

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DG EAC 39/04**Culture 2000: Call for Proposals 2005**

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1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The Culture 2000 programme contributes to the promotion of a cultural area common to the European peoples. Each year the Community supports annual and multiannual cultural events and projects carried out in partnership or in the forms of networks. The annual projects must involve cultural operators from at least three States and respectively the multiannual projects must involve cultural operators from at least five States participating in the Culture 2000 programme.

Under Action 1 (annual projects) Culture 2000 programme provides support in the field of music and performing arts, cultural heritage, plastic and visual arts, literature and books and translation.

Under Action 2 (multiannual projects) Culture 2000 programme provides support in the field of music and performing arts, cultural heritage, plastic and visual arts and literature and books.

2. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Eligible candidates are public and private organisations with legal status, whose main activity lies in the cultural sphere.

These organisations have to be based in one of the following countries participating in the programme:

- the 25 Member states of the European Union as of 1 May 2004,
- the three EEA/EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway),
- the candidate countries for whom the necessary arrangements for participation are in place.

3. BUDGET AND LENGTH OF PROJECTS

The total budget for projects supported under this call for proposals is approximately EUR 28 million (Action 1 and Action 2).

The Funding requested for annual projects must range from EUR 50 000 to EUR 150 000 and may not exceed 50 % of the project's total eligible budget.

For translation projects, Community funding will cover translator(s)' fees for all books within the application (minimum four, maximum 10 eligible books) provided these do not exceed a total of EUR 50 000 or 60 % of the total operation costs.

Funding requested for multiannual projects must be above EUR 50 000 but not more than EUR 300 000 per year and may not exceed 60 % of the total eligible budget.

The projects have to start before 15 November 2005.

The duration of annual projects is not expected to be more than 12 months. The duration of multiannual projects must be 24 months minimum and is not expected to be more than 36 months.

In exceptional circumstances and provided it is duly justified by the beneficiary, selected projects will have the possibility to extend the project duration by a maximum of six months through an amendment procedure.

4. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The deadlines for submission of applications for Community funding are:

- 15 October 2004 for annual and translation projects
- 29 October 2004 for multi-annual projects.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The specifications and the application forms are available on the Commission's internet site:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/culture/eac/index_en.html

Applications for funding must respect the conditions set out in the specifications and must be submitted on the forms provided with the specifications.