

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DG EAC No 39/05****Culture 2000: Call for Proposals 2006**

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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 multi-annual 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 multi-annual 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 (multi-annual 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 APPLICANTS**

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

Applications may be submitted by organisations established in one of the following countries:

- the 25 countries of the European Union;
- the three EEA/EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway);
- the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate country Turkey.

However, it should be noted that Turkey's participation in the programme is subject to an agreement to be concluded between the Turkish government and the European Commission. Turkish organisations will be eligible as project leaders or co-organisers provided that such an agreement enters into force by the end of the selection process.

**3. BUDGET AND PROJECT DURATION**

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 the translator(s)' fees for all books within the application (minimum 4, 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 multi-annual 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 2006.

The duration of annual projects must not be more than 12 months.

The duration of multi-annual projects must be a minimum of 24 months and must not 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 6 months through an amendment procedure.

**4. DEADLINE**

Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than:

17 October 2005 for annual and translation projects 28 October 2005 for multi-annual projects.

**5. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/culture/eac/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/culture/eac/index_en.html)

Applications must comply with the requirements set out in the specifications and be submitted using the forms provided.