

## FP7 TRANSPORT RESEARCH -2010 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS



The European Commission recently held a two day Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) Info-Day event on current funding opportunities for the Transport and Aeronautics strands. The event focused on available funds for activities relating to Sustainable Surface Transport, Green Cars Initiative and Aeronautics Air Transport. The general budget for the eight calls is €222.6m with a deadline of 14 January 2010. The information day

highlighted opportunities for projects linked to greener, safer, eco-innovative and passenger friendly activities within rail, road, water and air transport modes. The 2010 Work Programme foresees four topics under the call: *Socio-economic research and technology foresight* (global challenges, European transport industry and clean transport systems); *Integration of transport modes and cross-cutting research* (optimisation and integration of Research and Development and intermodality, co-modality and social behaviour, alternative fuels in transport, noise mitigation research in transport); *Strengthening the European Research Area* (ERA development within the transport domain, uptake of transport research and role of actors and regions); *Dissemination and awareness of research results* (support for organisation of various transport events, environmental transport database).

## LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME – GENERAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2010

The European Commission has published information on the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) call for proposals for: Multilateral Projects, Networks, Accompanying, Measures and Studies under the Sub-Programmes, Transversal Programme (Key Activities) and Jean Monnet (first deadlines 15 January 2010). The LLP applies to all types and levels of education and vocational education and training. The budget is €1.016m. Two LLP information days will take place on 23 November 2009 (in Helsinki) and 7 December 2009 (in Brussels) to provide information on priorities, news and practical advice on preparation and submission of applications. The 2010 year is a pilot for international cooperation for certain actions under the LLP programme. Applicants will have an opportunity to collaborate with organisations established in Third countries (non EU countries). The maximum amount for third country participation in a project/ network is €25,000. Maximum co-financing is 75% of total eligible cost.



## STRUCTURAL FUNDS PROGRESS REPORT



The European Commission has adopted a progress report on the implementation of its action plan, first adopted on 19 February 2009, to strengthen the shared management of the EU structural and cohesion funds. The progress report highlights measures taken to improve financial controls in Member States and to reduce errors that can result in incorrect payment claims from the EU budget. It shows that these measures are demonstrating strong results, with €629 million already clawed back in 2009. The Action Plan set out 37 actions to be achieved. The report outlines the progress made in 2009 towards achieving its objectives. A further impact report is scheduled in early 2010.

## LISBON TREATY AND NEW COMMISSION

With the Lisbon Treaty set to enter into force on 1 December 2009, the dates of hearings of the future commissioners are still being discussed. A single questionnaire containing five general questions will be sent to each candidate and they have at least two to three weeks to prepare for their hearing. The European Parliament is officially saying it is prepared to begin the hearings on 25 November 2009 and to continue them until 4 December 2009. The vote of approval for the nominated Commissioners could then be held at the plenary in Strasbourg, from 14 to 17 December 2009.



## OTHER OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS – SAFER INTERNET PROGRAMME

Call for projects to develop a safer internet based on four actions: ensuring public awareness; fighting illegal content and tackling harmful online conduct; promoting a safer online environment and establishing a knowledge base. **Deadline: 19 November 2009.**

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS – MEDIA 2007

The call promotes the development of production projects for European and international markets presented by independent European production companies in animation, creative documentary and drama. **Deadline: 27 November 2009 and 12 April 2010.**

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS – MEDIA 2007: AUDIOVISUAL FESTIVALS

The Call covers festivals taking place between 1 May 2010 and 30 April 2011. Festivals must devote a minimum 70% of their entire programme to European films from at least ten countries participating in the MEDIA Programme (not eligible festivals: archaeology or anthropology, medicine, ornithology, science, environment, tourism, sport, commercials, live-broadcast events, music videos and videogames). **Deadline: 27 November 2009 and 30 April 2010.**

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS – YOUTH IN ACTION

The call aims to support various partnerships (transnational youth exchanges, national or transnational youth initiatives, European voluntary service, training and networking) between the European Commission and those organisations which aim to develop their long-term actions and programmes in the field of non-formal learning and youth. The call is open to local or regional bodies and non-profit organisations active at the European level. Total budget is €1.2m. **Deadline: 1 December 2009.**

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS – LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME – GRUNDTVIG

The Grundtvig programme covers adult education. The programme aims to respond to the educational challenge of an ageing population in Europe and to help provide adults with alternative pathways to improving their knowledge and competences. The call covers actions such as **mobility of individuals** (which comprises in-service training, visits, assistantships and exchanges for adult education staff, as well as various opportunities for adult learners including attendance at Grundtvig Workshops and participation in Learning Partnerships and Senior Volunteering Projects under the Grundtvig Initiative for Volunteering in Europe for Seniors ("GIVE"); **learning partnerships** (focusing on themes of mutual interest to the participating organisations); multilateral projects (aimed at improving adult education systems through the development and transfer of innovation and good practice); **networks of experts and organisations** (developing adult education in the discipline, subject area or management aspect to which they relate, dissemination of good practice and innovation); **preparatory visits** (a mobility grant to enable a representative from an institution either to attend a contact seminar or a meeting with prospective partners) and **accompanying measures**. Individuals normally need to apply through their home institution and applications need to be submitted to the National Agencies. Multi-lateral projects, Thematic Networks and Accompanying Measures need to apply to the EAC Executive Agency. **Deadline: 15 January 2010.**

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS – VULCANUS IN JAPAN

The programme consists of industrial placement for EU students and it starts from September and ends in August of the following year. The programme includes a one week seminar on Japan, a four month intensive Japanese language course and an eight month traineeship in a Japanese company. This programme is financed by the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation and the Japanese host company. The European students are awarded grants (EUR 15,000) to cover the cost of travel to and from Japan and living expenses in Japan. There is no charge for the language course and seminar and accommodation is provided during the seminar, the language course and the company traineeship. Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic record, the opinion of their tutors, their knowledge of written and spoken English, their motivation, their attitude to EU-Japan relations and their ability to adapt to a different culture. **Deadline: 20 January 2010.**

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