
European Commission
ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS
Thematic Programme "Non state actors and local authorities in development"
Calls for proposals managed centrally by Commission HQ

1. Basic act and Financing source

Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation, Article 14.

The programme will be financed from budget lines 21.03.01 (NSA) and 21.03.02 (LA) of the 2008 budget of the European Union.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2008 and expected results

The objectives of the programme, priorities for 2008 and expected results can be found in the Annual Action Programme (AAP) 2008, and in particular in its action fiches, published at:

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

Five Calls for proposals will be centrally launched under the 2008 Annual Action Programme:

- "Actions in partner countries – In country interventions" (covering the following countries: Azerbaijan, China, East Timor, Liberia, Iran, North Korea, and Swaziland) (*) – With the exception of Azerbaijan, where a small envelope is also foreseen for LA, only NSA are eligible as applicants)
- “Actions in partner countries - Multi country interventions - NSA” - (only NSA are eligible as applicants)
- “Actions in partner countries - Multi country interventions - LA” (only LA are eligible as applicants)
- “Public awareness and development education - Actions in Europe” – NSA and LA (both NSA and LA are eligible as applicants)
- “Coordination, cooperation and networking activities - Actions in Europe” – NSA and LA (both NSA and LA are eligible as applicants)

3. Eligibility conditions

For more details on the eligible countries and actors please consult the above mentioned Annual Action Programme 2008.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation of the actions proposed under the above mentioned calls for proposals will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions.

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/practical_guide/documents/new_prag_final_en.pdf

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

The maximum indicative European Community co-financing rate varies between 75 % and 90 % of the total eligible cost of the action.

For more details please consult the above mentioned Annual Action Programme 2008.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

Publication of the five calls for proposals is scheduled for November/ December 2008.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

- € 9.750.000 – "Actions in partner countries – In country interventions"
- €31.315.000 – "Actions in partner countries - Multi country interventions - NSA"
- €12.866.000 – "Actions in partner countries - Multi country interventions - LA"
- € 25.000.000 for NSA - 4.000.000 for LA - "Public awareness and development education - Actions in Europe – NSA & LA"
- € 2.200.000 for NSA – 600.000 for LA - "Coordination, cooperation and networking activities - Actions in Europe – NSA & LA"

Total €85.731.000

Additional funds may be allocated to these calls should funds become available out of 2008 AAP implementation.

Furthermore, and subject to the decision of the Budgetary Authority and subsequent Commission Decision, similar additional indicative amounts will be allocated to the above calls for proposals from the 2009 budget. In this case, if enough good proposals are selected under these calls for proposals to cover both 2008 and 2009 budgets, no call for proposals will in principle be published for the 2009 AAP, and therefore the next calls for proposals for these same activities would be published in 2010.

(*) Calls relating to "in country actions" taking place in the other partner countries listed in the AAP 2008 will be launched by EC Delegations end of 2008, early 2009.