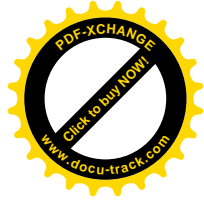


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Supporting participation of Eastern European and Central Asian Cities in the Covenant of Mayors (CoM-East)

1. Basic act and Financing source

Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

Budget line 19.080103

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities and expected results

The call for proposals is part of a larger project, which objectives and expected results will be achieved through the combination of 3 complementary contractual mechanisms: a call for proposals, a call for services tender and an administrative arrangement with the European Commission Joint Research Centre.

The overall objective of the project is to support the local authorities in the NIS (Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia countries) to reduce their dependency on fossil fuels, to improve security of their energy supply, and to allow them to contribute more actively to climate change mitigation.

This will be achieved by encouraging and supporting local authorities to achieve and implement a more sustainable local energy policy. The programme will support cities to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and prepare and implement the related Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP).

The expected results of the projects are:

- Significant number of cities signing up to the Covenant of Mayors
- Increased capacity of local/regional authorities with regard to climate change-related energy issues
- CoM-related Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) or similar actions designed and implemented
- Enhanced general public awareness on climate change issues.
- Structures in support of the extension of the CoM (office branch and supporting structures) set up
- SEAP or similar action-related projects/policies in format for presenting to intl investment funding
- SEAP-related demonstration projects in energy efficiency/renewable energy completed
- Lasting partnerships between local/regional authorities in the EU and in the ENPI region created

The call for proposals is expected to focus on (but will not be limited to) these last 2 results.

3. Eligibility conditions

Eligibility criteria will be defined in the "Guidelines for grant applicants" that will be published (section 2.1 – "Eligibility Criteria").

Participation should be open to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

The maximum indicative community financing rate is 80% of total costs of action (full financing may be applied only in the cases provided for in Article 253 of the Implementing Rules of the Financial Regulation where financing in full is essential for carrying out the action in question).

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The call for proposals is foreseen to be launched during 1st semester of 2011.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

EUR 2.500.000.



Eastern Partnership Culture Programme

1. Basic act and Financing source

Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

Budget line 19.080103

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities and expected results

The overall objective is to support the role of culture in the region's sustainable development and to promote regional cooperation between public institutions, national and local; civil society cultural organisations both profit and non-profit; and foundations and academic organisations in the Eastern Partnership region and the EU. The programme will target the following specific objectives:

- § Support policy reform at the government level and capacity building of cultural organisations and 'professionalization' of the culture sector in the Eastern Neighbourhood region;
- § Contribute to exchange of information, experience, and best practices within the cultural sector at a regional level and with the EU;
- § Support regional initiatives/partnerships which demonstrate the positive contributions of culture to economic development, social inclusion, conflict resolution, and inter-cultural dialogue;

The Programme will provide technical assistance to address specific priority needs of public institutions and the region's cultural sector (see Services Tender EuropeAid/129262/C/SER/MULTI), and grants to civil society cultural organisations – profit and non-profit -, and national and local institutions for regional cooperation projects. The Programme will encompass the entire cultural sector, including cinema and the audiovisual sector, contemporary arts, tangible and intangible heritage, as well as support to heritage conservation projects such as the Kyiv Initiative.

Expected results:

- § Experience of intra-regional and inter-regional (EU-Eastern Partnership) cultural initiatives and partnerships diffused within the region;
- § Management skills and networking capacities of the cultural organisations, staff and operators in general are strengthened;
- § Raising awareness and fostering ownership of local communities for their culture is achieved.

This component encompasses demand-driven grant projects that encourage beneficial linkages between culture and development. The programme will support projects from organisations – civil society organisations and governmental organisations, profit and non-profit - of a regional nature.

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6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The call for proposals is foreseen to be launched during 4th quarter 2010.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

EUR 9.000.000.