (SAVE)
- New and renewable energy sources (ALTENER)
- Energy in transport (STEER)
- Integrated initiatives : Within this action funding is aimed at projects related to European networking for local action, sustainable energy communities, bio-business, energy service and **intelligent energy education (higher education or teachers only)**.

Amount: The indicative total amount available for this call is about EUR 65 million.

Timeline: The maximum duration of a project is 3 years. The deadline for submitting application is 25 June 2009. The next call will be published in early 2010.

European Commission – LIFE+ "Nature and biodiversity", "Environment policy and governance" and "Information and Communication" (Financial Instrument for the Environment)

Call for proposals for projects to be supported through action grants under "Nature and biodiversity", "Environment policy and governance" and "Information and Communication".

Web site: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus2009/call/index.htm>

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria:

- applicants and their partners must be public or private bodies, actors and institutions registered in the EU Member States.
- applicants must submit their proposals to the national competent authority of (one of) the EU Member State(s) where the applicant is registered. The national competent authority will then forward the LIFE+ project proposals to the Commission; the list of national competent authorities will be specified in the call for proposals.
- proposals to be co-financed must take place within the territory of the European Union. Proposals must fall within the scope of the one three strands of the LIFE + programme (Nature and biodiversity, Environment policy and governance and Information and communication).

Objectives: The general objective of the programme is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of Community environmental policy and legislation, including the integration of the environment into other policies, thereby contributing to sustainable development. In particular, LIFE+ supports the implementation of the Sixth Community Environment Action Programme, including the thematic strategies, and finances measures and projects with European added value in Member States.

Priorities: Nature and Biodiversity: It aims at contributing to the implementation of Community policy and legislation on nature and biodiversity. There are two distinct categories of projects: LIFE+ Nature projects and LIFE+ Biodiversity projects.

Environment Policy and Governance:

- to contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments;
- to contribute to consolidating the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of environmental policy and legislation;
- to support the design and implementation of approaches to monitoring and assessment of the state of the environment and the factors, pressures and responses that impact on it;
- to facilitate the implementation of Community environment policy, with particular emphasis on implementation at local and regional level;

Information and Communication: It aims at awareness raising campaigns and communication actions on environmental issues and also supports projects aiming at contributing to forest fire prevention within the EU

Amount: The indicative amount for 2009 is EUR 250 million.

Timeline: Project proposals shall be submitted to the national competent authorities by 15 September 2009. Project proposals shall be forwarded to the national authority of the Member State in which the beneficiary is registered. Proposals will then be submitted by the national authorities to the Commission by 22 October 2009.

European Commission: Culture for debating Europe

Euroglobe call for proposals.

Budget line:

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/communication/grants/index_en.htm

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: To be eligible for the grant, the applicant must:

- be non-profit making (either by statute or for the purposes of the project)
- have a legal personality
- be registered in one of the EU Member States
- have the financial, technical and operational capacity required to complete the project

Objectives: The objective is to foster public debates on European issues through the organisation of communication events using culture as a vehicle in order to promote a better understanding of the role and the actions of the EU and their impact in the Member States. It aims to encourage the organisation of pan-European communication initiatives aimed at stimulating debates on key EU issues. The proposed communication events must take place in at least two of the Member States holding the Presidency of the Council during the period

from January 2009 until end of 2010 and during the period in which they effectively exercise the Presidency.

Priorities: The cultural and communication events could take the following forms (music events, dance shows, cinema or TV festivals or shows) and must lead to debates and communication activities on the role of the EU and its major achievements in one or several of the following priority domains of action: energy, climate change, migration and intercultural dialogue.

Amount:

Timeline: The maximum duration of the project is 24 months.

European Commission – “Prevention of and fight against crime” (Security and Safeguarding Liberties Programme)

Calls for proposals: operating grants 2009.

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm,
http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/doc/oq_call_2009_en.pdf

Geographic coverage: Member States of the EU

Eligibility criteria: To be eligible for the grant:

- the organisation has to be legally established in accordance with the law of one of the Member States of the European Union;
- the organisation is non-governmental;
- the organisation is not profit-making;
- the organisation regularly pursues, with a European dimension, the actions described in the priorities.

Objectives: The aim of the operating grants is to support the implementation of the annual activity programme of non-governmental organisations during their financial year starting in 2009 and not to support single actions.

Priorities: Grants may be awarded to the organisations working on following actions:

- preventing juvenile crime, urban crime or drug related crime, and facilitating different forms of restorative justice and mediation. They should develop mechanisms related to renunciation of violence and tackle antisocial behaviour, via organisation of preventive programmes of education and training, counselling, sport and physical activity;
- improving transparency and accountability of non-profit organisations in the European Union and thus contributing to the protection of these organisations against any abuse of financial criminal nature;
- fight against trafficking in human beings and against sexual exploitation of children.

Amount: The total amount for this call for proposals is EUR 3 million. Minimum funding eligible is 50.000 EUR.

Timeline:

Previous projects: For the projects selected under the thematic programme Prevention of and Fight against crime 2007 check the document http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/doc/projects_2007_en.pdf.

European Commission – “Support to national activities aiming at the identification of good practices in combating discrimination and promoting equality (programme PROGRESS)

Budget line: 04 04 01 04

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=199&furtherCalls=yes>

Geographic coverage: EU Member States; EFTA/EEA States (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway), candidate and potential candidate countries (Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey provided that the memorandum of understanding is ratified).

Eligibility criteria: This call is only addressed to the antidiscrimination contact points nominated under the PROGRESS programme. The applicant can therefore be either national authority or organisations mandated by the national authority to carry out the activity. Such organisations must.

Objectives: PROGRESS mission is to strengthen the EU contribution in support of Member States' commitments and efforts to create more and better jobs and to build a more cohesive society. Section IV of the Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (PROGRESS)¹ supports the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination. It aims to raise awareness, disseminate information and promote the debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to discrimination and the mainstreaming of antidiscrimination in all Community policies, including among the social partners, NGOs and other stakeholders.

The objective of the call is to support national authorities in developing their national policy to combat discrimination and promote equality beyond legislation; fostering the dissemination of information on EU and national policy and legislation in the anti discrimination field as required by articles respectively 10 and 12 of the above mentioned directives; Identifying best practices which could be transferable to other participating countries.

Priorities: Activities on the following topics are encouraged:

- Non discrimination mainstreaming: practical integration of equality issues in other national/regional/local policies (i.e. implementation of reasonable accommodation), guidance to support that process, dissemination of results.
- Positive action: identification of existing practices, research work on their impact and awareness-raising on their results. Activity may for example build on the results of a recent Commission's study on the promotion of diversity in the media.
- Multiple discrimination: research work on the phenomenon, awareness-raising of its existence and consequences, identification and dissemination of good practices in combating multiple discrimination.
- Measurement of discrimination: production and collection of anonymous data on discrimination of vulnerable groups at the national/regional level in order to improve the monitoring of actions to combat discrimination.

Amount: The approximate total budget for this call for proposals is € 6 006 280.

Each participating country can submit one or two application(s) for a global maximum EC subsidy of € 300.000

Timeline: The period of performance for awareness raising activities is usually limited to 12 months or less. All grant agreements must be concluded (signed by the applicant and the Commission) by 31 December 2009.

Grants awarded in 2008: The projects funded under the same budget line in 2008 for the call for proposals National Awareness Raising Activities in the field of Antidiscrimination:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=1463&langId=en>.

European Commission – "Coordination, Cooperation and Networking Activities among European organisations in the area of Development" (Non-State Actors and Local Authorities thematic programme)

Call for proposals 2009

Budget lines: 21.03.01 and 21.03.02

Web site: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1242039370681&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=AS&Pgm=7573847&debpub=&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&PubliList=15&page=1&aoref=127766>

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must:

- be legal persons and
- be non-profit making and
- be Non-State Actors (NSA) or Local Authorities (LA)
- be nationals of a Member State of the European Union and
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary and
- be able to demonstrate to have regularly carried out activities in the field of development and/or in the field of awareness raising/development education and/or of the kind covered by this programme, i.e. coordination, cooperation and networking activities with regard to development issues. NSA and LA (or associations of LA) from the 'old' Member States must have regularly carried out such activities at least during the last three years at the time of the submission of an application whereas, for NSA and LA (or associations of LA) from the 'new' Member States, this requirement is limited to two years.

Objectives: Main objective: to support actions to achieve more efficient cooperation, foster synergies and facilitate a structure dialogue in development area between civil society networks and local authorities associations from EU and acceding countries.

Aims:

- strengthening NSAs and LAs networks and platforms, including their capacity to build trans-national alliances and to disseminate best practices;
- increasing the number of multi-actor partnership and consolidating exchanges between different types of NSAs and LAs;
- strengthening the capacity of NSAs and As platforms in the new Member States in order to play an active role in their countries and at the EU level, including ensuring smooth integration of EU development policies.

Priorities:

- Information networks and exchange of best practices within and among their organisations;
- Dialogue and exchange of best practices between different types of stakeholders, including between NSAs and LAs;
- Interaction of such organisations or networks within EU institutions.

Actions mainly cover seminars, workshops, training sessions, conferences and other capacity building activities.

Amount: The indicative amount for this call for proposal is EUR 3 million.

Timeline: The action may not be lower than 10 months nor exceed 36 months.

Awarded grants: For the list of projects funded under the same budget line in previous years check the web site

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/civil-society/projects_en.htm.

European Commission – “Public awareness and education for development in Europe” (Non-State Actors and Local Authorities thematic programme)

Call for proposals 2009

Budget lines: 21.03.01 and 21.03.02

Web site: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1242044037586&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=AS&Pgm=7573847&zgeo=35590&debpub=&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&nbPubliList=15&page=1&oref=127765>

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must:

- be legal persons and
- be non-profit making and
- be Non-State Actors (NSA) or Local Authorities (LA)

- be nationals of a Member State of the European Union and
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary and

Objectives: To support actions aiming at raising public awareness of development issues and promote education for development in the European Union (EU) and acceding countries to anchor development policy in European societies, to mobilise greater public support for action against poverty and fairer relations between developed and developing countries, and to change attitudes to the issues and difficulties the developing countries and their peoples are facing.

Priorities:

- Public support for the MDG agenda (particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa);
- Coherence for development (particular focus on areas as migration, trade (including fair trade), security, human rights, social dimension of globalisation and decent work, environment, and HIV/AIDS);
- Media and development.

Amount: The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is EUR 30.141.822

Timeline: The project should last between 12 and 36 months.

European Commission - "Strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform, in supporting the peaceful conciliation of group interests and in consolidating political participation and representation" (EIDHR)

Calls for proposals 2008

Budget lines: 19.04.01

Web site: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1244472991142&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=AS&Pgm=7573843&ccnt=7573876&debpub=&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&nbPubliList=15&page=2&aoref=127237>

Geographic coverage: Worldwide

Eligibility criteria: Civil society organisations, including non-governmental non-profit organisations and independent political foundations, and private sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations and networks thereof at local, national, regional and international level; public sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations and networks at local, national, regional and international level; regional parliamentary bodies; or international and regional inter-governmental organisations

Objectives: To strengthen the role of civil society in human rights and democratic reform, in facilitating the peaceful conciliation of group interests and in consolidating political participation and representation.

Priorities: The specific objective of the call is to assist civil society in non-EU countries through regional and transnational activities in developing greater cohesion in working on human rights, political pluralism and democratic political participation and representation, in contributing to the peaceful conciliation of group interests, combating discrimination on any ground, and in developing equal participation of men and women in social, economic and political life, thus becoming an effective force for positive change, through cooperation among local civil society organisations and stakeholders.

The call is divided into two separate LOTs: LOT1 – Dialogue and mediation activities, LOT 2 – Capacity building and networks.

Amount: The maximum amount of co-financing is EUR 1,5 million, the minimum is EUR 500,000.

Timeline: The action may not be lower than 12 months nor exceed 36 months

European Commission - General Call for Proposals 2009 (Lifelong Learning Programme)

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/index_en.html#2

Geographic coverage: EU Member States; Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway; Turkey; Overseas countries and territories defined by Council Decision (Greenland, New Caledonia and Dependencies French Polynesia, French Southern and Antarctic Territories, Wallis and Futuna Islands, Mayotte, St Pierre and Miquelon, Aruba, Netherlands Antilles, Anguilla, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, Turks and Caicos Islands, British Virgin Islands)

Eligibility criteria: The Lifelong Learning Programme applies to all types and levels of education and training and it is accessible to:

- Pupils, students, trainees and adult learners
- Teachers, trainers and other staff involved in any aspect of lifelong learning
- People in the labour market
- Institutions or organisation providing learning opportunities within the context of LLP or within the limits of its sub-programmes
- The persons and bodies responsible for systems and policies concerning any specific aspect of lifelong learning at local, regional and national level
- Enterprises, social partners and their organisations at all levels, including trade organisations and chambers of commerce and industry
- Bodies providing guidance, counselling and information services relating to any aspect of lifelong learning
- Associations working in the field of lifelong learning, including students', trainees', pupils', teachers', parents' and adult learners' associations
- Research centres and bodies concerned with lifelong learning issues
- Not-for-profit organisations, voluntary bodies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs)

Objectives: The overall objectives of the programme are:

- To increase competitive knowledge-based economy, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs, and greater social cohesion;
- To contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the European Union as an advanced knowledge-based society, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, while ensuring good protection of the environment for future generations.
- To foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the European Union so that they become a world quality reference

The objectives of sub-programmes are:

COMENIUS – SCHOOL EDUCATION:

- to develop knowledge and understanding among young people and educational staff of the diversity of European cultures and languages and its value;
- to help young people acquire the basic life-skills and competences necessary for their personal development, for future employment and for active European citizenship.

ERASMUS – HIGHER EDUCATION INCLUDING ADVANCED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- to support the achievement of a European Area of Higher Education;
- to reinforce the contribution of higher education and advanced vocational education to the process of innovation.

LEONARDO DA VINCI – INITIAL AND CONTINUING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- to support participants in training and further training activities in the acquisition and the use of knowledge, skills and qualifications to facilitate personal development, employability and participation in the European labour market;
- to support improvements in quality and innovation in vocational education and training systems, institutions and practices;
- to enhance the attractiveness of vocational education and training and mobility for employers and individuals and to facilitate the mobility of working trainees.

GRUNDTVIG – ADULT EDUCATION AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS:

- to respond to the educational challenge of an ageing population in Europe;
- to help provide adults with pathways to improving their knowledge and competences.

TRANSVERSAL PROGRAMME:

- to promote European cooperation in fields covering two or more sectoral sub-programmes;
- to promote the quality and transparency of Member States' education and training systems.

JEAN MONNET:

- to stimulate teaching, research and reflection activities in the field of European integration studies;
- to support the existence of an appropriate range of institutions and associations focusing on issues relating to European integration and on education and training in a European perspective.

Priorities:

- To support implementation of the Education and Training 2010 work programme, aiming at improving the quality of, access to and openness of education and training systems in Europe, in particular by promoting coherence between all stages of lifelong education and training systems, starting from an early age, and improving flexible learning pathways between the different systems, for example through the implementation of the European Qualifications Framework;
- To strengthen the role of education and training within the Lisbon process at both European and national level not only to promote competitiveness but also sustainable economic growth and social cohesion;
- To support creativity and innovation in all systems and levels of education and training, in view of making the European Year of creativity and innovation 2009 a success.
- To implement lifelong learning strategies with a view to achieving greater efficiency and equity, particularly through action to reduce the number of people leaving school early or with a low level of basic skills, to foster the economic and social inclusion of migrants, to address socio-economic disadvantage, to support the early acquisition of key competences and sustainable funding, and to strengthen the knowledge base for policy and practice.
- To improve the quality of the education and training of all types of learning providers, in particular teachers and trainers.
- To modernise higher education systems, making them more coherent and more responsive to the needs of society.
- To improve the quality and attractiveness of vocational education and training by implementing the priorities of the Copenhagen process at national level
- To improve the low levels of participation in adult learning, in particular of older workers and the low skilled, in order to reduce the obstacles to employment and increase people's capacity to adapt to rapidly changing living and working environments.
- To boost the mobility of citizens, particularly in terms of quality, including through the implementation of the Recommendation on the quality of mobility² and through using the Europass portfolio.
- To reinforce sustainable development, including issues relating to energy and climate change, through actions in all sectors of education and training.

Amount: The total available budget is estimated at EUR 961 million.

Timeline: Deadlines for applications depend on the sub-programme. For specific dates check the following link <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/lex/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:255:0006:0007:EN:PDF>.

European Commission - Actions in partner countries (Multi-country) (Non State Actors-Local Authorities programme)

Call for proposals for NSA

Budget lines: 21.03.01

Web site: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1244540279424&do=publi_detPUB&searchtype=AS&Pgm=7573847&zgeo=38220&debpub=&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&nbPubliList=15&page=1&aoref=127763

Geographic coverage: The project must take place in at least two partner countries. Priority will be given to actions covering 'Least Developed Countries' (LDCs) as defined by the OECD in the DAC List of ODA Recipients as of 1 January 2009, and in particular in those LDCs which are not included in the list of targeted countries for in-country interventions.

Eligibility criteria: legal persons; and non profit making; and EU nationals or of partner countries; and Non-State Actors (NSA) (registered for 5 years); and directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action; and experience of at least during the last five years.

Actions presented by European actors: compulsory partnership with local actors in each partner country targeted; projects should respond to an initiative of at least one local partners.

Objectives: The aim is to support actions presented by Non-State Actors which aim at promoting an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries. Those actions must have a global, multi-country character.

Priorities: Priority will be given to actions with a multi-actor approach comprising activities aiming at:

- improving the capacity of Non-State Actors from partner countries to engage in local, national and international decision making processes;
- improving linkages, partnerships and networking (North-South and South-South) between Non-State Actors and Local Authorities from the European Community and from the partner countries (thematic fora, coordination, consensus building, advocacy, communication and information systems, etc.);
- providing innovative service delivery and service delivery in difficult/out of reach environments;
- facilitating interaction and exchanges between State and Non-State Actors in different contexts and
- reinforcing the role of Non State Actors and Local Authorities in decentralisation processes.

Amount: Overall indicative amount for 2009 is EUR 32.916.000. The minimum amount is EUR 500.000, the maximum is EUR 4 million.

Timeline: Deadline submission of the Concept Note is 10 February 2009. Duration support is between 24 to 60 months.

European Commission – “To prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk” (DAPHNE III programme)

Call for proposals “Operating grants”

Web site: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: The eligible organisations must be:

- non-profit organisations;
- constituted in accordance with the law of one of the EU Member States;
- pursue activities with a European dimension involving at least 12 EU Member States;
- the aims of activities must include one or more of the objectives of the DAPHNE III programme.

Objectives: To contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence and to attain a high level of health protection, well being and social cohesion. The programme shall contribute, especially where it concerns children, young people and women, to the development of the community policies and more specifically to those related to public health, human rights and gender equality, as well as actions aimed at protection of children's rights, and the fight against trafficking of human beings and sexual exploitation.

Priorities: To contribute to the prevention of and the fight against all forms of violence occurring in the public or the private domain against children, young people and women, including sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings, by taking preventive measures and by providing support and protection for victims and groups at risk.

Amount: The indicative amount for the call for 2009 is EUR 2 million. The maximum grant is EUR 250.000.

European Commission – “Knowledge Networks for the competitiveness and sustainability of European tourism” (Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme)

Website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=2929&lang=en

Geographic coverage: EU Member States; EFTA and EEA (Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway); accession countries and candidate countries (Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey), countries from the Western Balkans (Albania, Montenegro and Serbia); third countries, when agreements and procedures so allow (Israel).

Eligibility criteria: Lead applicants and partner organisations must be active in the field of tourism and be either:

- Academic, training or education establishments
- Research institutes
- Public or private observatories
- Business or trade associations covering tourism enterprises
- Chambers of commerce
- Trade unions
- Non-governmental organisations
- Employers' organisations
- Public authorities and their networks/associations
- Destination management organisations and their networks/associations
- Non-profit making tourism organisations, networks or think-tanks
- International organisations
- Consumer organisations

In order to have a good representation of the relevant stakeholders at European level, the participation of networks of minimum 5 associations is sought. As an alternative, in case the network of associations doesn't exist already, a minimum of 5 associations (either business/trade associations/chambers of commerce/associations of destinations/regions or associations of public authorities, respectively public-private partnerships with competence in the management of destinations) is required in view of the creation of a network.

Objectives: To provide added value in improving the sustainability and competitiveness performance of European tourism, through the creation of an environment favourable to tourism small and micro enterprises –as they are the main actors in tourism– and to their cooperation on sustainability and competitiveness issues. The specific objectives are:

- to support the creation or to strengthen existing tourism networks (involving either businesses associations / support services or destinations having similar

characteristics) which promote the creation of an environment favourable to small and micro enterprises and to their co-operation on sustainability and competitiveness issues;

- to promote an active participation of the actors who create knowledge (e.g. universities, research institutes, public and private observatories) in those tourism networks;
- to identify practices and tools that can help small and micro enterprises to be sustainable and competitive, to increase their level of awareness about these good and innovative practices and tools and, therefore, to foster sustainability-driven innovation in the tourism industry.

Priorities: The proposed action covers one of the following types of activities:

- knowledge gathering and sharing (e.g. on business perceptions of the sustainability agenda, the barriers they face in adapting to it and the drivers for change to which they may respond) and research (i.e. on market trends and perceptions, on the financial gains that can be made from sustainable management);
- knowledge management (e.g. of businesses and/or local destinations based on a set of agreed performance indicators) in order to support local destinations and businesses to follow a sustainable tourism development;
- awareness raising (e.g. amongst tourism businesses, business support services, through and amongst existing trade associations at all levels) in order to stimulate peer pressure and lead by example, promoting practical success stories;
- education and capacity building (e.g. through delivery of targeted advice and training).

Amount:

Timeline: The maximum duration of the proposed action is 18 months. Deadline for application is 30 June 2009.

L'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie – Paix, démocratie et droits de l'Homme

Web site: <http://www.francophonie.org/actions/democratie/index.cfm>

Geographic coverage: Les pays francophones en développement

Eligibility criteria: Les partenaires sont des organisations de la société civile, en particulier des ONG nationales, des syndicats, des Organisations de la société civile (OSC), des médias etc. ressortissants des pays du Sud, compétentes en matière de formation ou d'édition d'ouvrages didactiques dans le domaine des droits de l'homme, de la démocratie.

Objectives : Le programme apporte son appui aux initiatives et projets de terrain développés pour la promotion de la culture des droits de l'Homme, de la démocratie et de la paix. Il vise en particulier à identifier et à favoriser les efforts déployés en vue de la diffusion, de la vulgarisation et de l'enseignement, par des moyens diversifiés et adaptés aux réalités socioculturelles, des droits de l'Homme, de la démocratie et de la paix dans les différentes couches de la population, afin de contribuer à l'adoption d'attitudes et de comportements aptes à développer durablement les valeurs de tolérance et de démocratie dans l'espace francophone.

Il est principalement destiné à :

- identifier l'offre d'éducation et de formation la plus pertinente en matière de droits de l'Homme, de démocratie et de paix, émanant des structures francophones ;
- promouvoir résolument des modes de sensibilisation et de mobilisation diversifiés en faveur des droits de l'Homme et de la démocratie, en particulier avec le concours des médias francophones, en ayant recours aux technologies de l'information ;
- élaborer et rationaliser, sur cette base, l'offre de la Francophonie dans le domaine de l'éducation et de la formation des droits de l'Homme, de la démocratie, de la citoyenneté et de la paix ;
- s'associer activement aux efforts menés dans ce domaine par les autres partenaires internationaux, notamment dans le cadre de la Décennie des Nations Unies dans le domaine de l'éducation aux droits de l'homme.

Amount : Le montant total du financement sollicité ne peut excéder EUR 65.000.

Timeline : La durée de l'opération soumise au financement du fonds ne peut excéder une année et doit s'achever avant le 31 décembre 2009. Clôture de l'appel à propositions : 20 juin 2009.

L'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie – Programme spécial de développement (PSD)

Web site: <http://www.francophonie.org/actions/developpement/fin-psd.cfm>

Geographic coverage: Les pays francophones en développement

Eligibility criteria: Les organismes à buts non lucratifs : associations, groupements d'intérêt, ONG locales, nationales ou extérieures, associations locales de développement, collectivités locales, organismes de solidarité internationale, directions nationales des Ministères services nationaux déconcentrés, etc.

Objectives: Le programme spécial de développement (PSD) inscrit ses interventions dans l'objectif global de lutte contre la pauvreté. Dans ce cadre, il appuie les initiatives qui concourent à la satisfaction des besoins essentiels des communautés locales dans une perspective de développement durable. Le PSD s'intéresse particulièrement aux initiatives concourant à la satisfaction des besoins essentiels de base des communautés locales, et notamment les:

- Opérations à caractère communautaire conduites par des organismes à but non lucratif (ONG, associations, groupements professionnels) ou des institutions à vocation sociale et humanitaire;
- Initiatives collectives ou individuelles visant la mise en place ou le renforcement de moyens locaux de production. Programme spécial de développement (PSD) finance les projets de développement présentés par des personnes physiques ou morales dans le cadre d'appels publics à propositions.

Priorities: Le PSD privilégie les opérations à caractère communautaire axées sur l'un des thèmes suivants :

1. Accès à l'eau.
2. Valorisation des ressources et productions locales.
3. Renforcement des capacités des bénéficiaires et des promoteurs locaux.

Attention particulière: des initiatives prenant en compte l'égalité des genres, les jeunes et l'environnement dans une perspective de développement durable.

Amount: Le coût total du projet est compris entre 5 000 et 43 000 euros; La capacité de financement: au moins 30% en fonds propres et/ou sous forme de contributions de partenaires.

Timeline: Le financement n'excède pas 18 mois. Dans la perspective de sa nouvelle programmation pour la période 2010-2013, l'OIF procédera à une redéfinition de PSD dans le courant de l'année 2009. De ce fait, aucun appel à projet ne sera lancé en 2009 au titre du PSD.

World Bank – Climate Adaptation Competition: Development Marketplace Grant 2009

Website: <http://go.worldbank.org/BQ8VXC8ZD0>

Geographic coverage: Member Country of World Bank

Eligibility criteria: Organizations, including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), other civil society organizations (e.g. community associations, faith-based groups, labor unions, etc.), private foundations, development agencies, government agencies, academia and the private sector are eligible to apply. Special eligibility criteria apply to sub-theme one. For sub-themes two and three, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, foundations and development agencies based in the country of implementation may apply

without additional partners. All other groups must partner with at least one organization; the type of partnership varies across types of applicants. Individuals cannot apply. The eligible organization applying must be legally registered in a member country of the World Bank, have an established bank account in its name, and be able to receive international financial contribution (in US dollars).

Objectives: The poorest countries and communities are likely to be affected the most by the climate change because of their geographical location, low incomes, and low institutional capacity, as well as their greater reliance on climate-sensitive sectors like agriculture. Adaptation to climate risks and change therefore is increasingly important in developing countries; this is understood as efforts to adjust to ongoing and potential effects of climate change. Building up resilience to increasing climate variability is the most significant climate challenge facing these countries.

Priorities: The competition focuses on three sub-themes:

1. Resilience of Indigenous Peoples Communities to Climate Risks: This sub-theme promotes Indigenous Peoples communities and organizations development of innovative ways to adapt to climate change. With particular interest on efforts that focus on the engagement of women and youth, proposals are to aim at:

- Identifying and conserving agriculture, land, water and soil management practices that are based on traditional Indigenous knowledge and that help increase the resilience of Indigenous Peoples communities to climate threats;
- Developing and applying innovative adaptation plans and communication strategies based on Indigenous systems that would help accelerate learning and knowledge sharing on climate change adaptation.

2. Climate Risk Management with Multiple Benefits: Promotes innovative community-based climate risk management with multiple social and environmental benefits for the vulnerable. Focuses on proposals that deliver multiple social and environmental benefits and empower poor communities exposed to climate risk to:

- Test innovative, low-cost strategies to spread climate risk beyond the local level (e.g. trade and value-chain improvements; micro-finance), with a preference for strategies that target vulnerable groups such as women, children, the elderly;
- Forge innovative partnerships that build adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities, including increased access to climate risk management knowledge, information, and services;
- Use innovative means to help educate communities on climate risks that leads to empowerment for action.

3. Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management: Promotes innovative ideas linking climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction, particularly:

- Develop innovative arrangements, such as social safety nets or micro-insurance, that diffuse climate-related disaster risks faced by the poor and vulnerable beyond the local level with a preference for proposals that target vulnerable women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and communities in conflict-prone areas;
- Create innovative low-cost approaches for making housing and local infrastructure resistant to climate-related disasters and for spatial planning (land use, housing, coastal zone management) for climate resilience
- Improve the capacity of local communities to access and use multi-hazard risk information to enhance their early warning systems for droughts, floods and cyclones and other community-based responses to climatic extremes and climate change.

Amount: Requests for DM funding must not be greater than US\$200,000 or less than US\$50,000.

Timeline: Proposed activities must be completed within two years of receiving the initial disbursement from Development Marketplace.

Previous grants awarded: For the topic of previous competitions and for the list of awarded projects consult the website

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/OPPORTUNITIES/GRANTS/DEVMARKETPLACE/0,,contentMDK:21558230~menuPK:2892828~pagePK:180691~piPK:174492~theSitePK:205098~isCURL:Y,00.html>.

EC-UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative – Calls for Proposals for Local Governments and Civil Society Groups

Web site: <http://www.migration4development.org/call-for-proposals/>

Geographic coverage: Georgia, Moldova, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Senegal, Cape Verde, Ghana, Nigeria, Mali, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Jamaica, Ecuador

Eligibility criteria: Eligible bodies to receive grants must have *non-profit legal status* and be:

- Community organizations
- NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations) and foundations
- Diaspora organizations, professional or scientific networks
- Migrant associations working to support their home countries
- Academic institutions
- Local and municipal Authorities
- Not-for-profit microfinance & other finance institutions
- Chambers of Commerce
- Employers organization or Trade Unions
- Regional organizations or networks eligible to apply for funding for transnational initiatives

Projects will only be considered from two or more applicant groups working together in a consortium. Each consortium can include any number of applicant organizations, but at least one of the applicant organizations must be based in one of the 16 target countries of the Joint Initiative, and one applicant organization must be based in one of the 27 EU Member States

Objectives: It aims to support civil society groups and local governments to become more active and effective in linking migration to development, in line with relevant policy frameworks.

Priorities: The four thematic areas of the program are:

- Migrant Remittances - their facilitation, reduction of transfer costs, possible linkages to development purposes, etc.
- Migrant Communities - their links with countries of origin, integration in countries of destination etc.
- Migrant Capacities - use of migrant skills for development in countries of origin, support to their professional and socio-economic reintegration, mitigation of brain gain, etc.
- Migrant Rights - information for prospective migrants and returnees; returnee reintegration policies, etc

Amount: The value of each project proposed is between EUR 50,000 to 200,000.

Timeline: Projects should have a duration of a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 18 months.

The Frontlines Forum

Web site: <http://www.climatefrontlines.org/en-GB/node/191>

Geographic coverage: Worldwide

Eligibility criteria: Any interested groups or individuals such as local and indigenous organisations, research centres, researchers, graduate students with interdisciplinary training, community members (youth groups, women, elders) etc. Proposed projects need to be local-scale involving peoples and places vulnerable to climate change.

Objectives: It aims to support community-level projects focusing on local experiences with climate change and its impacts.

Priorities: The project should result in a detailed account – either in the form of a written report, a video or other media production - in English, Spanish or French. It should contribute to a growing body of information about community-level concerns, observations and experiences relating to climate change impacts and adaptation. These submissions will also

contribute to the development of postings and discussions on the Frontlines of Climate Change Forum.

Amount: Between US\$3000 and USD\$5000 per project. Further funding may subsequently be provided for projects with interesting outcomes.

Timeline: Projects will be reviewed after the submission deadline of 15 July 2009. Applicants will be informed of the outcome from 1 September 2009 onwards.

European Social and Economic Committee Prize 2009 for organised civil society

Web site: http://eesc.europa.eu/sco/prize_civ_soc/index_en.asp

Geographic coverage: EU Member States

Eligibility criteria: Civil Society Organisations

Objectives: The aim is to raise awareness of the important contribution which civil society organisations can make to the creation of a European identity and citizenship capable of underpinning the common values which shore up European integration.

Priorities: The prize aims at rewarding or encouraging concrete achievements or initiatives which significantly contribute to promoting of European identity and integration. Such achievements and initiatives have to be creative and innovative and make a long-lasting and positive impact on the public's perception of Europe and the integration process.

Amount: The prize money is EUR 20 000. It may be shared between several winners.

Timeline: The final deadline for sending nominations is 15 June 2009.

Previous awards: For the organisations awarded in 2007 check the web site http://www.eesc.europa.eu/sco/prize_civ_soc/archive/2007/index_en.asp.

Private Opportunities

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation - Civil Society Programme (Central/Eastern Europe and Russia Programme area)

Web site: <http://www.mott.org/grantseeker.aspx>

Geographic coverage: Part of the new EU Member States (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania); Western Balkans (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, and Serbia); former Soviet Union (FSU) countries that will share a border with the enlarged EU (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova); Russia.

Eligibility criteria: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia working primarily with current grantees. In Bulgaria and Romania: open to new initiatives that mobilize human and financial resources for citizen activity. In all six countries: prioritize support for indigenous organizations. Western Balkans: NGOs working on the regional, national and/or multi-community levels. Seeking to support indigenous organizations, but consider support to non-local organizations that demonstrate the ability to strengthen local capacity in the long term.

Objectives: To foster societies in Central/Eastern Europe (CEE) and Russia in which people and communities respect each other's rights and engage effectively in decision making to influence policies and processes that shape their lives at the local, national, and/or international levels.

The mission of the Civil Society program is to support efforts to assist in democratic institution building, strengthen communities, promote equitable access to resources, and ensure respect of rights and diversity. It aims at:

- strengthening the nonprofit sector;
- promoting people's rights, responsibilities and participation; and
- improving race and ethnic relations.

Priorities:

- Networking activities of indigenous grant makers to share best practices as well as to influence the use of in-country financial resources.
- Indigenous grant makers to increase the effectiveness of their work through building their organizational capacity and raising the quantity and quality of financial support provided for citizen activity.
- Select non-profit organizations, especially those serving other nonprofits, to improve the quality of their own work and services, and facilitate their constituencies in shaping public policy at all levels.
- Initiatives to develop local, regional and national platforms through which people and nonprofits can engage in meaningful dialogue and joint action with other key players and influence public policy.
- Initiatives to mobilize human and financial resources in areas where philanthropy is still developing.

Amount: Median grant size: \$100,000. The majority of our grants are between \$15,000 and \$250,000 annually.

Timeline: Proposals should be submitted to the Foundation at least four months before the start of the proposed grant period. Program budgets are allocated on a calendar-year basis. Applications are accepted year-round, but those received between September 1 and December 31 will be considered only for the following calendar year

Previous grants: For the list of projects awarded in previous years check the website specifically for each programme

<http://www.mott.org/about/programs/civilsociety/europeandrussia.aspx#section1>.

Evens Foundation

Web site: <http://www.evensfoundation.be/en/index.html>

Geographic coverage: Member States of the European Union. Preference is given to projects taking place in one or more of the three countries where the Evens Foundation is located (France, Belgium, and Poland). Transversal projects between these countries are also encouraged.

Eligibility criteria: Applications for grants have to fit in closely with foundation's mission and objectives in order to be eligible.

Aside from grants the foundation also awards prizes to project or organization deemed to have made (or capable of making) an outstanding contribution to European social integration in the fields of arts, intercultural education and science; and which have demonstrated determination and creativity.

Objectives: The objective of the Evens Foundation is to support projects, which promote the harmonious living together of citizens and states within a peaceful Europe, with respect for diversity, both individual and collective, and the integrity, both physical and psychological, with particular attention to the other.

Amount: The average allocation for free applications does not exceed 5.000 €..

Timeline: There is no deadline for submitting applications as the Evens Foundation has an ongoing review cycle. However, if you wish to apply for a specific event, you are to submit to us your application at least six months before the event occurs.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Peace; Racial Justice; Power and Responsibility Programmes

Web site: <http://www.jrct.org.uk/default.asp>

Geographic coverage: UK; Europe.

Eligibility criteria:

Objectives: Trust objectives for the Peace, Racial Justice and Power and Responsibility

Programmes are:

Peace: work that promotes the non-violent resolution of conflict, including work on the arms trade, the creation of a culture of peace, developing effective peace building measures and supporting the right to conscientious objection to military service.

Racial Justice: work which promotes racial justice in all parts of society, including empowering black and minority ethnic people to engage in decision making and policy development, and work which monitors and challenges racism and racial injustice whether relating to colour or culture.

Power and Responsibility: work that encourages an appropriate relationship between people and the institutions that affect them; including the promotion of accountability, openness, responsiveness and a respect for human rights across the public and private sectors.

Priorities:

Amount: Average grant of £30,000. Actual grants range from a few hundred pounds to £100,000+ and may be single payments or spread over up to three years.

Timeline: Applications can be sent in at any time. At present the Trust has only three grant cycles each year.

Previous grants: For the list of previously funded projects consult the website http://www.jrct.org.uk/past_grants.asp?section=000100040005.

Stefan Batory Foundation - Civic Institutions Program and The East - East Program (Subprogram for European Integration)

Web site: <http://www.batory.org.pl/english/index.htm>

Geographic coverage: Civic Institution Program: mainly aimed at Polish NGOs and NGOs from Visegrad countries; The East – East Program (Subprogram for European Integration): It is open to Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine. It is also open to applications from throughout the European Union providing such applications address candidate and potential candidate countries and Eastern neighbours.

Eligibility criteria:

Objectives:

- seeks to support initiatives which inform and empower the development and expansion of open society, specifically through collaborative work among civic society organizations in more than one country;
- supports initiatives designed to share ideas, expertise, experiences and knowledge and to promote practical actions that result from information and knowledge networking beyond borders:
- build and/or strengthen resources and expertise;
- share best practices/lessons learned in social transformation;
- collaborate on innovative solutions to common challenges;
- create and/or strengthen international advocacy coalitions.

Priorities: *Civic Institutions Program:* The aim is to strengthen the role of non-governmental organizations in civic dialogue at national and European level, support Polish non-governmental organizations involved in the development of democracy and civil society, promotion of rule of law and international cooperation, and increase the involvement of citizens in public life.

The East – East Program (Subprogram for European Integration): It prioritizes exchanges among EU member states, candidate and potential candidate countries and the EU neighborhood. Specifically, the Subprogram prioritizes knowledge transfer and experience exchanges addressed to: EU accession experiences in Central Europe and public awareness of the opportunities and challenges of European integration.

Amount:

Timeline: Concept papers may be accepted on an on-going basis. The implementation/action plan must be received six weeks from notification of acceptance of the concept paper.

Previous grants: For the grants awarded in 2007 consult the website <http://www.batory.org.pl/english/about/ar2007/index.htm>.

Alcoa Foundation - Conservation and Sustainability Area of Excellence; Global Education and Workplace Skills Area of Excellence

Web site: http://www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/info_page/guidelines.asp

Geographic coverage: International, with priority consideration for programs and organizations in or near communities where Alcoa plants or offices are located. (Europe sites: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom.)

Eligibility criteria: Non-governmental organizations located in Alcoa communities must work with the local Alcoa facility nearest to them. Alcoa Foundation staff also solicits (Non U.S.) nonprofit organizations that have the fit, leadership, expertise, experiences and resources necessary to implement programs/projects that are regionally or multi-communities /organizations in scope. The programs/projects must align with at least one of the Areas of Excellence.

Objectives: *Conservation and Sustainability Area of Excellence:* Educating young leaders, protecting forests, promoting sound public policy research, and understanding the linkages between business and environment. *Global Education and Workshop Skills:* Providing student and adult education in technical areas central to Alcoa to ensure that a diverse cross-section of our communities is economically connected, workplace ready and globally competitive.

Priorities:

Amount: There is not a range for grant amounts.

Timeline:

The Office Depot Foundation - Making a Difference in Children's Lives; Building Communities; Disaster Relief

Web site: <http://www.officedepotfoundation.org/index.asp>

Geographic coverage: International

Eligibility criteria: Only organizations that can provide proof of qualifying non-profit status (including a tax-exempt determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service) or proof of the organization's charitable purpose.

An organization will not be considered for funding more than one time per calendar year.

Objectives:

- Making a Difference in Children's Lives – to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families.
- Building Communities – to support civic organizations and activities that serve the needs of our community.
- Disaster Relief – to support disaster relief efforts of recognized national, regional and local agencies, and to provide disaster relief to Office Depot associates who have experienced catastrophic loss.

Priorities:

Amount: Grant amounts will be a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$10,000 (very limited). The majority of grants issued are in the vicinity of \$1000.

Timeline: Applications are retrieved on a monthly basis and are reviewed by a

committee. It can take up to eight weeks before receiving a response. Proposals related to disaster relief and recovery: considered throughout the year.

The MacArthur Foundation – Program on Global Security and Sustainability (Global Migration and Human Mobility)

Web site:

http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.1494505/k.6946/Grantmaking_Guidelines.htm

Geographic coverage: Worldwide

Eligibility criteria: Nonprofit organizations, including research institutes and universities. Grants are awarded for research and policy studies, dissemination, and related activities. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting projects that reflect diverse national, institutional, professional, and cultural perspectives on global migration.

Objectives:

- 1) to develop improved understanding of global migration through support of policy-relevant empirical research and improved sources of data on migrant flows;
- 2) to encourage better governance of migration at global, regional, and national levels;
- 3) to stimulate new thinking on broader issues of global human mobility.

Priorities:

Amount: In 2009, the grant budget for this program area is \$6.8 million.

Timeline: There are in general no fixed deadlines.

Previous grants: For the list of previously funded projects check the website

<http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.1494541/k.EF0C/Migration.htm>.

The Scaife Foundations (Carthage Foundation and Sarah Scaife Foundation)

Web site: <http://www.scaife.com/carthage.html>, <http://www.scaife.com/sarah.html>

Geographic coverage: There are no geographical restrictions.

Eligibility criteria: NGOs

Objectives: Programs that will address public policy questions concerned with national and international issues

Priorities:

Amount:

Timeline: Grants considered at quarterly meetings; Requests may be submitted at any time.

The Open Society Institute (OSI) and the Soros foundations network – Youth Initiative (Youth Action Fund), Education Support Program (Regional Initiatives, Education Support Program), The Human Rights and Governance Grants Program

Web site: <http://www.soros.org/>

Geographic coverage: Youth Initiative: Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Nepal, Serbia, or Uganda.

Education Support Program: Regional Initiatives Program: This initiative will be implemented in cooperation with Soros foundations, spin-off NGOs, and other local partners. Ministries of education have also expressed interest in participating in this initiative. *Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking:* educators

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program: Europe and Central Asia

Eligibility criteria: Youth Initiative: All applicants must be between the ages of 15-29; youth may partner with a local NGO, but OSI does not accept proposals from NGOs on behalf of youth.

Education Support Program: Regional Initiatives Program: This initiative will be implemented in cooperation with Soros foundations, spin-off NGOs, and other local partners. Ministries of education have also expressed interest in participating in this initiative. *Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking:* educators

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program: National and international advocacy organizations promoting political and civil rights at local, national and regional levels; national and international organizations to advance governmental accountability.

Objectives:

Youth Initiative: It seeks to empower youth to become active citizens who are willing and able to influence public life and promote open society ideals. The purpose of the *Youth Action Fund* in particular is to identify, inspire, and support small groups of dedicated young people who can mobilize and influence large numbers of their peers to promote open society ideals.

Education Support Program: Regional Initiatives Program aims to develop a region-wide advocacy initiative on equity issues in education. *Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking* is a professional-development program for educators that introduces research-based, instructional methods to help students think reflectively, take ownership of their personal learning, understand the logic of arguments, listen attentively, debate confidently, and become independent, life-long learners. The program can be used in upper primary (starting in fourth grade), middle, and secondary schools, as well as in higher education, for all subjects with existing curricula.

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program: It provides support to NGOs operating in the fields of human rights and governance in Europe and Central Asia. It manages grant-making programs in the areas of human rights and government accountability. The program also takes an active role in identifying projects; in assisting supported organizations in their growth and institutionalization; in building networks among these groups; and in developing partnerships with other donors in this field.

Priorities:

Youth Initiative: Strong preference will be given to collaborative projects in which grantees reach out to engage their peers and other groups in civil society. Cross-border activity will be possible, but the primary focus will be on projects that serve a local constituency. Projects which can become self-sustaining or that will continue after the funding has ended are encouraged.

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program: Priority is given to projects that address the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups, and those that have strong monitoring and legal advocacy components.

Amount:

Timeline: Depending on the programme but most of them accept application on an on-going basis.

The Open Society Institute (OSI) and the Soros foundations network – Sustainability of Human Rights and Accountability Watchdog NGOs in the European Union (The Human Rights and Governance Grants Program)

Website: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hrggp/news/sustainability_20090217

Geographic coverage:

Eligibility criteria: Proposals can be submitted by nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations with strong capacity for research and advocacy. Individual NGOs or consortia can apply. Given the complexity of the tasks, proposals from a coalition of organizations will be given priority.

Objectives: The Human Rights and Governance Grants Program (HRGGP) of OSI seeks proposals that aim to improve the long-term sustainability of human rights and accountability watchdog NGOs in the EU through research and advocacy.

Priorities: *Mapping of the funding situation of watchdog NGOs in selected EU countries.* Through a carefully designed methodology, the project shall look into the question of what funds are available to human rights and accountability watchdog NGOs in the new EU member states. The study shall identify funds that are available, as well as gauge their accessibility and focus. Of particular interest are funds available from various EU institutions.

Analysis of opportunities for alternative fundraising through local philanthropy and exploration of possibilities to invigorate a local culture of giving. The project shall assess where things stand in various countries with regard to local philanthropy, the level of development and its limitations. A list of best practice case studies, which could be replicated, shall be compiled. Furthermore, the project shall explore ways in which local philanthropy and alternative fundraising techniques could be developed and advanced.

As the program is active only in the new EU member states, the research should focus on these countries, with the inclusion of select Western European countries as relevant. The list of countries and NGOs selected for interview and research methodology shall be designed in consultation with HRGGP. A special focus should be given to funds available from various EU institutions

Amount: Not specified.

Timeline: Before any proposals are submitted, expressions of interest in the form of 3-5 page concept papers from interested organizations. Deadline for applications: March 10, 2009.

The Sigrid Rausing Trust – Civic and Political Rights Program, Women’s Rights Program, Minority Rights Program, Social and Environmental Justice Program

Web site: <http://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org/>

Geographic coverage: International

Eligibility criteria:

Objectives: The Sigrid Rausing Trust was founded to promote international human rights. The grant programmes are Civil and Political Rights, Women’s Rights, Minority Rights, and Social and Environmental Justice. Each programme has a number of sub-programmes

Amount: Main Grants vary in size between £15,000 and £850,000. Small Grants are grants of up to £15,000. They are awarded throughout the year and are intended for small organisations, who find it difficult to fundraise from international funding agencies. On exceptional base, advancement Grant can be awarded, only to existing grantees, designed to support a major infrastructure step change for an organisation. Under exceptional circumstances, the trust can also provide. Emergency Funds, as a response to a sudden human rights crisis or in order to protect human rights defenders.

Timeline: The trustees make decisions about main grants at their meetings three times a year, usually in February, June and October. The Trust does not accept unsolicited applications. To enquire about an invitation to apply the organisation need to fill out and send a form that is to be found on the website. This one can be send at any time.

The Trust does offer multi-year grants (of up to three years), however only to grantees with which we have an established relationship. Organisations which have not previously received funding from the Trust may only be eligible to apply for a one-year grant.

The Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE Trust) – In-country Programs and Cross Border Initiative

Web site: <http://www.ceetrust.org/>

Geographic coverage: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

Eligibility criteria:

- formal and informal non-profit, non-governmental organizations
- citizens' groups, coalitions, movements, individuals (only for Fellowship opportunities), educational institutions.
- a partner, if there is one, could be an organization that will be directly involved in the implementation of the project, or an unregistered community group, or organizations that support the project or will be involved in some other way in applicants' work (except subcontractors).

Objectives:

- to create a supportive environment for civil society, which includes legal, fiscal and political environments favorable to a strong civic life;
- to strengthen the non-profit sector through capacity building, advocacy, intra sector and cross-sectoral cooperation and partnership;
- to enhance the financial sustainability of non-profit organizations by developing public and private sources of support for nonprofit sector and by supporting the operational and strategic development of nonprofit organizations.

Priorities: The priorities for support are: Accountability of Public Institutions, Civic Engagement and Community Mobilization, Solidarity in Social Life and Supportive environment for civil society.

Types of support:

- In-country Programs: The CEE Trust announces (each year in October) an Open call for proposals, which offers to civil society organizations the opportunity to address the critical issues in a creative and effective way. The Call for proposals could be general or thematic. Unsolicited proposals (out of the regular call) are accepted if they address a critical problem that demands urgent support.
- Cross-Border Initiatives: In the light of the CEE Trust mission, the Cross-Border Initiative supports leading organizations working regionally and strategic regional initiatives of 'domestic' NGOs in CEE. Eligible initiatives shall come from: CEE regional NGO resource and infrastructure organizations; CEE regional advocacy, watchdog and public policy initiatives/networks; CEE regional networking and information exchange initiatives/organizations (context in which CEE civil society functions); CEE regional cross-border grant-makers; CEE regional initiatives linking civil society actors with policy makers and public authorities (local, regional, national and EU levels).

Amount: The maximum grant is set at 25,000 USD but size might be flexible if reasonably justified.

Timeline: There are no specific deadlines for the Cross-Border Initiative applications. For the In-country Programs calls for proposals are announced every October.

The Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE Trust) – General Call for proposals 2008: 1. Accountability of Public Institutions; 2. Civic Engagement and Community Mobilization; 3. Solidarity in Social Life; 4. Supportive environment for civil society

Web site: <http://www.ceetrust.org/what-we-support/open-call.html>

Geographic coverage: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia

Eligibility criteria: Qualified non-profit, non-governmental organizations, expert groups, coalitions, and education institutions (excluding business organizations, governmental institutions or municipalities).

Objectives:

Objectives Call 1: watchdog activities (monitoring of public practices, policies and institutions); contribution to development and implementation of public policies; advocacy; investigative journalism; strategic litigation.

Objectives Call 2: raise public awareness on critical issues; strengthen organizations' and groups' capacity to generate public debate on topics of importance; bring new voices into the public debate; develop civil society actors' public communication skills; encourage critical thinking and real public debate; other.

Objectives Call 3: mutual understanding and acceptance; care of the mainstream society for the poor, the elderly, the excluded; engagement of all parties (disadvantaged groups, NGOs, educational organizations, members of community, public institutions, businesses, media, etc); efficient partnerships to address problems of marginalized groups

Objectives Call 4: supporting innovative sustainability mechanisms for the sector; encouraging consolidation; building partnerships and cross-sectoral cooperation; promoting philanthropy on all levels; advocating for a legal and fiscal environment that enables civil society actors to fulfil their role.

Priorities:

- awareness of the role and responsibilities of the civil society;
- visible efforts to build constituencies and win public support for their cause or mission;
- mechanisms to demonstrate to the public the role, the work and the results of the project;
- mechanisms to secure feedback, maintain the stated objectives and high awareness of the planned impact;
- interest in sharing knowledge and experience (including in the broad context of CE Europe);
- relevance and responsiveness to a country or locality's particular context;
- stimulation of civic dialogue;
- stimulation of civic dialogue;
- concern for sustainable development where 'sustainable' is understood not only as financial survival, but also as being rooted in needs/issues, being able to demonstrate constituency, etc.

Amount:

Timeline:

ERSTE Foundation - Social Affaires Program; Culture Program; Europe Program

Web site: <http://www.erstestiftung.org/general-funding/funding-guidelines>

Geographic coverage: Central and South Eastern European region (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine)

Eligibility criteria: The Foundation primarily works on an operational level and, with partners, actively develops its own projects within the scope of the three programmes Social Affairs, Culture and Europe. Organizations eligible for applications are:

NGOs or non-profit organisations with projects which;

- are likely to provide innovative contributions;
- provide infrastructural benefit;
- strengthen local initiatives;
- visibly extend into people's actual lives;
- develop cross-border issues from local contexts;
- engage in open dialogue about heterogeneity and cultural diversity;
- from a medium-term perspective take on the present and future challenges in the Central and South-Eastern European region on a local, national and transnational level;
- promote sustainable development and contribute to the future viability of Central and South Eastern Europe;
- discuss and identify change processes in societies and their implications on the generations to come;
- reinforce solidarity between generations;
- translate visions of young talents into practical action.

Objectives:

Social Affairs Program: Foundation works to promote the development of an inclusive and participatory society in Europe, in which the people are free and prepared to take on responsibility and use it for the common good.

Culture Program: It aims to research and document mutual relationships and different practices in the life and culture of Central and South Eastern Europe, delving into the different political geographies. ERSTE Foundation intends to promote an understanding for and knowledge about a differently lived past, which can facilitate a shared present and future.

Europe Program: It is designed to support the European unification process in Central and South Eastern Europe and seeks to actively assist existing EU enlargement initiatives. The Foundation wants to work against prejudice and nationalism, to integrate thinking and living across borders, and make these experiences accessible, particularly to the young generation.

Priorities:

Amount:

Timeline:

Previous grants: For the list of previously funded projects check the following link <http://www.erstestiftung.org/general-funding-archive>.

Allianz Cultural Foundation- Building Bridges for the Youth in Europe

Web site: <http://www.allianz-kulturstiftung.de/en/foundation/index.html>

Geographic coverage: Europe

Eligibility criteria:

1. Exceptionally gifted young people from all sectors of art, culture and education;
2. Multinational and intercultural cooperation projects which promote the European integration process.

Objectives: Support of educational and cultural projects, which benefit the European integration process and encourage the development of a European identity.

Priorities: Contemporary cross-genre or cross-media concepts and initiatives with special emphasis on innovative projects in content and method perceiving the new trends in art, culture and education from the moment they emerge (often a workshop character);

Amount:

Timeline: Deadline for project application: Project applications for 2010 have to be received by April 30, 2009.

Fondation de France- L'Europe, en plus large! ("The Enlarged Europe : European Citizenship and Sustainable Development")

Web site: <http://www.fdf.org/Nos-Aides/Vous-etes-un-organisme/Environnement/Developpement-durable/En-Europe>

Geographic coverage: Partnership between at least one French NGO and a similar NGO Bulgaria/Estonia/Hungary/Latvia/Lithuania/Poland/Czech Republic/Romania/Slovakia/Slovenia.

Eligibility criteria: Projects must be submitted by French partners; Non-profit organizations (including associations).

Objectives: The objective is to set up a new momentum in Europe's associative sector by supporting initiatives in sustainable development. The Fondation de France wishes to promote and reinforce joint sustainable initiatives based on mutual respect and preparedness to exchange points of view.

Priorities: In 2009, the foundation will support:

- concrete projects in one –or more– partner countries;
- training, actions to raise public awareness, exchanges on good practice, organization of partnerships or creation of networks;
- actions to communicate, explain the importance of the project and sharing experiences;
- appraisals by external experts to strengthen partnerships and actions taken, and particularly when carried out by consultants from one of the partner countries (excluding France).

Projects must contribute to one of the aims of sustainable development i.e. –conservation of resources, biodiversity and the environment; social cohesion and solidarity across territories and between generations; the fight against climate change; stimulation to growth in line with responsible methods of production and consumption, etc.

Amount: Between EUR 10,000 and 50,000.

Timeline: The deadlines for the applications are 15 April or 15 September 2009.

Robert Bosch Foundation - Operational and cooperative projects in International Relations Western Europe, USA; in International Relations Central and Eastern Europe, CIS, China; in Science and Culture

Web site: <http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/content/language1/html/index.asp>

Geographic coverage: Western, Central and Eastern Europe; USA

Eligibility criteria: Projects must address important social issues.

Objectives: The aim is to fund projects that promote new developments and bring about change. The foundation funds projects that either supplement their existing programs, continue them in an innovative way, or contribute significantly to realizing their objectives in the program area concerned. Together with information and awareness work, training and continuing education are core priorities in their funding initiatives.

Priorities:

International Relations Central and Eastern Europe, CIS, China: This program area supports projects that deal with Germany's relations to countries in Central and Southeastern Europe, CIS and China. The program area covers four focus areas: Language and Culture Promotion, Media Dialog, Politics and Civil Society, and International Exchange. Projects to promote Sino-German relations are currently being developed.

International Relations Western Europe, USA: This programme focuses on German-French relations, German-American relations, German-Turkish relations, German-Japanese, German-Indian relations, promoting Europe, supporting young international elites, and supporting other projects outside these main focus areas.

Science and Culture: This programme develops initiatives to support the successful integration of immigrants, especially children and young people. Fostering civic involvement and developing new civic education strategies is another area of activity. Support of the arts and culture focuses on the Chamisso Prize for German authors with a non-German native language, a film prize for co-productions by young German and Eastern as well as Southeastern European filmmakers and introducing children and youth to culture.

Amount:

Timeline: Interested organizations should first send an inquiry about whether the planned projects is eligible for support.

The King Baudouin Foundation – Democracy in the Balkans (Assisting the Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, Minority Rights in Practice in South Eastern Europe), King Baudouin International Development Prize

Web site: http://www.kbs-frb.be/domain_search.aspx?top=1078&LangType=1033

Geographic coverage: Assisting the Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings: Balkans; Minority Rights in Practice in SEE: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Kosovo and Montenegro; King Baudouin International Development Prize

Eligibility criteria: NGOs; King Baudouin International Development Prize: Organizations or persons.

Objectives: Assisting the Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings: The project provides support for NGOs that assist the trafficking victims in the Balkans, builds their capacities, and reinforces their co-operation with the public bodies in the fight against trafficking. The project also conducts awareness activities at the national and European level in order to extend the rehabilitation possibilities offered to these victims.

Minority Rights in Practice in SEE: It aims to support action plans and initiatives aiming at fostering policy change at local, national and international levels in order to overcome discrimination and advocate for the effective participation of ethnic minorities

King Baudouin International Development Prize: The aim is to acknowledge the work of persons or organisations which have made a substantial contribution to the development of countries in the southern hemisphere or to solidarity between industrialised nations and developing nations.

Priorities: Assisting the Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings: Trafficking Victims Re/integration Programme (TVRP): support to programmes that result in sustainable reintegration of victims, build NGO capacity in this sector, encourage cooperation and synergies with government agencies and contribute to a systematic approach to monitoring and evaluating reintegration services. Funding has been granted on the basis of a two-year action plan to pre-selected NGOs in Southeastern Europe.

Awareness actions with decision-makers in order to raise European standards in the fight against trafficking and to promote an approach centred on human rights and the victims. Funding has been granted to a pan-European coalition aimed at mainstreaming access to justice for victims of trafficking or forced labour and more especially financial compensation for material and non-material damages.

Minority Rights in Practice in SEE: Policy events, bilateral consultations with decision makers and the dissemination of briefing papers and reports.

King Baudouin International Development Prize: Selection of entries focuses on the multiplier effect of the initiatives put forward, and the opportunities they provide for people in the

southern hemisphere to take up the reins of their own development (the list covers diverse fields: literacy to the education of rural communities, technology transfer, new forms of credit, human rights or fair trade).

Amount: *King Baudouin International Development Prize*: EUR 150,000.

The Foundation only helps finance the direct costs of the project.

Timeline: The project must be sufficiently advanced to be able to begin work immediately after selection and approval, but the project must not already have been completed. Project proposals have to be submitted two to three months after the launch of the call.

Previous grants: For the previously awarded projects consult the website <http://www.kbs-frb.be/call.aspx?id=209762&LangType=1033> and <http://www.kbs-frb.be/call.aspx?id=209644&LangType=1033>.

La Fondation AEDES

Web site: <http://www.fondationaedes.org/home/fr/default.asp>

Geographic coverage:

Eligibility criteria:

Objectives: La Fondation se concentre sur la stimulation et l'accompagnement d'initiatives nouvelles, une réflexion et un regard critique sur les pratiques sanitaires et de coopération, l'exploration de modes d'action et la synthèse et la diffusion de ses expériences (publications, colloques, etc.).

Priorities: Priorité à la thématique sanitaire, (sans pour autant exclure le reste du champ social), et se préoccupe particulièrement de:

- Santé et justice sociale : questions éthiques, droits de l'homme, problèmes d'exclusion et d'accès aux services de santé, défense des populations démunies.
- Politiques et actions de santé : conception, stratégies, " gouvernance ", nouveaux outils.

Amount:

Timeline:

Previous grants: For previous and current projects funded by the Fondation consult the website <http://www.fondationaedes.org/project/fr/support/default.asp>.

The Aga Khan Foundation – Education; Rural Development; Civil Society; Cross-cutting issues (Human Resource Development, Community Participation, Gender and Development, Environment)

Web site: <http://www.akdn.org/agency/akf.html>

Geographic coverage: With few exceptions, the Foundation funds programmes in countries where it has offices and local professional staff to monitor implementation (South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East).

Eligibility criteria: There are no formal application procedures.

Before developing full proposals, enquiries should be made to the Foundation office in the country where the proposal originates or where the project would be executed; if there is no local AKF branch or affiliate, enquiries may be addressed to the Foundation office in Geneva.

Objectives: The Foundation is committed to bringing lasting benefits to project participants. It is equally committed to bringing valuable lessons to the attention of policymakers and others whose decisions affect the lives of the poor. The Foundation shares what it learns with the public, raising awareness of important issues facing disadvantaged sectors of the international community.

Priorities: The Foundation focuses on a small number of specific development problems by forming intellectual and financial partnerships with organisations sharing its objectives.

Amount:

Timeline:

Rockefeller Brothers Fund – Western Balkans (Democratic Practice, Sustainable Development)

Web site:

http://www.rbf.org/guidelines/guidelines_show.htm?cat_id=1662&doc_id=495551

Geographic coverage: Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo

Eligibility criteria:

Objectives: To help building tolerant and pluralistic democracy and to promote sustainable development in the region.

Priorities: *Democratic practice:* The goal of this program theme is to improve the Performance, Accountability, and Transparency of Government and to strengthening Constituencies of Citizens Actively Engaged in Building Democracy.

Sustainable Development: To support Efforts to Nurture Economically, Ecologically, and Socially Sustainable Urban and Rural Communities through Processes that Actively Engage Diverse Stakeholders.

Amount: Grants vary in size, typically ranging from \$1,500 to \$300,000.

Timeline: The Letter of Inquiry is the starting point for applying for a grant. Each LOI is carefully reviewed by Fund staff for fit within RBF guidelines and funding priorities. Staff will invite applicants to submit a full proposal when there is a match between the RBF's funding focus and a proposed project. Grants are primarily awarded at the Fund's three annual board meetings (March, June, and November). Grants under \$50,000 may be awarded throughout the year depending on budget capacity.

The length of a project is from six months to three years.

Awarded grants: For the list of previously awarded grants check the website

<http://www.rbf.org/grantsdatabase/>.

European Programme for Integration and Migration

Web site: <http://www.epim.info>

Geographic coverage: Members of the EU

Eligibility criteria: NGOs

Objectives: The programme aims to strengthen the role played by NGOs active on migration and integration issues in advocating for a European agenda that benefits migrants and host communities. It seeks to improve the lives of regular and undocumented migrants. Funded organisations and projects strive to impact on constructive migration and integration policies nationally and locally, and inform policy at the European level and strive:

- to open up debate and encourage broader commitment to the development of constructive integration policies at the EU level and to promote effective linkages between these policies and those of Member States at both the national, regional and local levels; and
- to engage the widest possible range of stakeholders in society in this process with a view also to embedding constructive integration policies and practices in other social and economic programmes

Priorities: The grants for the second phase of EPIM (2008-2011) are:

- The access to fundamental rights, services and justice for undocumented migrants;
- The involvement of the migrant's voice in developing and implementing policy;

- The role of media and of the host community in encouraging and supporting integration.

Amount:

Timeline: The duration of the projects is between 18 months and 3 years.

Awarded grants: Consult the website <http://www.epim.info/grants.php>.

National Endowment for Democracy - Discretionary Grants

Web site: <http://www.ned.org/grants/discretionaryGrants.html>

Geographic coverage: Central and Eastern Europe (non EU countries), Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Middle East and Northern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Eligibility criteria: indigenous democratic groups

Objectives: The aim is to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. The Endowment is guided by the belief that freedom is a universal human aspiration that can be realized through the development of democratic institutions, procedures, and values.

Priorities:

Amount:

Timeline: In 2009, the Board of Directors will meet on the following dates: January 16, 2009, April 3, 2009, June 19, 2009 and September 11, 2009.

Awarded grants: For the list of the grants in 2007 consult the website <http://www.ned.org/grants/07programs/grants-cee07.html>.

Anna Lindh Foundation – Call for short term projects and Long term programmes

Web site: <http://www.euromedalex.org/grants/call>

Geographic coverage: Be a member of one of the 43 ALF National Networks (for the list of eligible countries check <http://www.euromedalex.org/networks>; organizations based in Albania, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mauritania, Monaco and Montenegro will be able to apply or to be partner in an application).

Eligibility criteria:

- Be a legal person such as non-governmental organizations, educational, cultural, academic or research institutions, media, foundations or local authorities, private entities;
- Be a member of one of the 43 ALF National Networks (for the list of eligible countries check <http://www.euromedalex.org/networks>; organizations based in Albania, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mauritania, Monaco and Montenegro will be able to apply or to be partner in an application to this Call, even if Anna Lindh Foundation's Networks have not been established yet in those countries)

Objectives:

Short-term projects: The aim of the call is to bring people together and promote respect for diversity, and better understanding and mutual recognition through inter-cultural dialogue. The overall objectives of the call are:

- Improving Perceptions: Improvement of mutual perceptions between cultures and communities of the region through intellectual forums, educational programmes, news and information, cultural productions, religious circles, civic initiatives, etc.
- Enhancing Mobility: Promotion of mobility of cultural operators and artists, and civil society actors and youngsters.

- Rewarding Coexistence: Development of actions which constitute models for building coexistence in difficult contexts, where diverse cultural, ethnical or religious communities face each other.

Long-term programmes: The aim the call is to encourage the development of long-term regional partnerships, that can eventually consolidate and multiply after the completion of the granted programme of actions.

The overall objective of the applications is dealing with major common challenges related to the six strategic fields identified by the Foundation, which go much beyond national and ideological boundaries. These common challenges must address Euro-Mediterranean concerns of social, economic and environmental nature through cultural actions and inter-cultural dialogue.

Priorities:

Short-term projects:

- Filling the *gap* which exists among European and the Southern Mediterranean countries in terms of mutual knowledge,
- Multiplying cooperation and meeting opportunities between European and the Southern Mediterranean countries,
- Restoring trust, facilitating reconciliation processes and supporting efforts of coexistence in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Long-term programmes:

- Establishing long-term platforms and actions where European and Southern Mediterranean social and cultural groups work together,
- Addressing issues of common interest in the Euro-Mediterranean Region, generating effective positive impact at the institutional and grass-root levels,
- Developing integrated approaches putting in relation issues of different nature and associating different stakeholders using inter-cultural methodologies,
- Combining operational components with analysis and/or research.

Amount: Short-term projects: The minimum is EUR 10.000, maximum EUR 20.000. Long-term projects: The minimum is EUR 50.000, maximum EUR 100.000.

Timeline: Short-term projects: A project must start no later than 2 months after the signature of the grant contract with a maximum duration of 12 months. Long-term programmes: A programme must start no later than 2 months after the signature of the grant contract and cannot go beyond the 31st of August 2011.

The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges

Web site: <http://www.minor-foundation.no/>

Geographic coverage: Worldwide

Eligibility criteria:

Objectives: The foundation gives support to information projects that aim to limit human-created climate changes. Any project whose objective is to influence public opinion and change attitudes to these problems is eligible for support.

Priorities: The foundation seeks innovative, experimental, untested measures and will give priority to the media and tools that have the greatest impact at any time. Choosing between several small and fewer larger projects, the preference will be given to the larger projects.

Amount:

Timeline:

Previous grants: For the list of previous grants consult the web site <http://www.minor-foundation.no/toppmeny/projects/>.

The Virtual Foundation

Web site: <http://www.virtualfoundation.org/whatis/>

Geographic coverage: Consortium Members of the Foundation (Argentina, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Georgia, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Nepal, Nicaragua, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sao Tome e Principe, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).

Eligibility criteria:

Objectives: The Foundation supports grassroots initiatives around the world. It aims to encourage private philanthropy among citizens from all walks of life, and to support local projects initiated by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in their own communities. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote international philanthropy focused upon small scale projects.

Priorities: Projects submitted should be in one of the following areas:

- Environment
- Human Health
- Community Building and Sustainable Economic Activity
- Increasing the Capacity of Grassroots Organizations.

Amount: Between USD 500 – 1500; proposals in the USD 2000-5000 range must be unusually strong, extremely well written, and documented with highly appealing visuals.

Timeline:

Previous grants: For the previously awarded grants check <http://www.virtualfoundation.org/projects/>.

European Cultural Foundation – Artistic Projects Grant

Web site: <http://www.eurocult.org/we-support-cultural-cooperation/grants/>

Geographic coverage: Members of the EU

Eligibility criteria: Cultural organisations and individuals

Objectives: Supports outstanding artistic projects which show vision in illuminating the issues of diversity in Europe. Artistic uniqueness and European relevance of projects are vital.

Priorities: Old cultural differences and new realities present their own challenges, to artists, to cultural workers, and to people everywhere. The grants policy is actively oriented towards these challenges and it therefore targets project proposals related to the experiences of diversity. Artistic grants aim to encourage inspiring individuals and organisations that can help to build bridges within our complex world. The grants aim to enlarge sympathies by increasing understanding; reduce exclusion and conflict by bringing people together; and, ultimately, help shape a more cohesive and creative community.

Amount: The grant ranges between EUR 30.000 to EUR 60.000.

Timeline: The project must be completed 18 months after the contract has been signed. The next deadline is 31st July 2009.