

Call for proposals — ENT/ERA/08/311 — Erasmus for young entrepreneurs

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1. Objectives and description

The purpose of this call is to provide grants to projects allowing nascent EU entrepreneurs to learn in an experienced entrepreneur's company in another EU Member State with the purpose of facilitating exchange of experiences and networking. The objective of the action is to contribute to enhancing entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of newly established micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and potential new start-up entrepreneurs in the EU. The activity targets people intending to set up a business and, to a lesser extent, recently established entrepreneurs.

The call comprises two lots with two different types of activity:

Lot 1: European partnerships enhancing the mobility of nascent entrepreneurs.

Lot 2: Coordination, support and networking at European level linked to the action mentioned in lot 1.

2. Eligible applicants

Any public entity or private body can participate in this call for proposals. This may include entities or bodies active in the field of entrepreneurship promotion or in the field of transnational placement services, in particular:

- chambers of commerce and industry, chambers of handicrafts or similar bodies,
- business support organisations and start-up centres,
- business associations and business support networks,
- public entities offering business support services,
- education and training providers (public, private, sectoral etc.) active in the field of business support,
- training placement organisations.

Applicants must be established in an EU Member State.

3. Budget and project duration

The total budget earmarked for the cofinancing of projects amounts to EUR 2 850 000. Financial assistance from the Commission cannot exceed 90 % of the total eligible costs.

Lot 1: No grant will amount to more than EUR 140 000. The maximum duration of projects is 18 months.

Lot 2: The maximum grant will be EUR 200 000. The maximum duration of the project is 22 months.

Activities of lot 1 and lot 2 must start before 31 December 2008.

4. Deadline

Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than 20 August 2008.

5. Further information

The full text of the call for proposals and the application forms are available on the following website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/funding/index.htm>

Applications must comply with the requirements set out in the full text and be submitted using the form provided.
