

Call for proposals VP/2006/009 for the support to European networks involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion (under Budget line 04.040202)

This call for proposals will support European networks involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of policies and programmes to combat poverty. Launched under the Community Action Programme to Combat Social Exclusion, it will ensure support for work in network and to strengthen the capacity of the organisations in other fields than those (child poverty, homelessness, developing anti-poverty strategies at regional level, providers of social services) covered by the key European networks selected through the call for proposals 2005/VP/007.

European networks have a key role to play in ensuring a better understanding of the most concrete forms of social exclusion, and in particular that national action plans for social inclusion (NAPs/incl.) take into account the experience of people exposed to social exclusion. They can ensure a regular monitoring of the implementation of the NAPs/incl. at a level closer to their main beneficiaries. They can help to reach a greater awareness of the social inclusion process and are also in a central position to influence policy in the European Union and in the Member states at all levels through their national members.

The Community contribution is intended to cover the costs inherent in the functioning of an European network over a period that is equivalent to its accounting period and to enable it to carry out a set of activities provided for in its work plan which should cover a maximum period of twelve months starting on 1st January 2007.

Applicant organisations must be operating in at least eight Member States. Costs incurred by participation of organisations from EFTA/EEA countries (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and from Bulgaria are eligible in the framework of this call.

The total budget made available under this call is around € 1.000.000. A strong preference will be given to applications whose request for support falls within the band between EUR 200 000 and EUR 300 000.

The core-funding is subject to an upper limit of 90% of the expenditure eligible for support and this ceiling may only be reached under exceptional circumstances. The appropriate matching funding should be guaranteed in cash by the applicant. Contributions in kind are not accepted.

Community funding under this call is intended to cover the period between 1st January 2007 and 31st December 2007 and no guarantee can be given for the following year/s.

Proposals must be submitted and postmarked **not later than 11/9/2006** in order to be accepted.

For further information, the complete set of instructions to applicants will be soon available on the following website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/calls/tender_en.cfm