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**Session 2 – Support for organisations active
at European level in the field of Culture**

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Operating grants

- Annual work programme
- Up to 80% of the eligible expenses covered

 Programme guide : Cfr. Chapter VI



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Budget available

In 2008 : €6.8 millions

- 22 organisations selected for annual grants
- 37 organisations selected for multi-annual grants

In 2009 : €7.1 millions



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New features

- ✓ Programme guide valid until 2013
- ✓ New category
- ✓ Shorter application forms :
 - 27 ~~pages~~ => 10 pages
- ✓ Decisions instead of Agreements (for EU-27)
- ✓ Flat rate financing



Four Categories

- Apply in the right category:
 - *Ambassadors*
 - *Advocacy Networks*
 - *Festivals*
 - *Policy Support Structures for the Culture Agenda*
- Attention ! Different thresholds per category

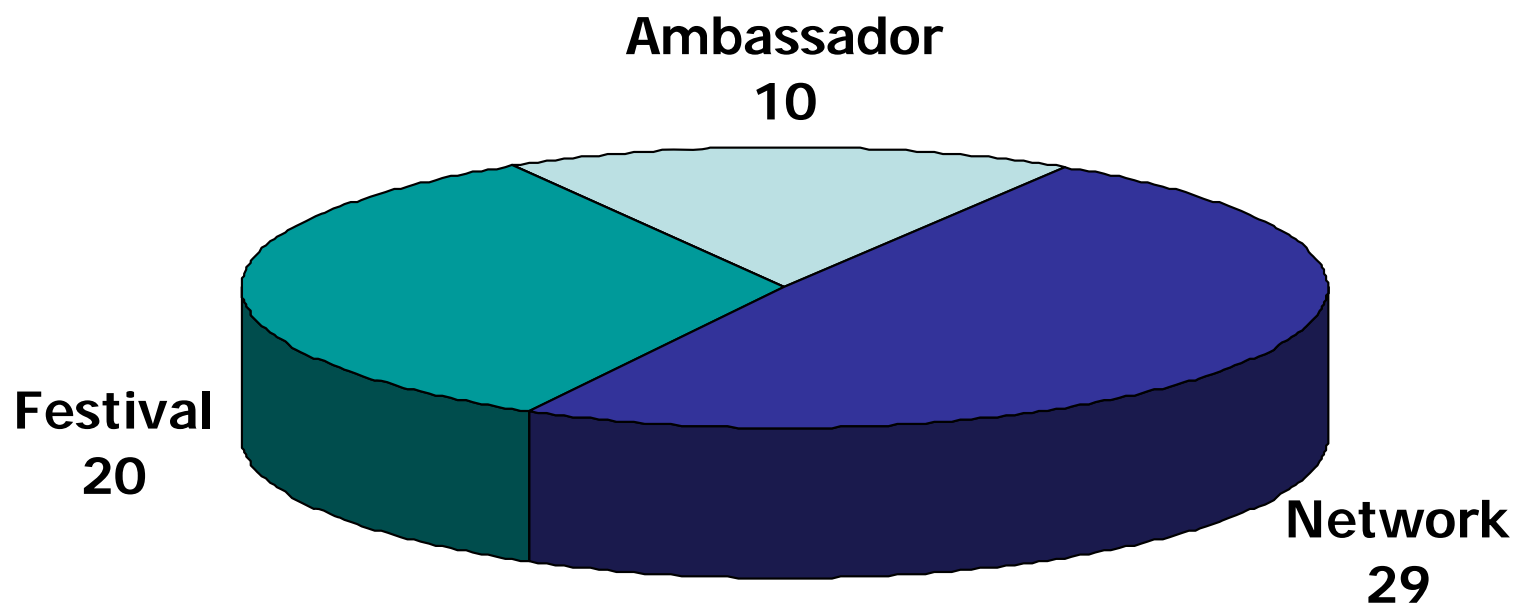
 Chapter VI.7.2



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A few statistics: Selected organisations by category



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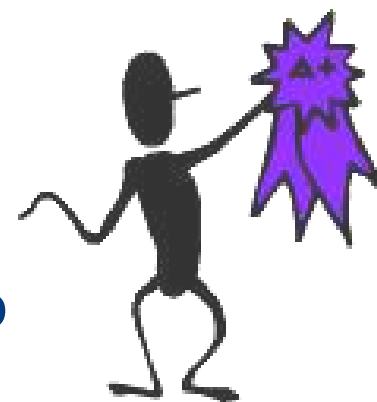
Overview of award criteria

Min. score
to pass =
22,5/30

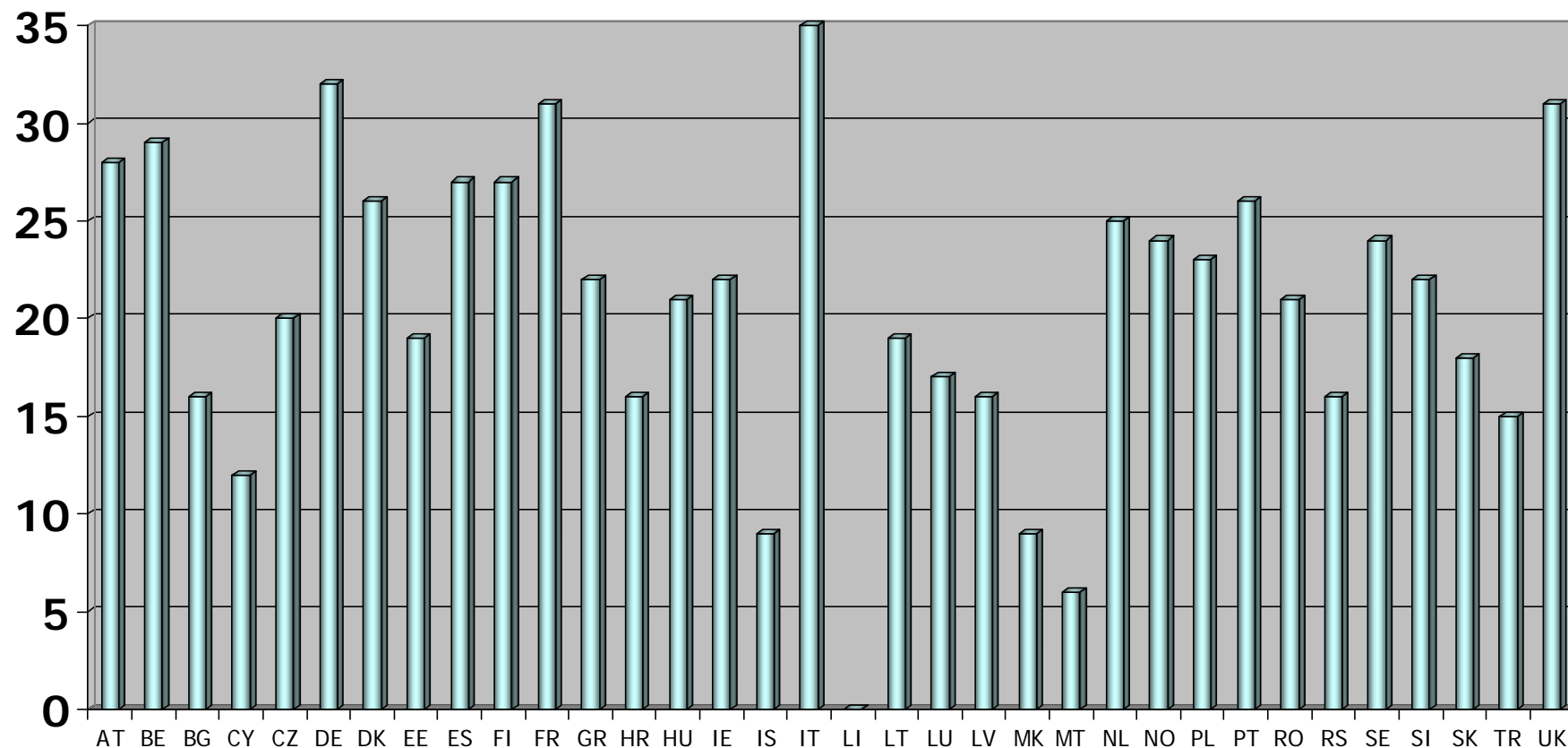
- 1) European dimension
- 2) Relevance to objectives of the programme
- 3) Quality of the activities/consistency with budget
- 4) Impact of the activities
- 5) Communication of the results
- 6) Sustainability



Programme guide : Cfr. Chapter VI.6



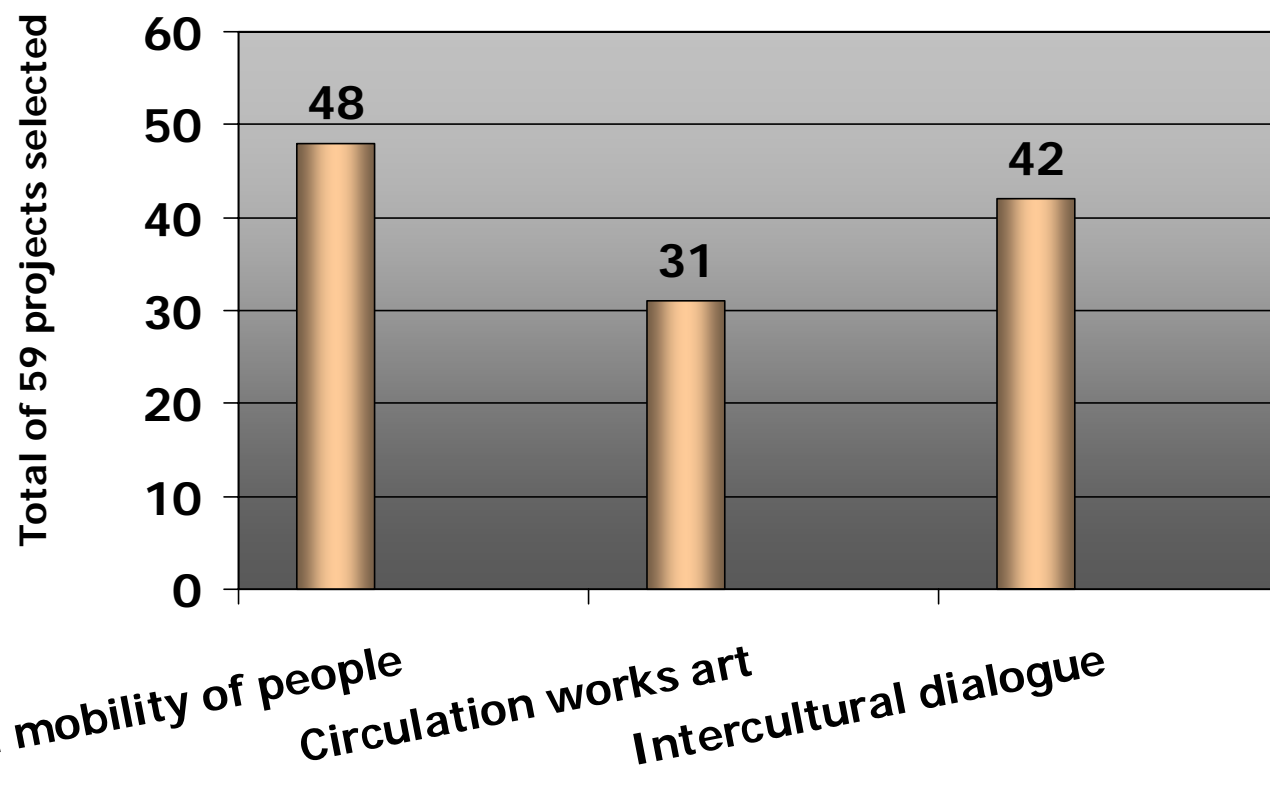
1. European dimension (selection of 2008)



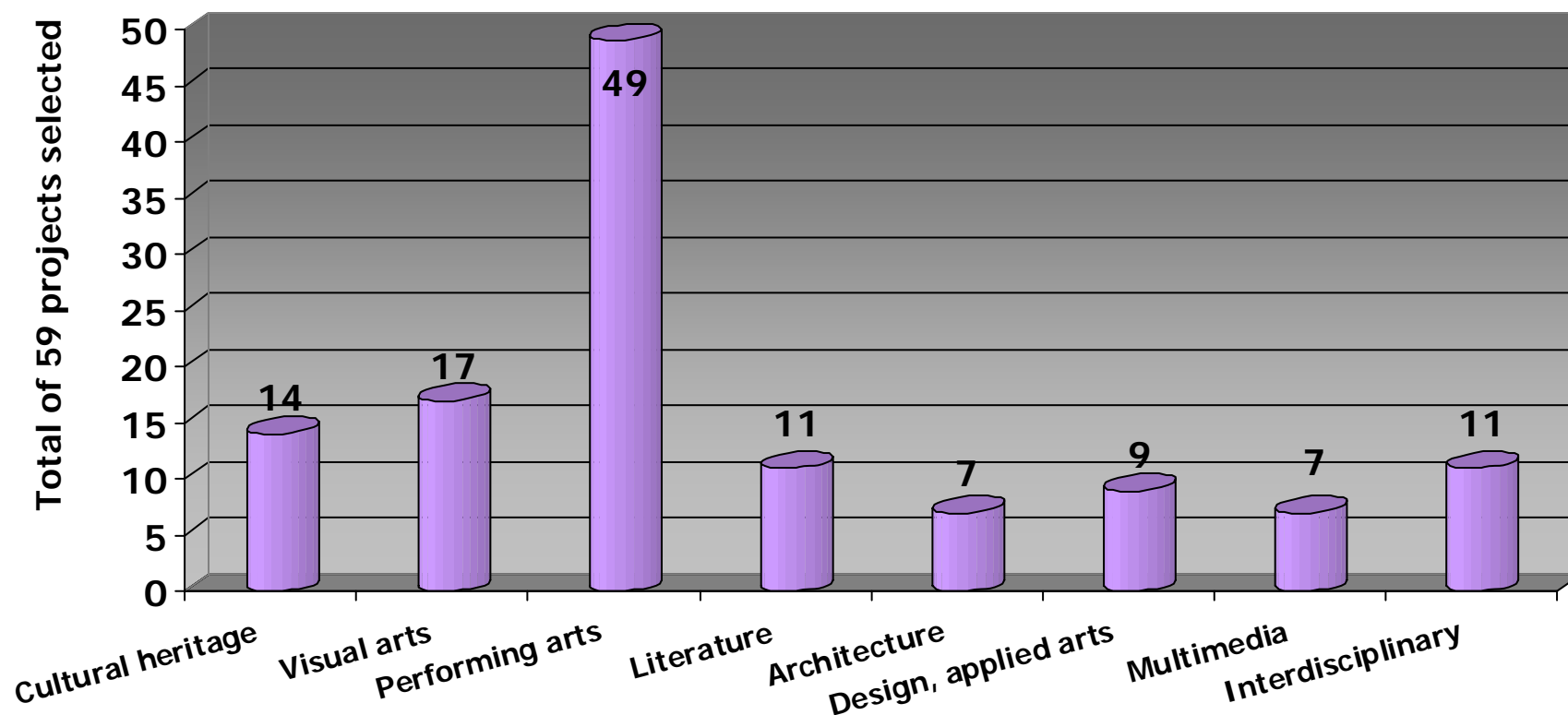
**Total: 704
operators
involved**



2. Objectives of the Programme



3. Field of activity



4. Examples

AMBASSADOR:

European Orchestra, Opera

European Dance company

ADVOCACY NETWORK:

European Network for theatre

European Network of artists

FESTIVAL:

European Festival of theatre

European Biennial of Art

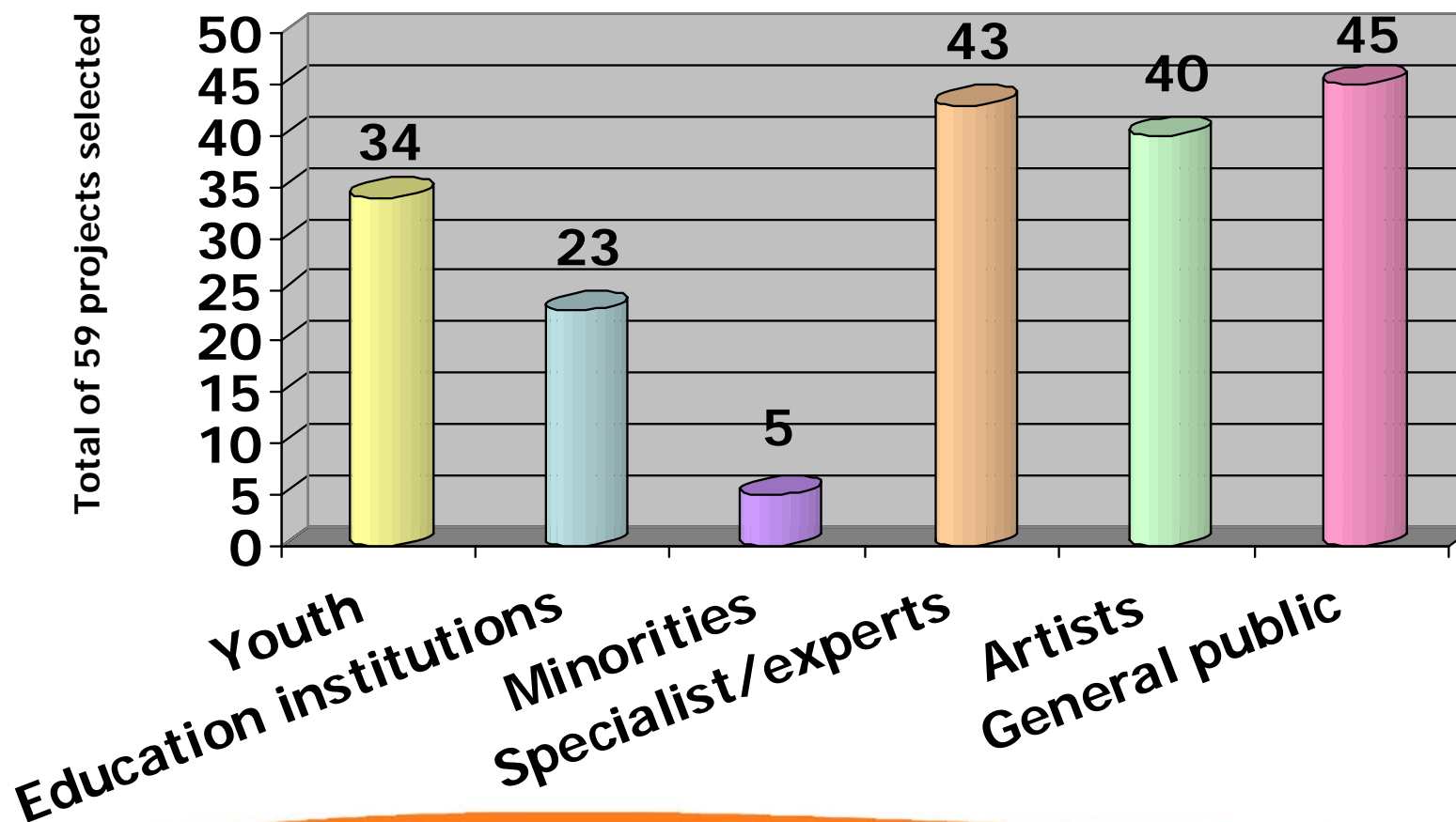
POLICY SUPPORT STRUCTURE:

Cultural observatoires

*Department of Cultural Affairs
of Universities*



5. Target groups impacted



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Who can apply ?

i.e.: University, Theatre, Museum,
Orchestra, Cultural Network, ...

- Public or private organisations with legal status; in the field of culture; non profit making; independent;
- Have their registered legal seat in one of the countries participating in the Culture Programme:
 - 27 EU-Member States
 - Candidate Countries to EU (Croatia, Turkey, FYRoMacedonia) and Serbia
 - EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)



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1) Category Ambassador

European dimension:

- European representative for culture
- Activities in at least 7 eligible countries



2) Category Advocacy Network

European dimension :

- Representing cultural operators
- Members from 10/15 eligible countries

Derogation to general rule: legally established since 1 year

New rule:
used to be 2
years



3) Category Festival

European dimension :

- Geographical outreach
- Covering 7 eligible countries



Additional criteria :

- Renowned cultural festival
- Festival established for 5 years

Change of
rule: used to
be 10 years



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4) Category Policy Support Structures for the Culture Agenda

European dimension :

New category

a) Structured dialogue with EU Institutions:

- Representing cultural NGO's
- From 15 eligible countries
- Derogation to the general rule: legally established (without min. duration)

b) Policy analysis groupings:

- Members in at least 3 eligible countries

Attention: Choose only 1 subcategory !



Rules for the calculation of the grant

- Threshold per category
- Ceiling = 110% of 2007 expenditure
- « Degressivity rule »
- Maximum 80% co-financed
- Balanced expenditure and income (non-profit rule)



The financing

Choice between 2 options:

- Detailed budget : fill in template (7 pages)
- Flat rate financing : use the automatic
 « Grant Calculator » (2 pages)
 - ✓ Country rate
 - ✓ Staff on payroll: basis for calculation
 - ✓ Concrete example



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Flat rate financing : « Grant calculator »



OPERATING GRANT - CATEGORY						
Data				Calculation		
<p>Country rate Please select the country where your organisation practices its main activity. This is the country where at least 50% of permanent staff effectively works. (1)</p>		<p>Expenditure (in Euros)</p>		<p>1.287 man-days TOTAL 1.287 days / 220 = 5,85</p>		
Country	City	<p>Expenditure of the last fiscal year closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">461.841 €</p>		Staff: man/year	Flat rate	Total (in Euros)
		<p>Expenditure (2) - Estimation for the year of the grant (max. 10% higher than the expenditure of the last fiscal year closed)</p>				
Denmark	Brande	500.000 €	Amount correct	5,85	40.033 €	234.193,05 €
<p>ADDITIONNAL RULE only for those organisations having received an operating grant the previous year: In accordance with Article 113(2) of the Financial Regulation operating grants have, if renewed, a degressive character. They have to be at least 1 percentage point lower than the previous year.</p>						
Rate of co-financing of 2008 :						46,22
Maximum rate of co-financing for 2009 :						45,22
Maximum amount of the grant						226.100 €
<p>REQUESTED AMOUNT to be filled in by the applicant. The amount requested cannot exceed the maximal amount of the grant. This grant's purpose is to balance expenditure and income of the beneficiary.</p>						



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Tips for a successful application

- ✓ Look at what the Programme wants to achieve
- ✓ Choose the right category
- ✓ Respect thresholds
- ✓ Use the official application form
- ✓ Apply in an official EU language
- ✓ Sign and date the form
- ✓ Send by the deadline (*Date of postmark or courier service counts!*) : every year: 1st November



Good luck!

Bonne chance !

Buena suerte !

Sok szerencsét!

