

# EUROFLASH



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## Promotion of Active European Citizenship

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

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

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

### Thematic areas:

#### a) Non-governmental organisations

- building on the impact of EU policies on the daily lives of citizens, with the aim of raising awareness and improving the understanding and application of these policies in the European Union;
- promoting the active participation of citizens of those Member States that have recently joined the Union;
- encouraging the implementation of European projects favouring specifically pluralism, tolerance, respect for diversity, non-discrimination and solidarity, especially towards disadvantaged groups (such as the disabled, the elderly, young people in difficulty), in the context of European integration;
- encouraging European projects in favour of solidarity and dialogue between the generations, with the active involvement of young people.

#### b) Associations and Federation of European interest:

- promoting dialogue and reflection between European citizens concerning the ethical and spiritual values of European integration;
- developing links between ethics and politics in order to foster the active and direct participation of citizens in civil society;
- exploring the possibility of developing a European identity which respects and is based on historical and cultural diversity and is oriented towards a common future, with particular attention to the active participation of the citizens of those Member States that have recently joined the Union;
- involving various ethnic and/or religious groups in Europe in the promotion of mutual understanding, respect and tolerance between these groups, with the direct and active involvement of citizens at local and regional level;
- promoting the active participation of citizens of those Member States that have recently joined the Union.

**The deadline for submission of proposals is 30 November 2005.**

For further details please visit:

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

## Special Events to mark 60th anniversary of the liberation from fascism.

By stressing that peace, freedom and democracy cannot be taken for granted, projects under this call for proposals will have to encourage European citizens to engage in building a democratic Europe further, so that it can become a continent free from violence, racism and discrimination.

All projects shall therefore:

- involve citizens actively in reflection on European values and achievements and in the building of the European Union;
- involve citizens, especially young people, directly;
- encourage trans-national partnerships and exchanges.

### Thematic areas

This call for proposals supports initiatives participating in a European Union democracy campaign, on specific areas relating to the general and specific objectives of the call.

In this context the call for proposals is divided into two thematic areas.

#### a) Remembrance

Projects submitted within this category must seek to promote exchanges of opinion and experience from different national, regional, religious, ethnic or generational perspectives on World War II in Europe.

The specific intention is to raise awareness, especially among young people, of the causes and consequences of World War II, for example by sharing the memories with those who lived through the disasters of World War II. Those projects should promote mutual understanding, respect and tolerance in Europe.

#### b) Democracy

Projects submitted within this area must seek to address at least one of the following items:

- raise awareness on European values (such as peace, freedom, security, democracy) and objectives (such as pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality), as building blocks of European identity and of the European integration process, with special attention to their developments since the end of the World War II.
- encourage reflection, debates or action on the dangers to democracy (such as discrimination, intolerance and disengagement), or on the consolidation and future of the European Union and its democratic values, in particular by exploring new ways for involving European citizens directly.

### Eligible organisations

To be eligible for a grant, a body must satisfy the following requirements:

- be a public or a private body on local or regional level, with a legal status and legal personality (Consequently, natural persons — i.e. individuals — may not submit applications); or
- **be a non-profit-making and independent body working in the fields related to the objectives of this call.**
- have the appropriate qualifications and requisite financial and operational resources to complete the project.

**Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than 15 November 2005.**

For further details please visit:

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

## Promotion of Town Twinning

Town-twinning can make an important contribution towards the development of European citizenship. To this end the European Commission awards grants to **Twinning events which include educational programmes** on topical European issues. Priority is given to events involving towns and municipalities in the candidate countries, to new twinning arrangements, to projects involving small municipalities or municipalities in geographically disadvantaged areas, to multilateral events and to projects involving young people or disadvantaged groups.

The EC is encouraging the creation of twinning links in regions where this type of activity is not yet widespread. The EC hopes that its involvement will give a significant boost to twinning activities, offering citizens a real opportunity to get involved in European integration.

This call for proposals is designed to promote events and actions which contribute towards bringing the peoples of Europe closer together and reinforcing European awareness.

**Format 1: Thematic conferences in the framework of town-twinning** aimed at raising awareness of European policies. Conferences must involve participants from municipalities from at least two eligible countries from which at least one is an EU Member State.

**Format 2: Training seminars on town twinning** targeted at the people responsible for town twinning to enable them to acquire the knowledge and skills needed for organising twinning projects with a high quality European content.

**Format 3: Information campaigns to promote town twinning - new element** in the programme, launched to enable suitable organisations such as regional, national or European associations of local authorities to carry out new innovative actions supporting the development of town twinning.

Information campaigns must be targeted to municipalities and aimed at promoting the town twinning idea in Europe through disseminating information regarding the Town Twinning programme and emphasising the importance of the town twinning movement in Europe. Information campaigns must cover at least two eligible countries including at least one EU Member State.

### Public meetings

The Commission is also offering between €82,000 and €820,000 for local authorities or twinning associations which host meetings that raise awareness of the EU, reinforce a sense of belonging to Europe, allow people to discuss the future of the EU or strengthen new or existing twinning links.

Projects must start between 15 March and 31 December 2006 and there are four individual deadlines for applications, depending on the exact start date. The deadlines are:

**15 November 2005** for projects starting between 15 March and 31 May 2006;

**1 February 2006** for projects starting between 1 June and 31 July 2006;

**3 April 2006** for projects starting between 1 August and 30 September 2006;

**1 June 2006** for projects starting between 1 October and 31 December 2006.

Grant applications must be submitted on a Form A which is available from:

The Town-twinning Sector  
European Commission  
Directorate-General for Education and Culture  
VM-2 4/35  
B-1049 Brussels.  
00 32 2 295 2685  
[towntwinning@cec.eu.int](mailto:towntwinning@cec.eu.int)

The overall budget is €7.5 million, and grants will total between €2000 and €20,000 depending upon the participants involved. Activities must run sometime between 15 March and 11 December 2006, and meetings cannot last more than 21 days.

The application process is staggered according to the date of the meeting. Details are available at [http://europa.eu.int/comm/towntwinning/call/call\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/towntwinning/call/call_en.html)

## Funding for Internet projects

Funding is now available for projects making use of the Internet. The European Commission has issued the first call for proposals under the new eContentplus programme, which aims to improve the creation and reuse of high quality digital content in Europe, and the Safer Internet Plus scheme, which aims to ensure that all parents and teachers are equipped with high quality Internet safety tools.

Projects eligible for funding under the eContentplus programme include those in the following areas:

- geographic information;
- educational content;
- cultural and scientific/scholarly content;
- public sector information, including that provided by local authorities; and
- reinforcing cooperation between digital content stakeholders.

The total budget available is €26.6 million and the call is open to legal entities in the 25 EU Member States plus Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey. Proposals can be submitted online or by post.

**The deadline for submissions is 24 November.**

The text of the call for proposals, along with the key documents, is available online at:

[http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/activities/econtentplus/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/econtentplus/index_en.htm)

## Safer Internet Usage

Projects eligible for funding under the Safer Internet Plus scheme include those in the following areas:

- fighting illegal spam, including hotlines for reporting illegal content;
- tackling unwanted and harmful content;
- promoting a safer environment; and
- awareness raising.

The total budget available is €9.3 million and the call is open to legal entities in the 25 EU Member States plus Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey. Proposals can be submitted online or by post. **The deadline for submissions is 24 November.**

The text of the call for proposals, along with the key documents, is available online at

[http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/activities/sip/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/sip/index_en.htm)

## Funding for Europe wide Youth Organisations

Grants of up to €35,000 are available for organisations working in the field of youth at European level. The funding is given to bodies whose activities encourage the active participation of young people in public life and society and help develop and implement youth cooperation across the EU. The EC will provide grants of up to 50% of a successful organisation's operating costs.

The programme supports permanent activities of bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of youth or an objective forming part of the European Union's policy in this area. In particular, these activities must contribute, or be capable of contributing, to the active participation of young citizens in public life and in society and to the development and implementation of community cooperation actions in the field of youth in the broad sense.

The types of project covered include:

- Representation of the views and interests of young people in all their diversity at community level;
- Youth exchanges and voluntary service;
- Informal and non-formal learning and work programmes;
- Promoting intercultural learning and understanding;
- Debate on European matters and EU policies or youth policies;
- Dissemination of information on community action;
- Actions promoting participation and initiative by young citizens

Organisations must be non-governmental, non-profit making and in operation for more than a year. They should be established in either an EU, European Free Trade Area or candidate country and have active members in at least eight of these countries.

**The closing date for applications is 1 December 2005.**

Further information and application forms are available online at:

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

## Craigavon LSP – Measure 3.1 – Call for Applications

Craigavon LSP is responsible for delivering elements of Priority 3 of the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (Peace II) and has the specific role of administering Measure 3.1 - Local Economic Initiatives for Developing Local Communities. It is now seeking applications (or tender

submissions, where indicated) from appropriate groups or organisations to apply to the following:

- Support for Local Community Economic Infrastructure Initiatives
- Support for the Delivery of a Capacity Building and Social Economy Growth Programme (tender submission required)

Support for the Promotion of Sustainable Development with a particular focus on projects sustaining social and community infrastructure in rural

## Online Information



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



## European Information Network

This site provides a definitive list of EU information providers in Northern Ireland, as well as providing links to a whole host of related European, regional and national websites. Visit:

<http://www.europe.org.uk>

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