Project number: SL9907.04

Title: Mobility Schemes Complementary Fund

Sub-Programme: Economic and Social Cohesion

Geographical Location: SLOVENIA (Ministry of Education and Sport)

Objectives

Financial aid to the participants selected in the framework of the Community exchange and mobility actions, helping the Slovenians to become accustomed to many of the rights and responsibilities of future Community citizenship.

Accession Partnership Priority: EU integration through participation in Community Exchange and Mobility Actions

Following the Accession Partnership Priority to familiarise Slovenia with aspects of full EU membership by participation in a range of Community Programmes (the education, training and youth programmes being identified as a top priority), the objective of the Mobility Scheme Complementary Fund is to support the Ministry of Education and Sport in ensuring the "highest quality and quantity" in the implementation of the Community Programmes Exchange and Mobility Actions, by offering additional financial support to participants in the CP, such as Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci, Youth for Europe.

Description:

The Mobility Schemes Complementary Fund would be created within the Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia, with the aim to offer additional financial support to participants in the Community Programmes Mobility Actions.

More specifically, the grants would stimulate the mobility of youths participation of pupils, students and apprentices in school/study programmes in the educational institutions and companies participating in the Community Programmes, in particular Socrates, Leonardo, Youth for Europe...

The Ministry of Education and Sport is establishing a Board for the Management of the Fund and prepare the statutes and guidelines for the definition of priorities, criteria for funding and procedures following orientations and practices from similar EU Grant Funds. The fund management regulations should complement national plans for the distribution of the Community Programmes Mobility Actions.

In view of the accession preparations, the basis for the criteria should be linked to the objectives stated in the National Programme for the Adoption of the "Acquis Communautaire" (in particular, related to the regulated professions and the occupational standards development, leading to increased international movement opportunities for workers within the European single market), on one hand, and on the other, to the EC guidelines for the distribution of Community Programmes Mobility Grants.
Applications will have to demonstrate that the visits/exchanges will essentially contribute to the defined aims, that they meet a demonstrable need of the individuals and the institution. Interim and final reports will be the basis for the evaluation of the mobility actions performance and the award of further grants. In the selection of candidates for the Mobility Schemes Complementary Fund, the Ministry will take into consideration the socio-economic background of applicants, as well as an equal repartition of grants between men and women.

**Institutional Framework:**

The Mobility Schemes Complementary Fund would be created within the Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia. A Board for the Management of the Fund is being established, ensuring that the distribution of grants follow the pre-defined priorities, criteria for funding and procedures.

The Ministry has established a unit outside the structures of the Government, an EU Programmes Agency, with the specific task of technical EU Education programmes management. The management of the Phare Mobility Schemes Complementary Fund will also be delegated to this new entity together with the Community Programmes.

**Budget:**

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Phare funding: 300,000 EUR  
Duration: 1 year (2000)  
National budget: 40,000,000 SIT 215,000 EUR

The funds will be allocated to the participants in the three Community Programmes, Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci and Youth for Europe, according to their numbers, availability and needs. The Community Programme subsidy and the Phare end-user support will in any case never exceed 90% of the costs of participation of each beneficiary in the project.

**Implementation Arrangements**

A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the National Agencies in charge of the three Community Programmes (Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci and Youth for Europe) and the CFCU. The Fund complementary grants will be publicly announced and the candidates will be selected on the basis of pre-defined priorities and criteria of funding (c.f. the above Description of the Project).

**Implementation Schedule**

The *Mobility Scheme Complementary Fund* will start functioning by April/May 2000, allowing the participants to benefit from it from Autumn 2000.
Equal Opportunity

Socio-economic background of applicants and the principle of ensuring equal access to grant for men and women will be established as important criteria in the selection of beneficiaries of the Mobility Schemes Complementary Fund.

The equal opportunity principle is largely ensured by the composition of the Phare Programme Implementation Unit and the EU Education Programmes Unit, comprising mainly women.

Environment: not applicable
Rates of return: not applicable
Investment criteria: not applicable
Conditionality and sequencing: All the administrative procedures allowing Slovenia to become an associated member and equal partner in the European Community Programmes as early as possible in 1999, completed.
The Annexes are not relevant, since this is a support to the Education Community Programmes.

Annex 1: Log-frame Planning Matrix for Project
Annex 2: Detailed Cost Breakdown
Annex 3: Implementation Chart
Annex 4: Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter
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Annex 6: Reference to feasibility/pre-feasibility studies
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