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To:

International Commissioners and other principal contacts of NSOs and NSAs in the European Region

Circular 27 2017 Deadline 17 DECEMBER 2017

Erasmus+ Call for Project Partners

Dear friends,

This circular provides you with information on the upcoming application for a large Erasmus + grant for which your NSO/NSA can be partners.

To be able to be a partner in this project, please check carefully the rules below and follow all the steps described. The application will be submitted at European level by the WSB, Europe Support Centre, Brussels.

Call name: Key Action 3: Support for policy reform - Social inclusion through education, training and youth.

The call is set to be published in early January 2018. The Project should aim at "disseminating and/or scaling up (replicating on a wider scale, transferring to a different context or implementing it at a higher/systemic level) successful methodologies and good results of previous activities on social inclusion, values and fundamental rights, in particular those initiated at local level or at developing and implementing innovative methods and practices in the same subjects in specific contexts."

We expect the focus to be on the inclusion and civic participation of young people through volunteering and the prevention of radicalisation. This call is expected to correspond generally to the one already circulated last year on the same topic.

Application deadline: internal deadline to show interest to be a partner to this project: 17 December 2017

We are proposing to develop a partnership and apply with a project supporting your existing work on diversity and inclusion to offer Scouting to young people under-represented into your organisation.

Many NSOs and NSAs in our Region are already working on projects that tackle social inclusion and promote civic participation. In particular, NSO/NSAs engaged in creating local Scout Groups in deprived areas where young people with low economical/social and/or migrant backgrounds are living. The project therefore aims to gather NSO/NSAs already engaged in reaching out to more diverse groups of young people. However, at a later stage of the project, all European NSO/NSAs will be invited into dissemination activities to be able to learn from the outputs of the partner organisations in this project.

Financial conditions: The maximum project grant is 500,000 EUR with a co-funding of minimum 20%.

All NSO/NSAs willing to be partner to this project will be requested to support the co-funding of their own activities and participation to the project.

Project Aim

Build a common approach for increasing outreach to disadvantaged youth and ensuring their long-term inclusion into Scouting. The project will focus on community based engagement to gather successful practices developed within Europe and discuss the national realities of each country participating in the project. Direct activities on the ground to reach out and create local Scout groups will be foreseen.

Draft Project

- Exchange of experiences on this topic among European NSOs and NSAs and with external partners identify common challenges and common key points of successes;
- Create guidelines dedicated to support the national level of European NSOs and NSAs on how to approach the inclusion of disadvantaged youth into Scouting – based on previous experiences from the partners;
- Implement reaching out activities (e.g.: creation of new local Scout groups, community based activities, twinning of Scouts group between newly established groups and more established ones, activities to raise awareness about diversity within existing membership etc.) based on the guidelines review the guidelines after the testing phase.
- Provide training, for the NSOs and other youth organisations interested in adopting this approach, on how to use the guidelines.

The objectives and actions are flexible and could be further specifically tailored to the needs of each partner. It is possible to include in the project application any partners or experts that could help us in the development of the Toolkit and measure the social impact of the project. NSA/NSOs willing to be a partner to the project are encouraged to bring with them external partners having specific expertise on social inclusion: local or regional authorities, specific community NGOs, organisations specialised in supporting integration processes.

The project is expected to start in January 2019 with a duration of 24 months.

How to benefit from this grant?

Fill in the relevant information for the application

Please fill in all the relevant information following this link by 17 December 2017: https://goo.gl/forms/sLQyXwacR2Ela5Tm2.

Please note that it is required to fill in all the questions but this is just a first information sheet and answers can be provided in bullet-point format. More detailed information will be required from confirmed partners after we have an agreement on the concept of the project.

We are aiming at gathering minimum 4 NSO/NSAs and maximum 5 NSO/NSAs having already experiences in dealing with inclusion of young people from vulnerable background (migrants, minorities, disadvantaged social and economic background). Considering that only a limited number of NSO/NSA can be core partners to this project, if more than 5 apply to be partner to this project, the following selection criteria will be used: 1) Previous experiences in the area of diversity and inclusion 2) financial capacities and previous experiences in managing EU grants.

Which NSOs/NSAs are eligible for this grant? All 28 EU member states, EFTA/EEA countries and EU candidate countries (FYRO Macedonia and Turkey).

Yours sincerely,

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