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## EUROPEAN YEAR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL 2007

Funding is now available from the European Commission for projects that provide information and promote the 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All.

The European Year of Equal Opportunities for All in 2007 has three key aims:

1. Making European Union citizens aware of their right to non-discrimination and equal treatment
2. Promoting equal opportunities for all — access to employment, education, the workplace or the healthcare sector
3. Promoting the benefits of diversity for the European Union.

The activities undertaken and funded during the year will focus on the discrimination some individuals suffer owing to their race or ethnic origin, religion or beliefs, age, gender, sexual orientation or disability, all of which are grounds for discrimination that may be tackled at European level.

Funding will be given to meetings and events, information and awareness campaigns and research projects at EU and national level. Schemes also need to make people in the EU more aware of their rights to enjoy equal treatment and live a life free of discrimination.

Projects will need to complete the following tasks:

- develop, manage and execute the year's information and promotional campaign;
- offer support and expertise to the national implementing bodies in each participating country;
- distribute information and raise awareness of the activities taking place.

The name of the UK national body with a role in promoting activities is likely to be announced soon. The year has its own website, where some funding programmes will be announced along with background information about the year and details of activities. It's at [http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/equality2007/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/equality2007/index_en.htm).

The activities during the year will be based on four key themes:

- Rights — raising awareness of the right to equality and non-discrimination and of the problem of multiple discrimination
- Representation — stimulating debate on ways to increase the participation of groups in society which are victims of discrimination and to create a balanced participation of men and women
- Recognition — facilitating and celebrating diversity and equality
- Respect — promoting a more cohesive society.

Applications must be submitted by organisations or people based in one of the 25 EU Member States, though partners in non-EU countries are permitted. The total budget available is €5.1 million and projects will receive up to 20% of total project costs not exceeding €3.1 million.

**The closing date for applications is 8 September 2006.**

For specific information on the tendering process please visit: [http://www.ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders\\_en.cfm?id=705](http://www.ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=705)

European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Unit G/4, J37 2/23, B-1049 Brussels. Email: [empl-antidiscrimination@ec.europa.eu](mailto:empl-antidiscrimination@ec.europa.eu).

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## PREPARATORY ACTION IN FAVOUR OF VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ACTS

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The Commission has issued a call for proposals for grants to assist in the support of victims of terrorism. This follows the formal adoption by the Commission on 7 July 2006 of a preparatory action on the topic.

In the Hague Programme of December 2004, the European Council underlined the need to ensure appropriate protection and aid for the victims of terrorism. In 2004 and 2005, a pilot project has supported projects intended to help the victims of terrorist acts and promote solidarity among European citizens. In 2006, a preparatory action has been adopted in order to finance new projects.

This call for proposals aims at providing financial support to actions which contribute to the realisation of the general objectives of this preparatory action.

### General objectives

The two general objectives of this preparatory action are the following:

- a. the financing of projects to help the victims of terrorist acts and/or family members to recover from the consequences of what they experienced, by means of social or psychological support provided by organisations and/or their networks. Part of the appropriations is intended in particular for improved legal support and advice to victims and their families;
- b. the financing of projects to mobilise the public against terrorism in all its forms.

### Specific objectives and actions eligible

The preparatory action provides financial support for actions in the following fields:

**Section A** covers aid for the victims of terrorism through:

- pooling resources with a view to improving, preferably at European level, assistance and legal advice (including access to compensation), material assistance and psychological support to victims and their families.
- Strengthening co-operation, training, exchanges of information and dissemination of best practice between practitioners of victim support and victim support organisations in the EU (including the setting up of European networks).

**Section B** covers mobilising the public against terrorism through:

- Developing networks or organisations to represent victims at European level.
- Public events, seminars or conferences with a European dimension to develop a spirit of solidarity with regard to victims (including commemorations of 11 March, European Day for the Victims of Terrorism).

### Budget available and financial provisions

The EU budget appropriations allocated to the financing of projects for 2006 amount to a total of €1.8 million. The amount of EU funding per selected project will not exceed 80% of the total eligible costs of the project (pre-financing of 50% can be obtained). The award of a grant may not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit for the beneficiary.

### Eligible applicants

Projects may be submitted by any legal persons, either companies, private or public or semi-public, to non-governmental organisations, national, regional and local authorities registered in one of the 25 EU Member States, as well as international organisations working on a strictly non-profit basis, with proven experience and expertise in the fields to be covered.

Participants from acceding and candidate countries and non-EU countries may be involved if a project justifies it; however, they are not permitted to submit projects.

For more information please visit [http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/victims\\_terrorism/funding\\_victims\\_terrorism\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/victims_terrorism/funding_victims_terrorism_en.htm)

European Commission, Directorate-general Justice, Freedom, Security, Directorate D - Unit D4, Preparatory action for victims of terrorist acts - Call for proposals, Office LX-462/106, B-1049 Brussels.

Email: [JLS-CFP2006-VICT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JLS-CFP2006-VICT@ec.europa.eu)

**The closing date is 5 September 2006.**

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## EUROPEAN YEAR OF INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE 2008

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2008 may become the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue after MEPs and the Council of Ministers backed the idea. MEPs are pushing for dialogue between religions to be the main topic. One purpose of the year will be to ensure that intercultural dialogue is taken into account in all EU programmes, especially those in culture, education, sports and citizenship.

It is likely that €10 million will be available, with 30% of that spent at national level. Great emphasis will be given to the way in which applicants seek to integrate intercultural dialogue ideas into bids for projects to post-2007 programmes such as Culture, Media, Citizens for Europe, the integrated Lifelong Learning programme and Youth in Action.

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## **50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME: THE EU LAUNCHES A COMPETITION FOR A BIRTHDAY LOGO**

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On 25 March 2007 the European Union will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome – the origin of the European integration process. This is the reason for a logo competition launched jointly by the Commission, the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

Art and design students and design professionals who have graduated in 2006 are invited to design a birthday logo that will be the official symbol for the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome next year.

The Commission and all other European Institutions will use the winning logo for all events during 2007 related to the 50th anniversary. The Member States, regional and local authorities will be invited to use the logo for their particular events.

The selection of the winning logo will be made by a jury consisting of representatives from the five institutions and co-chaired by Commission Vice-President Margot Wallström and Vice-President of the European Parliament Alejo Vidal-Quadras.

The award for the best logo is €6,000. There will also be awards for the second and third best logos, €4,000 and €2,000 respectively. The three awarded designers will be invited to a prize ceremony in Brussels in the autumn.

Students of art, graphic design, communication design, visual communication, media design or related disciplines from the 25 Member States and Bulgaria and Romania are all invited to participate. So are design professionals who have graduated from university or college in 2006. They are invited to create a logo and also, if they so wish, a slogan about European integration.

The logo must refer to the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome and reflect the EU's achievements

– such as peace and prosperity – and its future ie what kind of EU they want for future generations.

### **The closing date for the competition is 30 September 2006.**

The detailed criteria for applying for funding under this call, ie the grant application guide 2006 and the grant application AT and F forms 2006, are available for download at: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/cp14\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/cp14_en.htm)

For more information please visit: [www.logo-competition.eu](http://www.logo-competition.eu).

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## **EUROPEAN UNION PRIZE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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The European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards are granted annually by the European Union and Europa Nostra in order to recognise, celebrate and promote best practices in the conservation of tangible cultural heritage throughout Europe.

The protection and enhancement of European cultural heritage in all its forms – architectural heritage, cultural landscapes, works of art and archaeological sites, and their related tangible and intangible aspects – are among the priorities of the European Union's Culture 2000 Programme.

The European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage was launched in 2002 by the European Commission as part of the implementation of its Culture 2000 Programme.

Europa Nostra was selected as the organisation responsible for the running of this scheme on the basis of its long experience in publicly recognising excellence in the field of heritage.

The aims of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards scheme are to promote high standards of conservation practice, to stimulate the exchange of knowledge and experience throughout Europe and to encourage further efforts through the power of example.

It will achieve this by giving public recognition to outstanding initiatives and best practices either by individuals or organisations, which contribute to the protection and enhancement of cultural heritage in Europe.

Outstanding heritage achievements will be rewarded with six prizes of €10,000 each, in addition to medals and diplomas in the following categories:

## European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage

### 1. Conservation of:

- A) Architectural heritage
- B) Cultural landscapes
- C) Collections of works of art
- D) Archaeological sites.

### 2. Studies in the field of cultural heritage.

### 3. Dedicated service to heritage conservation by individuals or groups.

Criteria for the assessment of entries include excellence in the work executed and preliminary research conducted, as well as respect for artistic, cultural and social value, setting, authenticity and integrity. Special attention will also be paid to sustainability, interpretation and presentation, educational work, funding and management and social responsibility.

Entries can be on a scale ranging from small to large, local to international, and should display a standard of work which would be considered outstanding in a European context.

Buildings and sites must be accessible to the public. Projects and studies must have been completed within the last three years (September 2003-September 2006). The completeness and the presentation of the dossier will be taken into account.

Entry forms can be downloaded from: [www.europanostr.org](http://www.europanostr.org) or by contacting

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**Closing date for applications:  
15 September 2006 (Categories 1 and 3)  
1 September 2006 (Category 2).**

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## NEW EU INFORMATION SOURCE

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A one minute guide to the EU has been launched by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at [www.europe.gov.uk](http://www.europe.gov.uk).

The initiative came as a new survey revealed that 85% of UK citizens say they know little or nothing about

the EU, its policies and its institutions. Only 2% say they know a great deal.

According to the survey, nearly 70% of the British public would like more information on what the EU does for the individual and two-thirds think that the government, locally and nationally, is responsible for providing this information.

The one minute guide online complements a new printed publication, *Guide to the European Union*. This is being sent to public libraries and other information points around the UK. It will also be available online at [www.europe.gov.uk](http://www.europe.gov.uk). Copies can be requested from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office by letter, phone or online.

Full details of the Eurobarometer survey can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/united-kingdom/>

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## ONLINE INFORMATION:

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For all the events affecting the voluntary and community sector within Northern Ireland visit: [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org) and [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org)



Grant Tracker has been designed by NICVA as a one-stop funding resource for voluntary and community groups in Northern Ireland. It functions as a searchable website and is supported by the staff from NICVA's Funding Advice Service. Visit: [www.grant-tracker.org](http://www.grant-tracker.org)



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### **European Information Network**

This site provides a definitive list of EU information providers in Northern Ireland, as well as giving links to a whole host of related European, regional and national websites. Visit: <http://www.europe.gov.uk>

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