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(Notices)

COMMISSION

**Culture (2007-2013) — Conditional call for proposals — EACEA No 06/ 2006
'Support for bodies active at European level in the field of culture'**

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PRECAUTIONARY CLAUSE

The Commission's proposal relating to the Culture programme has not yet been formally adopted by the European legislature. Nevertheless, to enable prompt implementation of this programme after the adoption of its legal basis by the European legislature, which should take place soon, and to enable potential beneficiaries of Community grants to prepare their proposals as soon as possible, the Commission has decided to publish this call for proposals.

This call for proposals does not legally bind the Commission. It may be cancelled and calls for proposals with different specifications may be issued, with appropriate reply periods, if there is a substantial change in the legal basis by the European legislature.

More generally, the implementation of the calls for proposals in 2007 is subject to the following conditions, the meeting of which is not dependent on the Commission:

- the adoption by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union of the final text of the legal basis establishing the Programme without any substantial modifications;
- the adoption of the annual work programme relating to the Culture programme and of the general implementation guidelines and the selection criteria and procedures, after referral to the programme committee; and
- the adoption of the 2007 budget for the European Union by the budgetary authority.

1. LEGAL BASIS

This call for proposals is based on the decision of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ establishing a single multi-annual programme for Community measures in the field of culture for the period between 2007 and 2013 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Programme').

The Programme is based on Article 151 of the Treaty establishing the European Community which states that the Community shall contribute to the flowering of the cultures of the Member States, while respecting their national and regional diversity and at the same time bringing the common cultural heritage to the fore.

2. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The Programme shall help to enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans through the development of cultural cooperation between the participating Member States with a view to encouraging the emergence of European citizenship through transnational mobility of persons working in the cultural sector, transnational circulation of artistic and cultural works and products, and an intercultural dialogue.

⁽¹⁾ See Precautionary Clause

3. PURPOSE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

In order to meet the objectives of the Programme, this call for proposals aims to award operating grants to co-finance expenditure associated with the permanent work programme of bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of culture or an objective forming part of the European Union's policy in this area.

4. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The total budget granted for this call for proposals should be EUR 4,8 million.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Bodies must have a real European dimension. In this respect, they must carry out their activities at a European level, on their own or in the form of various coordinated associations, and their structure (registered members) and their activities must have an influence throughout the European Union or cover at least seven countries participating in the Programme.

Eligible applicants must be non-profit-making bodies with legal status which have been in existence for at least two years, pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of culture or an objective forming part of the European Union's policy in this area. These bodies must have their registered offices in one of the countries taking part in the Programme ⁽¹⁾.

6. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

22 December 2006.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The specifications which complete this call for proposals are available on the Internet sites of the European Commission and of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency. The application pack and all the relevant forms are available on the Internet site of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.

European Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/index_fr.html

EAC Executive Agency:

<http://eacea.cec.eu.int/static/index.htm>

Applications must satisfy the requirements laid down in the specifications and must be submitted using the application forms provided for this purpose.

⁽¹⁾ The 25 Member States of the European Union; Romania and Bulgaria are in the process of joining and it is envisaged that they will become Member States as of 1 January 2007, the EEA countries, subject to the adoption of the appropriate decision by the EEA mixed committee; the candidate countries and the Western Balkan states subject to the conclusion of the relevant Memorandum of Understanding laying down the procedures for their participation.