

Call for proposals VP/2018/002

Information and training measures for workers' organisations

Questions and answers

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Q1 Could we have another language version of the Call for Proposals VP/2018/002?

We are very sorry. Documents are only available in English and it is not possible to provide translations without delaying the entire procedure.

Q2 We would like to know if for this call of proposal there is a "Partner research service".

There is no such service. As this call is reserved for social partner organisations representing workers, European trade union organisations might be able to provide relevant information in this regards. A

list of recognised European social partners (cross-industry and sectoral) can be found on the web page <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=329&langId=en>.

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A proposal may be submitted by a social partner organization representing workers at a local/provincial level as Lead Applicant. In that case (see point 6. Eligibility Criteria), the consortium must include a European-level social partner organisation AND at least one organization from a different eligible country to that of the lead applicant.

Please also consider the following points:

- Partners should be chosen to enhance the EU/transnational dimension of the action which is an important element of the objectives of this call for proposals (see point 2.1);
- As mentioned under point 2.3, the choice of organisations involved and countries covered should be duly explained and justified as regards their relevance towards the specific objectives of the action;
- The contribution of the action to European social dialogue and the transnational dimension of the action are both important criteria of the assessment (see point 9 Award Criteria).

As stipulated in the call, to ensure equal treatment of applicants, please note that the Commission will not give any prior opinion on the eligibility/assessment of applicants/affiliated entities or actions.

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Please note the following:

- Definitions of the different potential statuses of organisations participating into a consortium can be found on page 5 and 6 of the [financial guidelines](#) ;
- The concept of "Third Parties" does not seem to apply to the situation briefly described in the question. As third parties are not involved in the implementation of the action, a university that provide academics could not fall under this category;
- Organisations involved in the implementation of and that may incur eligible costs for the action are only applicants, co-applicants and associate entities.

Please also consider section "4.2.2.3 Costs of services" which explains the possibilities to subcontract tasks forming part of an action.

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This sentence refers to the legal basis justifying the expense, and should not be interpreted as an eligibility criterion for the present call for proposals. The eligibility criteria are described under point 6 of the text of the call for proposals. Please also read the reply to question 3 which treats a similar matter.

Q6. Are the travel costs of those who participate as learners in a training course considered as eligible expenses?

Such travel costs may be considered as eligible expenses as long as they are specifically foreseen in the work programme.

Q7 Is there a template for the work programme and the budget or each applicant is free to create a specific work programme?

There is no template for the "Detailed work plan" and for the "Budget explanation for the project". The "free-format" is confirmed by the call (point 14.1) and by the checklist for required documents (items 13 and 14).