

## **Preparatory Measures to Combat Social Exclusion 1998**

### **Introduction**

The aim of this guide is to present the projects that were selected for support from budget lines dealing with social exclusion and civil society\* in 1998 as preparatory measures to combat social exclusion under the new Article 137 of the Treaty of Amsterdam. It contains a description of the call for projects launched by DGV of the European Commission in October 1998 as well as details on the subsequent selection of projects and information on the projects chosen for financing.

The project descriptions in this report are those provided by the promoters of the projects and are only intended as an indicative guide.

Further information on the projects can be obtained from the contact person on the information sheet for each project, while more information on DGV's work in the fields of social inclusion and civil dialogue can be obtained from the following address:

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#### \*Budget Lines:

B3-4101 (Co-operation with charitable associations),  
B3-4102 (Preparatory actions to encourage co-operation between Member States to combat social exclusion), and  
B3-4116 (Co-operation with non-governmental organisations and associations formed by the socially excluded and the elderly).

## **1998 Call for proposals – budget lines B3-4101, B3-4102, B3-4116**

### **Background**

1.1 According to the ad hoc agreement reached with the European Council and the European Parliament of 17 July 1998 on the legal bases and the implementation of the 1998 budget, the Commission undertook to examine how, by redirecting the measures covered by the relevant budget lines, they could be regarded as preparatory to Community action in new areas provided for by the Treaty of Amsterdam. The Communication of the Commission of 16 September set out how budget lines B3-4101, B3-4102 and B3-4116 should be implemented as preparatory measures to Community action on the basis of the future Article 137. The primary purpose of the preparatory actions undertaken would be to feed into the process of reflection on the design, content and implementation of activities under Article 137. Furthermore, according to the Communication, these preparatory measures should be redirected along truly innovative lines.

1.2 In this light, a single call for projects to be supported under the three budget lines was published in Official Journal C-308 of 8 October 1998. Given the special circumstances, namely that the three budget lines now had a common basis in the Communication of 16 September and that the call was made very late in the financial year, it was decided to make a single call for projects, containing three separate strands for the three budget lines.

### **The call for projects**

2.1 The Guidelines in the call for projects stated that activities to be supported would consist mainly of measures to: improve knowledge, both of the nature and scale of social exclusion problems currently affecting the Union and of innovative approaches to the promotion of social inclusion; develop the exchange of information and best practice, particularly between NGOs and voluntary organisations working in the field of social exclusion, or which represent or consist of persons facing social exclusion; and evaluate and benchmark experience in promoting social inclusion.

2.2 The three strands were described in the Guidelines as follows:

#### ***Strand One (line B3-4102)***

In preparation for future Community action on the basis of Article 137 of the Treaty: improving knowledge of the current understanding in Member States of the problems of social exclusion; and identifying and analysing experience in Member States in promoting social inclusion as well as experience in evaluating action and policies to promote inclusion.

#### ***Strand Two (line B3-4116)***

In preparation for future Community action on the basis of Article 137 of the Treaty, exchanging experience/disseminating information on current approaches in Member States to combating social exclusion and promoting social inclusion (including on aspects relating to the promotion of a society for all ages which is the theme of the UN International Year for 1999).

### ***Strand Three (line B3-4101)***

In preparation for future Community action on the basis of Article 137 of the Treaty, developing civil dialogue at European level on the theme of promoting social inclusion and participation in society.

2.3 The guidelines also indicated that the following sums (approximately) would be available to support projects under the strands:

Strand 1	ECU 2.0 million
Strand 2	ECU 2.2 million
Strand 3	ECU 1.0 million

Given the lateness of the call for projects, a short deadline of 3 November 1998 was set for their submission.

### **Projects Submitted**

3.1 The following table shows how many projects were received under each of the Strands:

**Table 1: Projects received**

Strand & Budget line	No. of projects received*	No of projects evaluated (including in brackets the number classed as ineligible during evaluation)	Total amount requested (ECU) by evaluated projects
Strand 1 (B3-4102-)	71	69 (12)	11.776.335
Strand 2 (B3-4116)	131	120 (16)	21.099.722
Strand 3 (B3-4101)	46	43 (7)	7.121.354
Total	*260	232 (35)	39.997.411

*\*includes 12 projects for which no single Strand was selected*

3.2 Not all of the projects received were in fact evaluated since a number were classified as ineligible directly on arrival because, for example: the submission was postmarked after 3 November 1998, the project cost less than the minimum ECU 80.000, no Strand had been chosen, or the partners did not come from four different Member States. A total of 232 projects then passed to the first evaluation stage.

### **Evaluation of projects**

4.1 The evaluation was conducted Strand by Strand, the first being Strand 3 since it had received the fewest applications. In each case, a detailed evaluation grid was used. Each project was evaluated in two stages. If the project fulfilled all the eligibility criteria – in terms of the conformity of documents, the budget, the status of the applicant organisation and the eligibility of the activities to be financed – it then proceeded to the detailed evaluation stage. The detailed evaluation was performed by awarding marks from 0 to 5 on the basis of 23 detailed "Quality Assessment Criteria" which closely followed the guidelines published in the call for proposals. These criteria were arranged in three main blocks, which were given different weightings to arrive at an overall percentage score:

- 6 criteria to assess the applicant's capability (25% of total score)
- 13 criteria on the quality of the proposed action (60% of total score)
- 4 criteria on financing (15% of total score)

4.2 Those projects which achieved an evaluation score of 65% or more were shortlisted for consideration and selection by the evaluation committee, chaired by Rob Cornelissen (Head of Unit, DGV/E/2). The list of projects selected under each Strand, together with a brief description, can be found below. A total of 40 projects were selected.

**Table 2: Projects selected – overall results**

	No. of projects selected	Total value (ECU)	Member State in which applicant organisation is based
Strand 1	12	1.595.581	2x BEL, 2x DE, 2xFR, 1xNL, 3xES, 2xUK
Strand 2	20	2.990.677	3xBEL, 1xFR, 2xDE, 1xGR, 1xIRL, 1xIT, 2xNL, 3xES, 6xUK
Strand 3	8	1.084.160	1xDK, 2xFR, 1xDE, 1xIT, 1xLUX, 1xPT, 1xUK
Total	40	5.670.418	5xBEL, 5xDE, 1xDK, 1xGR, 6x ES, 5xFR, 1xIRL, 2xIT, 1xLUX, 3xNL, 1xP, 9xUK

### Overall evaluation of the call for projects – some remarks

5.1 Given the fact that a legal basis for expenditure from the three budget lines was obtained as a result of the Commission communication of 16 September 1998, the entire call for projects was subject to unusually tight deadlines at all stages. For example, organisations had only three and a half weeks from the date of publication in the Official Journal to the final deadline for submission (postmark 3 November), though organisations were helped by advance information on the probability of a call for projects which was issued by DGV at the beginning of September. Furthermore, the vast majority of guidelines and application forms were distributed by E-mail or the DGV website, thereby speeding up the process. The principal deadline for the Commission services was the end of the financial year, by which time contracts for the selected projects had to be drawn up.

5.2 The application form for the project, however, was quite exhaustive in terms of the level of detail required (particularly on the budget) and this permitted a detailed evaluation of each project on the basis of many different criteria. However, a high percentage mark did not automatically guarantee selection. The list of high-scoring projects was used as a basis and guide for the discussions of the selection committee, which tried to ensure, inter alia, that the final list of selected projects contained a good spread in terms of geography and subject matter or target group.

5.3 Overall, the quality of eligible projects was fairly high. A description of each selected project is set out in the following information sheets.

**Table 3: Country breakdown of the projects submitted and selected:**

Projects (incl. Total)	B	D	Dk	Gr	Es	F	Ir	It	L	NL	Ö	P	SU	SV	UK
Str. 1 (69)	11	9	1	0	9	6	2	13	0	4	2	0	1	1	10
Str. 2 (120)	20	16	3	3	18	8	1	12	0	9	3	1	0	0	26
Str. 3 (43)	9	6	1	1	3	5	2	5	1	0	2	1	0	0	7
Ineligible* (28)	5	3	0	1	7	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	3
Total (260)	45	34	5	5	37	20	6	33	1	15	7	2	3	1	46
Projects selected (40)	5	5	1	1	6	5	1	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	9

*\*classified as ineligible on arrival, prior to detailed evaluation*

## **Budget Line B3-4102 (Strand 1)**

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**Name of Organisation:** UFSIA – UNIVERSITAIRE FACULTEITEN SINT  
IGNATIUS ANTWERPEN

### **Project Description:**

The project's aim is to identify and analyse experiences in Member States. in evaluating action and policies to promote inclusion. Four paths will be followed:

- the identification of good practice in terms of strengths and weaknesses in former poverty programmes of the Commission and in comparable programmes at national and regional levels
- the analysis of these evaluation methods
- the strengthening of these methods by developing a system of social exclusion/inclusion indicators and instruments
- the development of a contextual model of evaluation

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**Name of Organisation:**           **COORDINATION EUROPÉENNE POUR LE  
DROIT DES ÉTRANGERS À VIVRE EN  
FAMILLE (Strand One)**

**Project Description:**

Preparing and carrying out an investigation in different places in six EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom) with the assistance of family associations, immigrants' associations and local, mutual-support associations for the purpose of:

1. assembling data gathered in the field by association activists, teachers and social workers on the most frequent and/or most typical situations of exclusion affecting children, young immigrants and young people with immigrant backgrounds;
2. identifying local initiatives which have eliminated situations of exclusion and embarked upon a process of integration for young people and their families;
3. organising study seminars bringing together observers and promoters or leaders of the most successful local initiatives;
4. drafting a summary report, at European level comparing and contrasting the comments on, experiences and conclusions of the investigation.

*Please refer also to the linked project under Strand 2 (information sheet below).*

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**Name of Organisation: UNIOPSS**

**Project Description:**

This project concerns a publication designed to explain the concepts underlying policies to combat exclusion and the issues at stake. The notion of social exclusion is not approached in the same way in all the Member States. In some it is confused with the notion of discrimination, while in others it covers the notion of poverty. The aim of this work, to be based on previous work on social protection in Europe carried out and published by UNIOPSS, is to take stock of what the different Member States understand by exclusion and their theoretical and legal approaches to it. The work will be illustrated by means of practical examples and will include an analysis of the role of the different social players (governments, local authorities, NGOs, etc.).

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CENTROS DE ESPAÑOLES EMIGRANTES EN  
FRANCIA**

**Project Description:**

A comparative sociological study to be carried out in a number of EU Member States for the purpose of determining the processes whereby elderly Spanish emigrants become excluded, contributing to adaptation of European and national social policies, assessing the role played by emigrants' associations, laying the groundwork for the development of an information network in the field of social exclusion and emigration, and working out basic indicators for transnational social exclusion among elderly emigrants. The work will be carried out between December 1998 and December 1999 on the basis of comprehensive surveys of social workers and institutional bodies and field surveys among representatives of the people concerned. The work will be published and translated into the languages of the participating countries as a follow-up to an assessment meeting attended by participants from the authorities of the countries concerned and the European Commission.

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**Project Description:**

The project aims to reduce the ongoing labour market exclusion of young adults by improving the communication between researchers, practitioners and politicians. It organises four regional conferences in all four partner regions where the transfer of the results of an ongoing research-network (the TSER-thematic network "misleading trajectories") into political practice and vice-versa takes place. Consequences with regard to new concepts and new political strategies for the integration of young adults will be developed during these regional conferences. This will give a push to the development of "best practice" at a regional level. In a second stage, this practical transfer will be re-transferred to the European political and scientific discourses by presenting those practical consequences to a European audience.

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**Name of Organisation: FREUDENBERG STIFTUNG**

**Project Description:**

The aim of the project is to analyse the formation of an "ethclass" with special reference to ethnic businesses in selected European countries and to develop concepts, which despite national differences may serve to develop strategies to counteract this phenomenon at a transnational level. The results will be national reports from Belgium, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and United Kingdom, including examples of best practice and a report specifying potential transnational strategies. The method will be gathering, structuring and analysis of information, identification of specialists in the field from theory and practice, a workshop organised with selected specialists to consolidate and discuss findings, and the preparation of national reports and a common concept for transnational action.

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**Name of Organisation: NOV – NEDERLANDSE ORGANISATIES  
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**Project Description:**

Research project involving five countries (Austria, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom) and ten local initiatives. The project will identify key factors which stimulate marginalised persons and their communities to participate in unpaid or volunteer community initiatives. It will result in a better insight into the extent and conditions under which community volunteering can be taken as a social indicator. By using the internet (newsgroup/website) good practice can be presented and the debate on European/national measures and legislation and be developed further.

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**Name of Organisation: FADME – FEDERACION ANDALUZA DE ASOCIACIONES PRO DEFICIENTES MENTALES**

**Project Description:**

We intend to bring together 12 people with learning difficulties from three Member States for the purposes of a European project. It aims to examine whether the participation of people regarded as excluded in assessment of the suitability of the services which society provides for them to assure their inclusion is a good practice for the purposes of social inclusion: equipping them to take part in the new European society and to determine, analyse and reflect upon their own needs. The project provides for three study visits (Sweden: February 1999; Spain: May 1999; Portugal: July 1999) when the people with learning difficulties will compare the results achieved with a previous European project on the basis of a system for comparing services evaluated by a fourth Member State (external assessor). The results are to be disseminated throughout Europe by publishing written and audiovisual material on the most suitable services in three Member States where such services vary, in accordance with the needs reported directly by people regarded as excluded.

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**Name of Organisation:** FUNDACIÓN MUJERES

**Project Description:**

The aim of the "WOMEN IN" project is to identify the favourable practices used in social integration programmes for women in six Member States of the European Union: Austria, France, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. It will also propose a new methodology for the design of projects in which the beneficiaries will actively participate. The following groups of women will be selected: women with unshared family obligations, women from ethnic minorities and immigrant women. The expected results are: a method of analysing the participation of the beneficiaries in the design of the projects; a catalogue of Good Practice; a model or outline methodology for the design of projects involving social integration and the participation of female beneficiaries. For this purpose, participative research will be organised in each country and a group of experts in the design of the projects will be formed. This group will hold workshop meetings to define the proposed methodology and a website will be created to publish proposals, facilitate discussion and disseminate the results. Lastly, the broader applicability of the model will be assessed using internal and external systems of evaluation.

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**Name of Organisation:** ANADE – ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE ALTERNATIVAS DRAMATICAS Y EXPRESIVAS

**Project Description:**

The project concerns an exchange of experiences and analysis of good practice in the participating Member States in respect of cases where "social inclusion and integration into working life have been facilitated through artistic events and the creativity of groups of people with mental, physical and sensory impairments, determining the reasons why such integration has been viable in each Member State". Account will be taken of indicators on wages, trade union organisations' policies on conditions for promoting social integration and integration into working life of such groups in this field, work organisation, product definition, marketing methods used and training costs. The pooling of the data obtained and the partners' analysis of it will be used as the basis for a European seminar where the conclusions will be disseminated and appropriate recommendations made for fostering social inclusion and integration into working life of such groups through the arts. It is hoped to establish a European network of NGOs to provide guidance and support for projects organised by other groups and countries in this field in the future and also a database and an Internet site for dissemination and publicity.

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**Name of Organisation:**        **ESMHD – EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR MENTAL  
HEALTH & DEAFNESS**

**Project Description:**

The aims include to protect the freedom of deaf Europeans by advocating accessible mental health services that ensure informed consent, research availability of accessible mental health services and areas of unmet need and identify models of good practice. The purpose is to recommend proposals to ensure social inclusion of deaf people in future EU actions under Article 137 of the Treaty.

Results: identification of socially excluding factors and number of citizens affected and to propose strategies for their social inclusion; a register of mental health services accessible to deaf Europeans available to users and providers on the Internet; proposed strategies for the training and employment of deaf mental health workers for deaf people; indication of numbers inappropriately in psychiatric hospitals and recommendations for their social inclusion.

The project will use social research methodology, identifying models of good practice and benchmarking accessible service standards. On the basis of questionnaires, it will identify, record and disseminate information on all existing mental health and deafness services in the EU, and propose models of service based on the known demography for situations and areas of unmet need.

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The project aims to survey the range of family support programmes in six EU countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, and United Kingdom), to study the extent to which family support is used as a method of social inclusion and to develop measures which could be used as benchmark measures for social inclusion, whilst strengthening the voice of those exposed to exclusion. The methods will be a comprehensive quantitative survey in each country and focus groups of users, providers of family support and policy makers. Anticipated results include exchange of best practice promoted through dissemination of the research report, a web-site and innovative techniques of promoting social inclusion.

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**Name of Organisation:      SOLIDAR**

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A civil society programme promoting the exchange of information and the capacity building of people active in welfare and advocacy member organisations so that they may contribute to the Commission's framework programme to combat social exclusion and lobby at European and Member State level to support it. An information and lobbying network of 750 civil society actors, connected through the internet will ensure input to European social inclusion programmes arising out of Article 137 of the Amsterdam Treaty. Information and analysis will be produced and disseminated to increase understanding and gather political support. A weekly updated website including a password protected webpage will be used for discussion and information dissemination. A monthly Bulletin on social inclusion developments will be distributed by e-mail to the network. Two issues of a Newsletter will be distributed to 6000 individuals and organisations across the Union.

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**Name of Organisation:**        **COORDINATION EUROPÉENNE POUR LE  
DROIT DES ÉTRANGERS À VIVRE EN  
FAMILLE (Strand Two)**

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Organising on the basis of the results of the investigation and summary report, a European conference bringing together the chairpersons and best speakers at the national seminars, the heads of immigrants' associations, local, mutual-support associations and trade unions, academics, researchers and qualified specialists, representatives of the national public authorities of the Member States concerned, MEPs, officials responsible for policies and representatives of European decision-makers. The purpose of the conference will be to stimulate joint dialogue and reflection among participants with very different concerns and points of view, focusing on the results of an international investigation carried out in the field. (*See also project number 2*).

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**Name of Organisation:** EUROPEAN ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK

**Project Description:**

In recent years, a number of Member States have developed specific national strategies to tackle social exclusion. There is now a sufficient body of ideas and learning that is worth exchanging. The conference would aim at providing a forum to discuss and exchange information and experience in this area on a transnational basis between all types of players concerned. It would also provide an opportunity to discuss how these emerging national strategies can relate to proposed Community action in this field under Article 137 of the revised Treaty. The conference could be the start of an ongoing exchange between all the players concerned and would be a significant contribution to combating exclusion in Europe.

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**Name of Organisation:        FONDATION DE FRANCE**

**Project Description:**

Local authorities are at the forefront in organising services to meet the needs and requirements of older people. Measures concerned with: housing/daily life/transport/assistance and care/social and cultural life/memory and help for carers can contribute to the social integration of older people. The International Seminar of local elected representatives (mayors and councillors) organised in September 1999 in Dijon by the Fondation de France will provide a forum for exchange and assessment of good practice in towns and cities in relation to these matters. Twenty-five towns and cities will be selected and present their innovative experiences (12 in Europe, 13 outside Europe in the context of the International Year). All the participants will be elected local representatives and their staff from all over the world. Results expected: improved information on innovations by local authorities in promoting the social inclusion of older people and the launching of a dialogue between local decision-makers with a view to cooperation between the towns and cities in the Member States.

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**Name of Organisation:        BUNDESARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT  
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**Project Description:**

The short-term goal of the project is to develop appropriate structures for a transnational exchange programme for older volunteers. Within that framework, in the medium and long-term, arrangements can be made for a European exchange of proven practices and information between public welfare organisations for socially-excluded people or people threatened by social exclusion. A team of experts comprising members from France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands will, in a preparatory phase, work out a plan for putting the programme into effect and build up cooperation with interested associations and public welfare organisations. Government representatives from the Member States concerned will be actively involved in the planning and design phases.

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**Project Description:**

All the partners operate in the field of (continuing) education and training with the aim of using targeted training measures to help groups and individuals who are socially excluded or at risk of social exclusion (for example, the long-term unemployed, older people and/or immigrants) improve on their own account their personal and working lives. The aim of the project is to set up a network for the exchange of experience on two levels. In a first stage, education and training managers and multipliers will exchange innovative approaches and models from their Member States, regions and organisations. In a second stage, this exchange will be extended to teachers and trainers with the aim of facilitating an exchange of "reciprocal learning" in respect of teaching methods and processes. It will thus be possible to take over directly and apply examples of best practice. The third stage will serve to mesh the first and second stages. Implementing terms and conditions and practices in the Member States concerned will be checked for effectiveness and a list of recommendations drawn up on the basis of the results with a view to fresh approaches to social exclusion/social inclusion. This will be documented and published. As all the partners belong to national networks and structures, extensive dissemination is assured.

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**Name of Organisation: SAVE THE CHILDREN, GREECE**

**Project Description:**

Aims/purpose: promotion of good practices which will contribute to the improvement of the quality standard of service provision to the Roma population on a national and transnational basis. Approach/methods: survey identifying gaps and strengths in existing service provision to be undertaken by each partner. Dissemination of information and exchange of experiences through steering committee meetings, national-based meetings/seminars and a transnational seminar. Anticipated results: providing a strong European dimension in mobilising human resources, raising public awareness and influencing government policies.

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**Name of Organisation:**        **COMMUNITY WORKERS COOPERATIVE**

**Project Description:**

This project aims to develop an understanding of the role of local government in combating social exclusion, in co-operation with NGOs. Based on this it will develop strategies to enhance the activities of local government in this area. A key element of the project will also be to link local efforts to national anti-poverty strategies. The project will draw from the experience of partners and others in four Member States and will present findings in the form of detailed research, national seminars, a focused conference and a major project publication. It is anticipated that the project will enable innovative strategies to be documented and made available to a range of actors, including NGOs, local government bodies, national authorities and the EU Commission.

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**Name of Organisation:** "IL MELO" CENTRO DI COOPERAZIONE  
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**Project Description:**

Organisation of interdisciplinary, international, itinerant consultations on future solutions for social accommodations for older people in Europe with reference to protection of the home, structures for collective living and solidarity, special attention being paid to relations between generations and ethnic groups in a changing society. The three sections of the project will be organised in France (Nantes 4, 5 and 6 May: "Living at home"), Belgium (Louvain-la-Neuve 7, 8 and 9 October: "Communal living") and Italy (Gallarate-Malpensa 9, 10 and 11 December: "Living on the basis of solidarity"). Three languages (English, French and Italian) will be used for the meetings and publications.

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**Name of Organisation:**        **STICHTING OMROEP ALLOCHTONEN**

**Project Description:**

Based on earlier experience, the network "On Line / More Colour in the Media" wants to encourage new initiatives in order to make radio and television more accessible for ethnic minorities and to make audiences more alert to negative portrayal and one sided-information. The project aims to promote transnational co-operation in media-education, vocational training and broadcasting. The partners are from five Member States: Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Sweden and United Kingdom. The main activities are workshops; extension of a web-site to include information for students from multi-cultural schools on media careers; the establishment of a network for exchange of good practice between media-education institutions, co-operation between public radio stations to make their output more multi-cultural and research on a series of educational programmes for secondary schools.

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**Name of Organisation:** WEMOS GEZONDHEID WERELDWIJD

**Project Description:**

The aim of the project is to exchange information and experience about the nature of social exclusion and its effects on older women in Europe, with a view to the preparation of the Commission's programme under Article 137. This will be achieved by close liaison between existing grass roots organisations representing older women in four Member States:- IT, IRL, NL, UK as well as contributions from members of the OWN network in other Member States. Three transnational planning meetings will begin the process of exchange and distil key issues for further development at an international conference. The conference will be attended by older women from all Member States as well as researchers, policymakers and professionals. The conference document will be an issues paper which will contribute to the Commission's planning in the area of age and gender. It will also contribute to the UN International Year of Older Persons by taking forward the recommendations of the recent World Population Foundation's report to pay particular attention to the needs of older women.

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**Name of Organisation:** ASOCIACION CENTRO CULTURAL "AULAS DE TERCERA EDAD"

**Project Description:**

The three principal lines of action under this project aim to find alternatives and solutions to the problems of older people and activities connected with their overall well-being as individuals.

A National and European Conference will provide for in-depth discussions between experts from the various European countries on the future of European policies on older people with a view to their social inclusion.

A first bibliographical week of books, journals, videos and multimedia on the third age aims to establish older people as a theme for study, information and publication at European level. On its completion a data base will be set up and will be accessible to all European citizens via the Internet.

A personal development and self-esteem workshop will result from the conference, aiming for the overall well-being of the older person, exchanging innovatory experiences between the different European partners (including France, Italy, Portugal and Spain).

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**Name of Organisation:**        **SURT – ASOCIACION DE MUJERES PARA LA REINSERCIÓN LABORAL**

**Project Description:**

People who are on probation or have just been released from prison form one of the most difficult groups from the point of view of social inclusion both on account of their particular experience of life, where great difficulties are encountered in integration, and on account of discrimination and rejection by their social environment. Special channels must be established to encourage integration into working life on the basis of the aforementioned personal and social factors with a view to devising medium and long-term integration projects comprising comprehensive measures. Account must be taken of the fact that one of the greatest difficulties in such action is to find contexts where experience of work can be acquired while taking on board the customs and norms of social and working life not acquired in the past.

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**Name of Organisation:** FUNDACION INTRAS

**Project Description:**

**Goal:** Establish a transnational network of organisations to combat social exclusion for the purpose of exchanging experience and developing future joint aims and strategies with a view to attaining the inclusion objectives.

**Objectives:** To determine joint strategies to combat social exclusion and identify strategies for different sectors. Determine the impact of technology on groups at risk of social exclusion. Establish conclusions with a view to future action on improving social integration.

**Expected results:** A report on innovative projects concerning social inclusion, and two publications concerning strategies to combat social exclusion and the impact of technology on social exclusion.

**Planning and methodology:** Various meetings will be held between the network members to review policies to combat social exclusion in the participants' Member States. A prize will be awarded for innovative initiatives in the field of social inclusion; two international conferences will be organised on policies and initiatives to combat social exclusion and on technology and social exclusion. An information pack and two publications will be produced on the results achieved.

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**Name of Organisation: SALFORD BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

**Project Description:**

"Generations in Action" is a programme that seeks to maximise the role of third age (older people 50+) in developing the first age (young people 14+) through the transfer of skills and expertise from one to the other. The proposal seeks to establish relationships with Member State partners to explore existing best practice, develop new approaches to social inclusion and create permanent routes of communication for the dissemination of good practice. The programme will provide opportunities to bring people together to undertake joint research, participate in seminars and conferences to both develop further and promote more widely the use of mentoring as a vehicle for addressing exclusion. This process will establish permanent channels of communication and the development of best practice models across Europe.

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**Name of Organisation:**        **ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES (EUROPEAN SOCIAL NETWORK)**

**Project Description:**

The project's aims are to help the Commission prepare future actions to combat social exclusion by strengthening the engagement of local public social services as a key welfare partner with service users and NGOs in promoting social inclusion as a mainstream social services activity. This will be achieved by exchanging experiences between ten national social service associations, other NGOs and user representatives in two seminars, undertaking an EU wide practice survey and running an open social inclusion forum on a website during the project. The results will include a framework of proposals drawn from the project exchanges which can provide material for future Commission action, and a multimedia based report, new database and benchmark learning programme for ongoing development.

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**Name of Organisation: RNIB – ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND**

**Project Description:**

The aim is to establish a shared understanding of the circumstances and experiences of older visually impaired people within partner countries in relation to exclusion from learning opportunities, exclusion from the labour market, difficulties in accessing social support systems and the problem of empowerment of older people facing increased dependency in the fourth age. Outcomes will include reviews of research on older visually impaired people in partner countries, reports from seminars and a basis for future research and actions.

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**Name of Organisation: THE BASIC SKILLS AGENCY**

**Project Description:**

This project will establish strong links between national agencies, practitioners and partner NGOs in the field of measures to combat social exclusion among adults through programmes of basic skills development. It will map existing research into the influence of poor initial education and skills training on subsequent social exclusion and identify the range of measures taken by organisations in Member States and their effectiveness. The project will also require agencies operating in this field to develop a strategy to address the needs of the socially excluded through use and adaptation of successful programmes. The project will draw together practitioners from the fields of adult basic skills education and social provision to disseminate best practice.

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**Name of Organisation: SINGLE PARENT ACTION NETWORK**

**Project Description:**

The aims of the project are to develop an integrated social inclusion model for lone parents and their children; to explore existing good practice at national and grassroots level in different countries of the EU; to develop databases and a website for dissemination purposes, and to publish findings and recommendations which will be used to influence national and European policy makers. This work will be undertaken by one parent family organisations in different countries working at grassroots and national level and will include visits, desk research, workshops and electronic communications.

Grant Amount            € 129,236

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**Name of Organisation:**        **DISABLED PEOPLES' INTERNATIONAL –  
EUROPEAN UNION COMMITTEE (DPI-EUC)**

**Project Description:**

The main aim is to address social exclusion by implementing DPI-EUC's human rights network working group's report concerning disabled people's human rights and violations thereof under the UN Declaration of Human Rights. This preparatory activity will include establishing a pilot network in five Member States, appointing two or three trained national network co-ordinators and setting up a standard violations data-collection system for use throughout the EU, a central database and verification systems. Further activities will include building up dialogue with disabled people's groups so their voice can be heard, raising awareness on the situation of disabled people through the provision of statistical and personal evidence on violations and producing the first annual report on evidence of violations received in the previous 12 months for consideration by the EU institutions and the Member States in relation to social exclusion of disabled Europeans.

Grant Amount        € 103,500

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**Name of Organisation:**      **DANSK SYGEPLEJERAD (THE DANISH NURSES ORGANISATION)**

### **Project Description:**

This project involves networks of NGOs, local/regional and central authorities and institutions in 4 countries (Denmark, Netherlands, Spain and United Kingdom) working in the field of social care and having particular experience with integration of immigrants. The objective is to exchange information and experience in order to develop models for improving the range and quality of services for older people and for integrating unemployed immigrants in services for this target group as well as building up transregional networks between organisations that focus on combating unemployment and social exclusion. Project activities: staff exchange of 30 persons between the countries involved and a common seminar. Project results: a report including examples of best practice and a leaflet describing the results.

Grant Amount            € 80,000

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**Name of Organisation: EUROPEAN BLIND UNION (EBU)**

**Project Description:**

Establishment and/or development of seven websites. Organisation of two seminars for training trainers for the six NGOs participating in the measure. Development of a methodology for the training of trainers to be used by the nine NGOs of the EBU in addition to the six partners; this methodology will subsequently be applied at regional and local level in all the associations and groupings of the 15 NGOs belonging to the EBU (multiplier effect). Definition of conditions for establishing cyber kiosks for people with visual impairments. Setting up the first cyber kiosks and assistance to users.

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**Name of Organisation:        FEDERATION DES CIGALES**

**Project Description:**

Local solidarity-based risk capital is a recent tool for combating exclusion which enables individuals in difficulty to set up micro-businesses. On account of their experience in this field, the Fédération des Cigales, Crédal, Ekoinvest, the Open University and CFDT have joined together in putting forward the ESOPE project aimed at promoting local solidarity-based risk capital funds. The target groups are risk capital associations, associations which combat exclusion, trade unions, foundations and local authorities. A number of measures will be organised including three seminars, a conference with project sponsors, an Internet site, a discussion list and a games pack for distribution. The aim is to impart momentum in conjunction with this solidarity-based financial tool so as to extend its repercussions in the fight against exclusion.

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**Name of Organisation:**      **ACADEMIA ESPANOLA DE FORMACION**

**Project Description:**

The aim and purpose of the project is to motivate and galvanise older migrants to encourage participation in social and political life in the host countries by increasing potential for self-help.

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**Name of Organisation:** UNIONE ITALIANA SPORT PER TUTTI – UISP

**Project Description:**

The aim of the project is to establish a European network with numerous participants dealing, in various capacities, with computing in relation to physical well-being and the social reintegration of prisoners of both sexes, minors and adults alike.

The project aims to develop systematic comparisons between the experiences of the various participants in different areas of computing: comparisons between different legislations, comparisons between initiatives taken by various associations, problems in training operators.

In addition to the development, the project will cover proposals for amendments and adjustments to current rules and for recasting the approach of associations vis-à-vis activities to be carried out in the field of social exclusion.

With a view to the above, a series of meetings and exchanges of operators are planned together with an Internet site.

The methods applied will include contrasts and comparisons and exchanges of operators.

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**Name of Organisation: CO-LABOR**

**Project Description:**

The challenges of mobility can seriously impede integration into social and working life by excluded groups. For that reason this project will study these problems from three angles: a representative study on the mobility problems encountered by different target groups; the production of a guide to best practice to facilitate exchange and travel by groups in the process of integration; proposals for a European standard for experience abroad by disadvantaged groups.

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**Name of Organisation:** LPDM (LIGA PORTUGUESA DOS DEFICIENTES MOTORES) – CENTRO DE RECURSOS SOCIAIS

**Project Description:**

The aim is to contribute to future European policy and programmes that will promote social inclusion, by developing the civil dialogue and creating an opportunity to exchange and evaluate experiences and best practices. To attain this aim an approach which emphasises the active participation of the target groups (people with disabilities, and their families) will be used: (a) organisation of group discussions, involving the target populations from all partners, and (b) organisation of study-visits for the professionals, to exchange know-how and good practices.

A conference will be held at the end of the project to present results from groups a) and b) and discuss these with policy makers (e.g. members of the European and national parliaments, the European Commission, etc.), and the media. A final charter of recommendations, a guide of good practices and a declaration will be issued at the end of the project.

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**Name of Organisation:** EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

**Project Description:**

This project will help unleash the potential of participation projects by providing a better understanding of how organisations can co-operate with local authorities in using participation to promote social inclusion. This will enhance the participation of socially excluded citizens in dialogue and action in combating social exclusion. It will also enable local and other authorities to adapt their governance to encourage the mainstreaming of the fight against social exclusion, including the use of participatory approaches by local organisations. It will be innovative in both its focus on how NGOs and local authorities can help or hinder participation. The project will provide a basis for knowledge for future action that will seek to encourage participation of people who are socially excluded.

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