

CULTURE

Work Plan for Culture 2011-14

The Work Plan for Culture 2011-14 proposes the following priority areas:

- Priority area A: Cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and accessible and inclusive culture;
- Priority area B: Cultural and Creative Industries;
- Priority area C: Skills and mobility;
- Priority area D: Cultural heritage, including mobility of collections;
- Priority area E: Culture in External Relations;
- Priority area F: Culture Statistics.

To view the full document: <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/10/st15/st15472.en10.pdf>

Culture Programme

Culture Programme Guide :

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/documents/2010/may/EN.pdf>

The Culture Programme **does not support** tours, bilateral exchanges, capital projects or the purchase of equipment or activities just happening in any one country.

- Multi-annual cooperation projects
 - Projects lasting from 3 to 5 years.
 - Minimum 6 cultural operators from at least 6 eligible countries.
 - EU support 50% of the total eligible cost and is set at a maximum of € 500,000 a year.
- Cooperation measures
 - Projects lasting up to 2 years.
 - Minimum 3 cultural operators, from at least 3 eligible countries.
 - EU support 50% of the total eligible cost and will be between € 50,000 – 200,000

Deadlines: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/calendar_en.php

For further information visit <http://www.culturefund.eu/>

Cultural Cooperation with Mexico

A call for proposals has just been launched for project proposals on cultural cooperation with Mexico as part of the European Union's ongoing commitment to engage in closer cultural relations with emerging partners of the EU.

Co-financing rate: 50%

Deadline: 3 May 2011

To view full details: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/funding/2011/call_strand_135_2011_en.php

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

EDUCATION

Lifelong Learning Programme 2011 Calls

Background to the LLP

The Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) supports education and training across Europe, providing funding for learning across all sectors and phases, from nursery through to adult education. It offers funding for activities at school, college, university, in the workplace and in the community.

The LLP is made up of several different programmes:

- **Comenius** for school and further education <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius.htm>
- **Erasmus** for higher education <http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus>
- **Grundtvig** for adult education <http://www.grundtvig.org.uk/>
- **Leonardo** for the development of skills and training <http://www.leonardo.org.uk/>
- **Transversal** for education professionals <http://www.transversal.org.uk/>

The Comenius and Erasmus programmes are managed by the British Council (enquiries@britishcouncil.org). Grundtvig, Leonardo and the Transversal are managed by ECOTEC (llp@ecotec.com). Their joint website www.lifelonglearningprogramme.org.uk has information on the programmes and funding.

5 common priorities:

- Develop strategies for lifelong learning and mobility
- Encourage co-operation between the worlds of education, training and work
- Support initial and continuous training of teachers, trainers and education and training institutions' managers
- Promote the acquisition of key competences throughout the education and training system
- Promote social inclusion and gender equality in education and training, including the integration of migrants

To view call details: http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2628_en.htm

Deadlines in 2011:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:290:0013:0014:EN:PDF>

Tempus IV

The 4th call for the Tempus IV programme - reform of HE through international university cooperation is still open.

To view full call text:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:278:0018:0021:EN:PDF>

Co-financing: Up to 90%

Total available under this call is €48.7m.

Minimum grant is €500k, maximum is €1.5m.

Deadline: 15 February 2011

Further information: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/funding/2010/call_eacea_32_2010_en.php

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

EU-Canada Exchange Programme

This programme will fund joint degree or study/ training programmes allowing transatlantic exchanges between European and Canadian education institutions. It is aimed at **higher education students, vocational education and training learners and teachers/ trainers/ administrative staff**.

Funded activities include: development of curricula, joint study programmes, international internships, exchanges and study abroad with provision for mutual credit recognition and language and cultural preparation

The main focus of activities must be on transatlantic rather than intra-European or intra-Canadian interactions.

Deadline: 31 March 2011.

Further details: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation/eu_canada/funding/call_2011_en.php and http://ec.europa.eu/education/eu-canada/doc1563_en.htm

New: Erasmus Mundus

Actions:

➤ **Joint Programmes**

This action aims at fostering **cooperation between higher education institutions and academic staff** in Europe and third countries with a view to creating **poles of excellence** and providing highly trained human resources is composed of two sub-actions

For details: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php

➤ **Partnerships**

This action aims at fostering structured **cooperation between European and third-country higher education institutions** through the promotion of **mobility** at all level of studies for students (undergraduate and masters), doctoral candidates, researchers, academic and administrative staff (not all regions and lots may include all types of mobility flow).

➤ **Promotion of European Higher Education**

This action aims at **promoting European higher education** through measures enhancing its attractiveness, profile, image, visibility and accessibility. This action provides support to transnational initiatives, studies, projects, events and other activities related to the international dimension of all aspects of higher education.

Activities may take various forms (conferences, seminars, workshops, studies, analyses, pilot projects, prizes, international networks, production of material for publication, development of information, communication and technology tools) and may take place anywhere in the world.

To view call: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:341:0040:0045:EN:PDF>

Deadline: 29 April

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

New: EU-US Co-operation in HE & Vocational Training – ATLANTIS Programme

The EU-USA Agreement focuses on implementing joint or dual transatlantic undergraduate degrees with consortia of higher education and training institutions through the ATLANTIS programme.

It aims primarily to promote understanding between people of the European Union and the United States of America and improve the quality of their human resource development.

Deadline: 7 April

Further details: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation/eu_us/funding/calls_2011_en.php

ENERGY

Seventh Framework Programme - FP7

The Framework Programme is the European Union's main instrument for funding **research and technological development**. FP7 integrates all **research-related EU initiatives** together under a common roof playing a crucial role in reaching the goals of growth, competitiveness and employment.

The European Commission has published a number **calls for proposals** under all **four specific programmes: Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities**.

Further information:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=FP7_NEWS&ACTION=D&DOC=1&CAT=NEWS&QUERY=0126d63f2b04:7fb3:3473adec&RCN=32364 and

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage&rs>

New: Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)

IEE aims at promoting EU **renewable energy** and **energy efficiency** policies and helps reach the EU2020 targets by encouraging the uptake of proven intelligent energy solutions thus making the EU more competitive and innovative.

The projects could include:

- Creating & spreading effective methods & best practice
- Training & education
- Know-how transfer
- Market intelligence
- Inform policy development & implementation

Projects to be funded should have clear objectives, high impact, help deliver the key EU climate change and energy objectives and match the priorities of the 2011 IEE Work Programme.

To view to Programme visit http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/doc/wp2011_en.pdf

Partnership: Minimum 3 partner organisations from 3 different countries

Maximum project duration: 3 years

Co-financing rate: 75%

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

New for the IEE 2011 Call:

- A multi-annual scheme for **training and qualification of the building workforce**, focusing on **national strategies** to develop the necessary 'green' skills;
- Actions aimed at promoting more **energy savings in industry**;
- Actions aimed at facilitating the uptake of '**nearly zero energy buildings**';
- Actions aimed at simplifying procedures for **grid developments** to deliver more renewable energy;
- Support to local and regional authorities, in particular for mobilising **actors and local investments** in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The IEE for the UK is Helen Fairclough at Energie Helpline UK, tel: 0161 874 3636, energie@enviros.com

UK Info Day: London 2 February (event fully booked)

Deadline: 15 May

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm

2011 FP7 Energy Calls

The 2011 FP7 Energy Calls for Proposals have now been launched. The Call documentation can be downloaded at <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>

ICT

FP7 Cooperation ICT – 2011-12 Work Programme

The 2011-12 Work Programme for FP7 Cooperation ICT has been published by the European Commission.

To view full document, visit ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ict/docs/ict-wp-2011-12_en.pdf

For open calls, visit

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7ActivityCallsPage&id_activity=3

ICT Policy Support Programme

ICT PSP call 5 will be **launched on 28th February** with an Info Day in Brussels.

To view the programme of the Info Day and to register visit

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/register_infoday/index_en.htm

There will be €120m allocated under this Call for a range of ICT areas.

Further details: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

To view the draft Work Programme 2011 visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/documents/draft_ict_psp_wp2011_approved_by_cip_ictc_on_17122010.pdf

Deadline: 1 June

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

INTERREG

INTERREG IVA - Cross Border Co-operation

Three strategic **objectives**:

- **Enterprise**: cross border co-operation to improve economic performance
- **Environment**: cross border co-operation to maximise the assets of the region.
- **Communities**: improving cross border quality of life through co-operation in learning, health and leisure.

To view a map of the programme area, click <http://www.gos.gov.uk/497648/docs/163655/447952/2007-13eligibleMap.pdf>

2 programmes made up of the following eligible areas:

- The Channel Programme - eligible areas of England and all eligible French regions except Nord-Pas de Calais.
- The 2 Seas Programme - same eligible English regions and The Netherlands, Flanders and the French region of Nord-Pas de Calais.

EU contribution of **up to 50%**.

Calls for proposals:

- The Channel Programme - **Next deadlines: 14 February (*brought forward!*) & 6 June 2011**
<http://interreg.proxiad-normandie.fr/index.php>
- The 2 Seas Programme - **Next deadlines: 8 July 2011 & 20 January 2012**
<http://www.interreg4a-2mers.eu/UK/accueilUK.html>

New: Forthcoming Interreg IVA 2 Seas **Networking event: 29 & 30 March, Brighton Racecourse** (details available as of 4th February)

INTERREG IVB for North West Europe - Transnational Territorial Cooperation Programme

Programme priorities:

- knowledge-based economy
- sustainability of natural resources
- intelligent and sustainable transport and ICT solutions
- promoting strong and prosperous communities at transnational level

Co-financing: up to 50%.

Deadline: 1 April

New: Applicants' Workshop: Brussels, 15 February
http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=read_event&id=1766

For a map of eligible area, click on
http://www.nweurope.org/upload/documents/programme/2144.NWEarea_2007-2013_smaller.jpg

More information: <http://www.nweurope.eu>
and <http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=page&page=funding&id=87>

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047
or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

INTERREG IVC - Regions for Economic Change

Interreg IVC encourages networks for exchange of experience & good practice with a clear focus on regional development, policies in innovation, knowledge economy, environment and risk prevention.

Programme priorities:

- Innovation and the knowledge economy, focusing mainly on the sub-themes innovation, research and technology development, entrepreneurship and SMEs, the information society, employment and qualification.
- Environment and risk prevention, most notably the sub-themes natural and technological risks, water management, waste management, biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage, energy and sustainable transport, cultural heritage and landscape.

The programme area covers the whole territory of the European Union plus Norway and Switzerland and co-finances the participation of public authorities and public equivalent bodies from these countries.

Co-financing rate: 75%

Conference & Projects Fair: 3rd and 4th February in Budapest http://i4c.eu/4th_EU_forum.evnt

Deadline: 1 April (last call)

More information: http://i4c.eu/fourth_call.html

SOCIAL

European Social Fund (ESF)

Background:

The European Social Fund (ESF) is one of the EU's Structural Funds, set up to reduce differences in prosperity and living standards across EU Member States and regions, and therefore **promoting economic and social cohesion**.

The ESF is devoted to **promoting employment** in the EU. It helps Member States make Europe's workforce and companies better equipped to face new, global challenges.

Priority 1: Extending **Employment Opportunities**

Priority 2: Developing a **Skilled and Adaptable Workforce**

The agreed calendar for Round 3 is undergoing some delay as the CFO plans are not yet in place to date. This may reflect a central Government desire to ensure that proposed CFO strategic priorities are aligned with the new Government's.

From April 2010 onwards, the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) operates as CFO on behalf of local authorities and the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) in each region. The SFA will be the accountable body for ESF resources to target 14-19 and 19+ groups. Local Authorities will be taking on responsibility and funding for 14-19.

More information can be found in the following websites:

<http://www.esf2008-2013-se.org.uk/>
http://www.esf.gov.uk/2007-2013_funding_opportunities/
http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/esf/index_en.htm
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=325&langId=en>

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

Skills Funding Agency calls

The SFA has published details of two European Social Fund (ESF) funding opportunities: one supporting Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET); and another for Community Grants. Community Grants enable small third sector organisations, which would not normally be able to access ESF, to apply for small grants through simplified arrangements. These grants support a range of activities that help individuals in the hardest to reach communities to enter the labour market.

The PQQ for Young People NEET closed on 17 September 2010 and for Community Grants on 21 September 2010.

Revised timetable for notifying the results of the ESF NEET tender exercise :

ITT evaluation completed by 13 Jan
Contract award decision by 21 Jan
Notification letters issued 24 Jan
Formal contract award letter issued 4 Feb

Further information: <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/providers/programmes/esf/>

New: Call on social inclusion & integration into the labour market

The European Commission has launched a call for a pilot project for all inclusive cooperation between public authorities, companies and social enterprises in favour of social inclusion and integration into the labour market. The maximum budget available is €1.5m, 80% EU grant financing, requiring minimum 3 Member States comprising each one Local Authority, one social enterprise and one profit-making enterprise.

Deadline: 2 March

Call details: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=296&furtherCalls=yes>

TRANSPORT

CIVITAS Plus II funding for mobility projects

CIVITAS Plus II aims to support cities in designing, deploying and evaluating ambitious new policies and technologies for more sustainable urban transport. This call has an indicative budget of €18 million and €14/15 million of that is expected to be allocated to up to two collaborative projects.

Proposals should comprise city-led consortia including both 'leading' and 'learning' cities with mutually complementary interests and should build on past CIVITAS experience and focus on deployment and validation of innovative mobility solutions for both urban passenger and urban freight transport.

Deadline: 12 April 2011

CIVITAS website: <http://www.civitas-initiative.org/main.phtml?lan=en>

Further information: http://cordis.europa.eu/home_en.html

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

YOUTH

Youth in Action

The Youth in Action programme is the EU's **mobility and non-formal education** programme targeting young people aged between 13 and 30 years.

Five types of activity:

- **Action 1: Youth for Europe** will fund youth exchanges, youth democracy projects and pilot networking projects on specific themes;
- **Action 2: European Voluntary Service** supports transnational voluntary service both within and outside the EU involving young people;
- **Action 3: Youth in the World**, covering exchanges and cooperation involving young people and organisations from the EU's neighbouring countries and partner countries elsewhere in the world;
- **Action 4: Youth Support Systems**. Funding European youth organisations, training and networking, projects that encourage innovation and quality, and schemes that add value to the youth programme;
- **Action 5: Support for European Cooperation in the Youth Field**, encourages the exchange of good practice, cooperation and structured dialogue between administrations, policy makers and young people.

The different actions have **various deadlines** in 2011:

To view all deadlines, visit: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/calendar_en.php#2011

For further information on the Programme, visit http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php

In the UK the programme is managed by The British Council: <http://www.britishcouncil.org>

***New:* 2011 EU-China Year of Youth**

2011 was designated as the EU-China Year of Youth with a view to further promoting and deepening partnership between Europe and China.

The main objectives of the Year are to:

- promote intercultural dialogue and strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between European and Chinese youth,
- encourage young people to care about and support the development of EU-China relations,
- achieve extensive and positive impact and help ensure that cooperation between policy makers as well as between youth organizations is sustainable beyond 2011.

The EU-China Year of Youth also coincides with the European Year of Volunteering and the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteering. Thus, voluntary activities involving young Europeans and Chinese will be encouraged throughout the Year.

Further details http://ec.europa.eu/youth/focus/focus1864_en.htm

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

OTHER

Europe for Citizens – Active Citizens for Europe

Activities linked to town-twinning or other kinds of citizens' projects. Public administrations are not eligible for the rest of actions in this Programme.

Annual deadlines: Active Citizens for Europe: **1 April, 1 June & 1 September**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/calendar_2008_2013_en.php

EUCLID (<http://www.euclid.info>) is the national contact point for the Europe for Citizens programme. They can provide information on making an application.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/documents/EACEA_2008_0185_EN.pdf

2011 – European Year of Volunteering

The European Year of Volunteering has now been launched. The Year will help Member States, regional, local communities and civil society achieve the following **objectives**:

- Work towards an enabling and facilitating environment for volunteering in the EU;
- Empower volunteer organisations and improve the quality of volunteering;
- Reward and recognise volunteering activities; and
- Raise awareness of the value and importance of volunteering.

The proposed activities should focus on communication and awareness-raising measures, such as conferences, seminars, exchange of experience and publications. The emphasis will be placed on funding projects with a volunteering dimension in the EU's action programmes, such as the 'Youth in Action Programme', for example.

Hundreds of activities and projects will be highlighted and promoted, at the EU level, these include:

- **EYV2011 Tour:** Volunteers will tour EU countries over a one-year period, showcasing their work and engaging with policy makers and the public at each step of the tour. Due in London the first fortnight of June, details tbc.
- **EYV Relay:** 27 "Relay" volunteer reporters will follow the work of 54 volunteering organisations and produce audio, video and written reports to be broadcast by the media.
- **Four thematic conferences** in 2011 to highlight key issues related to volunteering:
 - 8th January in Budapest: Recognition of Volunteering;
 - May/June: Celebrating volunteers and their valuable contribution;
 - October: Empowering volunteering organisations;
 - December: Closing conference on future challenges.

In the UK, The Office of the Third Sector (OTS) at the Cabinet Office are currently leading on the EY2011.

For queries regarding the national work programme in England email: eyv2011@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

The Official Campaign Website: europa.eu/volunteering

The EYV11 Alliance website: www.eyv2011.eu

The Alliance is a Europe wide group of voluntary and community sector networks. They are working together to support the implementation of activity around EYV11 .

For further information please contact the European and International Service on 023 8083 4047 or email maite.sanjuan@southampton.gov.uk

2012 – European Year of Active Ageing
--

The European Commission has proposed that 2012 be designated as the "European Year for Active Ageing".

The initiative aims to:

- help create better job opportunities and working conditions for the growing numbers of older people in Europe,
- help them take an active role in society and
- encourage healthy ageing.

The proposed European Year for Active Ageing is designed to serve as a framework for raising awareness, for identifying and disseminating good practice and for encouraging policymakers and stakeholders at all levels to promote active ageing. The aim is to invite these players to commit to specific action and goals in the run-up year 2011 so that tangible achievements can be presented during the European Year itself in 2012.

For further information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=860&furtherNews=yes>)