



A quick guide to EU Funding

2014 - 2020



1. Introduction

“A quick guide to EU funding” is an edition published by Deloitte Limited, Grants & Incentives Unit, responding to the need of researchers, public and private sector entities, and the community in general for quick, concise and accurate information on funding opportunities available through the Competitive Programmes of the European Union (EU). It constitutes a simple tool for providing the key information available to those with an interest in EU funding for the period 2014-2020, such as the budget available, beneficiaries, thematic categories, programme and sub-programme details, supported actions, level of funding and links for more information.

The main objective of the guide is to serve as a starting point for identifying the funding opportunities available that match the proposers’ themes and project requirements. Potential proposers are thus equipped with the basic information that is necessary before studying thoroughly the Work Programmes of each programme that is of interest to them and identifying the Open Calls for Proposals, which are appealing to them.

EU Funding Programmes

In March 2010, the Commission adopted its communication Europe 2020, a strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, designed to deliver a high level of employment, productivity and social cohesion. According to José Manuel Barroso, “The Commission is proposing five

measurable EU targets for 2020 that will steer the process and be translated into national targets: for employment; for research and innovation; for climate change and energy; for education; and for combating poverty”¹. In order to achieve these targets pursued through the EU policies, a wide range of Competitive Programmes are adopted providing to different types of beneficiaries financial support, in the fields related to the different EU policies.

EU Competitive Programmes are programmes financed directly from the EU’s budget in the form of grants and cover priorities, as defined by the EU and aimed at contributing to the implementation of EU policies. They are administrated by the European Commission and are competitive and transnational, thus participation of partners from more than one member states is often required in order to submit a proposal. These programmes are managed at central European level, without the intervention of the Institutions of the Member State. The proposals submitted compete with proposals from all Member states and successful proposals are selected after a comparative evaluation of all proposals submitted.

EU Competitive Programmes in this Guide

This guide presents briefly the Programmes of the Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2014-2020², which have already been adopted by the European Parliament and are managed centrally by the European Commission.

¹ COM(2010)2020

² The functioning of the MFF 2014-2020 will be reviewed by the Commission in 2016 taking full account of the economic situation at the time as well as the latest macroeconomic projections.
(http://ec.europa.eu/budget/mff/introduction/index_en.cfm)

Funds whose management is shared between the EU and the Member States, such as Structural Funds or Cohesion Funds, are not included in the present edition.

The main Programmes of the 2014-2020 period which are also presented in the guide are Horizon with a budget of €77,03 billion, Connecting Europe Facility with €21,94 billion and Erasmus+ with €14,8 billion (all amounts are in current prices). The guide also includes programmes covering other important policies of the EU (i.e. Employment and Social Innovation programme, LIFE programme, Consumer programme, Creative Europe, etc.)

Geographical Coverage

Participating countries are usually divided into two groups: Programme Countries and Partner Countries. Programme Countries include the 28 Member States, the European Free Trading Association Countries/European Economic Area – EFTA/ EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Candidate Countries under Framework Agreement. Partner Countries include third countries that are contributing financially to the programmes' budget and have signed in this respect a Memorandum of Understanding.

Moreover, the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) for EU candidate and potential candidate countries is available, with which the EU continues to offer its support during the period 2014-2020 with regard to the technical and

financial assistance that is necessary for improving the situation and developing sustainability with the emphasis on political, institutional, legal, administrative, social, and economic reforms that will align their practices to EU standards.

Neighbouring Partner Countries may also participate in certain programmes, as defined in the Annual Work Programmes, subject to conditions. These include the following:

- South East Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo (under UNSC Resolution 1244/1999).
- Eastern Europe and Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.
- Mediterranean Partner Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Syria, Tunisia.

Finally, wider cooperation with other non-European third countries will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the nature of the activities contemplated.



2. Acronyms

AAL Ambient Assisted Living	GDP Gross domestic product
AAL JP Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme	GNSS Global Navigation Satellite Systems
BONUS Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme	H2020 Horizon 2020
CEF Connecting Europe Facility	ICT Information and Communication Technology
CIP Competitiveness and Innovation Programme	IPA Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance
Co2 Carbon dioxide	KA1 Key Action 1
COSME Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs	KA2 Key Action 2
COST European Cooperation in Science and Technology	KA3 Key Action 3
DG Directorate General	Mbps Megabits per second
EASI Employment and Social Innovation Programme	OER Open Educational Resources
EEA European Economic Area	OLAF European Anti-Fraud Office
EEIG European Economic Interest Grouping	PCP Pre Commercial Procurement
EFTA European Free Trading Association Countries	PPI Public Procurement of Innovative solutions
EGNOS European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service	PROGRESS Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity
EIP Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme	RDI Research, development and innovation
EIP European Innovation Partnerships	SIRE Safety, Information and education, Rights and redress, and Enforcement
ERA European Research Area	SME Small and medium enterprises
ERC European Research Council	TEN Trans-European Networks
EU European Union	UNSC United Nations Security Council
EURES European network of Employment Services	VET Vocational, Education and Training



3. Overview of New Funding Programmes

Programmes per thematic category

Thematic Categories	Programme
Audiovisual Sector and Media	Creative Europe
Consumer Safety	Consumer Programme 2014-2020
Culture	Creative Europe
Democracy and Civic Participation	Europe for Citizens
Economic growth and competitiveness	Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME) Horizon 2020
Education and Training	Consumer Programme 2014-2020 Customs 2020 Erasmus+ Fiscalis 2020 Hercule III Internal Security Fund Component for Police Cooperation Pericles 2020
Energy	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Horizon 2020
Entrepreneurship	Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EASI)
Environment	Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme (BONUS) Horizon 2020 LIFE Programme
European Citizenship	Europe for Citizens Rights and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020
Health	Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme (AAL JP) Consumer Programme 2014-2020 Health for Growth Horizon 2020
Industry	Horizon 2020

Thematic Categories	Programme
Information and Communication Technologies	Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme (AAL JP) Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME) Fiscalis 2020 Galileo and Egnos (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service) Programmes Horizon 2020
Internal Market	Consumer Programme 2014-2020 Customs 2020 Fiscalis 2020 Hercule III Pericles 2020
Justice and Security	Horizon 2020 Internal Security Fund – Component for Police Cooperation Pericles 2020
Labour Market	Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EASI) Rights and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020
Law Enforcement	Customs 2020 Hercule III Internal Security Fund – Component for Police Cooperation Pericles 2020
Social Affairs and Human Rights	Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EASI) Horizon 2020 Rights and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020
Space	Galileo and Egnos (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service) Programmes Horizon 2020
Sports	Erasmus+
Telecommunications	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Horizon 2020
Trade and Commerce	Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME)
Transport	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Horizon 2020
Youth	Erasmus+ Horizon 2020

Programme, thematic categories and beneficiaries

Programme	Thematic Categories	Beneficiaries
Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme (AAL JP)	Health Information and Communication Technologies	Private Sector Academic institutions and research centers
Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme (BONUS)	Environment	Private Sector Public Sector
Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME)	Trade and Commerce Economic growth and Competitiveness Information and Communication Technologies	Private Sector Public Sector
Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	Transport Energy Telecommunications	Public Sector Non-Profit Organizations Academic institutions and research centers
Consumer Programme 2014-2020	Health Consumer Safety Education and Training Internal Market	Public Sector Non-Profit Organizations
Creative Europe	Culture Media and Audiovisual Sector	Private Sector Public Sector Non-Profit Organizations Academic institutions and research centers
Customs 2020	Internal Market Law Enforcement Education and Training	Public Sector Central Government

Programme	Thematic Categories	Beneficiaries
Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EASI)	Social Affairs and Human Rights Labour Market Entrepreneurship	Private Sector Academic institutions and research centers Non-Profit Organizations
Erasmus+	Education and Training Youth Sport	Private Sector Public Sector Non-Profit Organizations Academic institutions and research centers
Europe for Citizens	European Citizenship Democracy and Civic Participation	Public Sector Non-Profit Organisations Academic institutions and research centers
Fiscalis 2020	Internal Market Information and Communication Technologies Education and Training	Public Sector Central Government
Galileo and Egnos (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service) Programmes	Space Information and Communication Technologies	Central Government Private Sector Public Sector Academic institutions and research centers
Health for Growth	Health	Non-Profit Organizations Academic institutions and research centers
Hercule III	Education and Training Law enforcement Internal Market	Central Government Academic institutions and research centers Non-Profit Organizations

Programme	Thematic Categories	Beneficiaries
Horizon 2020	Energy Environment Health Industry Information and Communication Technologies Justice Security Social Affairs and Human Rights Space Telecommunications Transport Youth Economic growth and competitiveness	Private Sector Public Sector Bodies Non-Profit Organizations Academic institutions and research centers
Internal Security Fund – Component for Police Cooperation	Justice and Security, Law Enforcement, Education and Training	Central Government
LIFE Programme	Environment	Private Sector Public Sector Non-Profit Organizations Academic institutions and research centers
Pericles 2020	Law enforcement Education and Training Justice and Security Internal Market	Central Government, Public sector
Rights and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020	European Citizenship Social Affairs and Human Rights, Labour Market	Public Sector Central Government

4. EU Competitive Programmes

AMBIENT ASSISTED LIVING JOINT PROGRAMME (AAL JP)

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €700 million

Thematic Categories: Health, Information Technology

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: AAL Association, Central Management Unit
<http://www.aal-europe.eu/>

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme (AAL JP) is an initiative under Article 185 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. AAL JP is a funding activity that aims to create better condition of life for the older adults and to strengthen the industrial opportunities in Europe through the use of information and communication technology (ICT). It carries out its mandate through the funding of across-national projects that involve small and medium enterprises (SME), research bodies and user's organizations (representing the older adults). It aims to:

- give older adults access to more and better products and services for ageing well. These will help them to keep living independently in their own homes and to participate in economy and society for more years;
- create a larger market for industry and especially SMEs at European level and improve EU competitiveness in ICT based products and services for ageing well;

- make researchers benefit from collaboration with other experts at European scale;
- help governments gain cost efficiencies and increased sustainability of health and social care, while tackling the societal challenge of demographic ageing.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

The AAL JP aims to combine social, technological and business aspects to deliver:

- New models of service delivery and care that contribute to greater self-reliance for older adults and greater support for informal carers.
- Adapted living spaces that can improve the quality of their everyday lives.
- New ways for older people to remain active, including contributing as volunteers or providing mutual support.
- New ways of mobilising active and trusted networks, both formal and informal, professional and in kind, to provide all types of support.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

Maximum funding from the AAL Joint Programme: €3 million. Total budgets for projects should range between €1 million - 7 million.

BALTIC SEA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (BONUS)

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €100 million for the years 2010-2016

Thematic Categories: Environment

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Public Sector

More information: Bonus Secretariat (EEIG)

<http://www.bonusportal.org/>

http://www.bonusportal.org/support/contact_us

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme (BONUS) is an initiative under Article 185 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

BONUS is a joint Baltic Sea research programme producing knowledge to support development and implementation of regulations, policies and management practices specifically tailored for the Baltic Sea region. It issues calls for competitive proposals and funds projects of high excellence and relevance based on its strategic research agenda. BONUS is supported by national research funding institutions in the eight EU member states around the Baltic Sea and the European Commission's Research Framework Programme. BONUS vision is 'Economically and ecologically prosperous Baltic Sea region where resources and goods are used sustainably and where the long-term management of the region is based on sound knowledge derived from multi-disciplinary research.'

The strategic objectives of BONUS (2010-2016) are the following:

- Understanding the Baltic Sea ecosystem structure and functioning.
- Meeting the multifaceted challenges in linking the Baltic Sea with its coast and catchment.
- Enhancing sustainable use of coastal and marine goods and services of the Baltic Sea.
- Improving the capabilities of the society to respond to the current and future challenges directed to the Baltic Sea region.
- Developing improved and innovative observation and data management systems, tools and methodologies for marine information needs in

the Baltic Sea region enhancing sustainable use of coastal and marine goods and services of the Baltic Sea.

BONUS brings together the research communities of Earth system research in marine, maritime, coastal terrestrial, economical and societal fields to address the major challenges faced by the Baltic Sea region. The main aim of BONUS is to generate and disseminate knowledge and provide necessary know-how in order to resolve challenges in the way of sustainable use of the Baltic Sea ecosystem goods and services in the coming decade and beyond.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Facilitation of researchers' collaboration, networking, human capacity building and joint use of research infrastructures.
- Support to European, regional and national coastal and marine environmental policies and plans, in particular HELCOM's (Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki Commission) Baltic Sea Action Plan.
- The calls will include research, innovation, training and dissemination activities.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

The level of financing depends on the theme called but indicatively, it may range between €2 million - €3 million per project.

COMPETITIVENESS OF ENTERPRISES AND SMEs (COSME)

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €2,3 billion

Thematic Categories: Trade and Commerce, Economic growth and Competitiveness, Information and Communication Technologies

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Public Sector

More information: Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index_en.htm

EASME-COSME-EEN-CALL-2014@ec.europa.eu

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME) aims at encouraging the competitiveness of European enterprises. With small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs), current and potential entrepreneurs and business support organisations as its main targets, the programme provides better access to finance, deliver business support services and promote entrepreneurship. It largely continues the activities started under the Competitiveness and Innovation programme (CIP) and also ensures continuity with initiatives and actions already undertaken under the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP), such as the Enterprise Europe Network.

COSME will support, complement and coordinate actions by the Member States. The programme will specifically address problems of a transnational nature which, by means of economies of scale or by their demonstration effect, can be more effectively addressed at the European level, such as:

- overcoming market fragmentation in the Single Market;
- facilitating the adoption of best practices across all Member States.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Access to finance for SMEs through dedicated financial instruments. The financial instruments target companies in different phases of their lifecycle: creation, expansion and business transfer. An Equity Facility for Growth will

provide venture capital to enterprises, in particular in their growth phase.

- Enterprise Europe Network: a network of business service centres. The Enterprise Europe Network is a “one-stop shop” for the business needs of SMEs in the EU and beyond.
- Entrepreneurship. Support will be given to encourage trans-national networks, to exchange good practices and identify scope for expanding business activities.
- Improving framework conditions for the competitiveness of enterprises and policy development. Analytical work will be undertaken to facilitate evidence-based policy-making by national and regional policy-makers.
- Internationalisation of SMEs. The COSME programme will provide SMEs with support to facilitate business expansion in the EU Single Market and in markets outside the EU. International business cooperation will be fostered, in particular, to reduce the differences in regulatory and business environments, between the EU and its main trading partners.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

40%-60%

CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY (CEF)

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: € 21,94 billion

Thematic Categories: Transport, Energy, Telecommunications

Beneficiaries: Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centers

More information:

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is the new

funding mechanism for infrastructure projects of common interest for trans-European transport, energy and telecoms networks. CEF will support the development of high performing, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital services. CEF shall enable the preparation and implementation of projects of Common interest within the framework of the trans-European networks (TEN) policy in the sectors of energy, transport and telecommunications. In particular the Connecting Europe Facility shall support the implementation of projects aiming at the development and construction of new or upgrading of existing infrastructure in the field of transport, energy and telecommunications.

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Transport

- Removing bottlenecks and bridging missing links, to be measured by the number of new and improved cross-border connections and removed bottlenecks on transport routes which have benefited from CEF.
- Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport in the long run, to be measured by the length of the conventional railway network in the EU-27 and the length of highspeed railway network in the EU-27.
- Optimise the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability of transport services. The achievement of this objective will be measured by the number of ports and airports connected to the railway network.

Energy

- Promoting the further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders,

including by ensuring that no Member State is isolated from the European network, to be measured by the number of projects effectively interconnecting Member states' networks and removing internal bottlenecks.

- Enhancing Union security of supply, to be measured by the evolution of system resilience and security of system operations as well as number of projects allowing diversification of supply sources, supplying counterparts and routes.
- Contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment, notably by fostering the integration of energy from renewable sources into the transmission network and developing carbon dioxide networks, to be measured by the transmission of renewable energy from generation to major consumption centers and storage sites, and the sum of Co2 (carbon dioxide) emissions prevented by the construction of the projects which benefited from CEF.

Telecommunications networks

- Accelerating the deployment of fast and ultrafast broadband networks and their uptake, including by small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), to be measured by the level of broadband and ultrafast broadband coverage and the number of households having subscribed for broadband connections for above 100 Mbps (megabits per second).
- Promoting the interconnection and interoperability of national public services online as well as access to such networks, to be measured by the percentage of citizens and businesses using public services on-line and the availability of such services across borders.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

Transport

- Grants for studies, 50% of the eligible costs.
- Grants for works:
 - for railway networks, and road networks in the case of Member States with no railway network established in their territory or in the case of a Member State, or part thereof, with an isolated network without long-distance rail freight transport: 20% of the eligible costs; the funding rate may be increased to a maximum of 30 % for actions addressing bottlenecks and to 40% for actions concerning cross-border sections and actions enhancing rail interoperability;
 - for inland waterways: 20% of the eligible costs; the funding rate may be increased to a maximum of 40% for actions addressing bottlenecks and to a maximum of 40% for actions concerning cross- border sections;
 - for inland transport, connections to and the development of multimodal logistics platforms including connections to inland and maritime ports and airports, as well as the development of ports: 20% of the eligible costs;
 - for actions to reduce rail freight noise including by retrofitting existing rolling stock: 20% of the eligible costs up to a combined ceiling of 1% of the budgetary resources referred to in point (a) of Article 5(1);
 - for better accessibility to transport infrastructure for disabled persons: 30% of the eligible cost of adaptation works, not exceeding in any case 10% of the total eligible cost of works;
 - for actions supporting new technologies and innovation for all modes of transport: 20% of the eligible costs;
 - for actions to support cross-border road sections: 10% of the eligible costs;
 - Grants for telematic applications systems and services (20%-50%).

Energy

- 50% of the eligible cost of studies and/or works. May be increased to 75% for actions with a high degree of regional or Union-wide security of supply, strengthen the solidarity of the Union or comprise highly innovative solutions.

Telecommunications

- Actions in the field of generic services: 75% of the eligible costs.
- Horizontal actions including infrastructure mapping, twinning and technical assistance: 75% of the eligible costs.

CONSUMER PROGRAMME 2014 - 2020

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €188,83 million

Thematic Categories: Health, Consumer Safety, Education and Training, Internal Market

Beneficiaries: Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations

More information: Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency

http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/index_en.htm;

http://ec.europa.eu/contact/index_en.htm

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PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Consumer programme aims to contribute to protecting the health, safety and economic interests of European citizens. The programme intends to integrate consumer interests in all Community policies, and places a special focus on consumer protection and consumer awareness in the new Member States. The Consumer Programme will support EU consumer policy in the years to come, contributing to the objective of placing consumers at the centre of the Single Market. The programme has four priorities: Safety, Information and education, Rights and redress, and Enforcement (SIRE).

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

Under Objective 1 - Safety:

- scientific advice and risk analysis relevant to consumer health and safety regarding non-food products and services;
- coordination of market surveillance and enforcement actions on product safety
- maintenance and further development of databases on cosmetics.

Under Objective 2 – Information and Education:

- building the evidence base for policy-making in areas affecting consumers;
- support to consumer organisations;
- enhancing the transparency of consumer markets and consumer information;
- enhancing consumer education.

Under Objective 3 – Rights and Redress:

- preparation by the Commission of consumer protection legislation and other regulatory initiatives;
- facilitating access to and monitoring of the functioning and the effectiveness of dispute resolution mechanisms for consumers.

Under Objective 4 – Enforcement:

- coordination of surveillance and enforcement actions with regard to cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protections laws;
- financial contributions for joint actions with public or non-profit bodies constituting Union networks which provide information and assistance to consumers.

LEVEL OF FINANCING

(EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

50%-70%

CREATIVE EUROPE

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €1,46 billion

Thematic Categories: Culture, Media and Audiovisual Sector

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/calls/index_en.htm

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PROGRAMME DETAILS

Creative Europe will replace the MEDIA, MEDIA Mundus and Culture programmes of the previous programming period 2007-2013. Creative Europe helps the cultural and creative sectors to seize the opportunities of the 'digital age' and globalisation and it enables the sectors to reach their potential so that they can contribute to the Europe 2020 goals for sustainable growth, jobs and social cohesion. Moreover, it opens up new international opportunities, markets and audiences and builds on the success of the MEDIA and Culture programmes.

The programme:

- safeguards and promotes European cultural and linguistic diversity, and fosters Europe's cultural richness;
- contributes to Europe's goals for smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth;
- helps the cultural and creative sectors to adapt to the digital age and globalization;
- opens up new international opportunities, markets and audiences;
- builds on the success of the MEDIA, MEDIA Mundus and Culture programmes.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Cross-border cooperation projects between cultural and creative organisations within the EU and beyond.
- Networks helping the cultural and creative sectors to operate transnationally and to strengthen their competitiveness.
- Translation and promotion of literary works across EU markets.
- Platforms of cultural operators promoting emerging artists and stimulating a truly European programming of cultural and artistic works.
- Capacity building and professional training for audiovisual professionals.
- Development of fiction, animations, creative documentaries and video games for European cinema, television markets and other platforms.
- Distribution and sales of audiovisual works in and outside Europe.
- Film festivals that promote European films.
- Funds for the international co-production of films.
- Audience development to foster film literacy and to raise interest in Europe's films through a wide range of events.
- The European Capitals of Culture and the European Heritage Label.

Sub-Programme: CULTURE

The Culture sub-programme of Creative Europe supports cultural and creative organisations with a view to helping them operate transnationally and promoting cross-border circulation of works of culture and mobility of cultural players. It helps to launch projects with a European dimension and to share cultural content across national, and European, borders; it enables cultural and creative players to work internationally and to internationalise their careers and activities in the

EU and beyond; it funds cooperation projects, literary translations, networks and platforms.

Supported actions

- Transnational cooperation projects bringing together cultural and creative organizations from different countries to undertake sectoral or cross-sectoral activities.
- Activities by European networks of cultural and creative organizations from different countries.
- Activities by organizations with a European vocation fostering the development of emerging talent and stimulating the transnational mobility of cultural and creative players and circulation of works, with the potential to exert a broad influence on cultural and creative sectors and to provide for lasting effects.
- Literary translation and the further promotion of translated works.

Budget

At least 31% of the total Creative Europe budget.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

50%-80%

Sub-Programme: MEDIA

The MEDIA sub-programme of Creative Europe supports the EU film and audiovisual industries financially in the development, distribution and promotion of their work. It helps launch projects with a European dimension and nurtures new technologies; it enables European films and audiovisual works to find markets beyond national and European, borders; it funds training and development schemes. The training and market access schemes have a new "Mundus" dimension.

Supported actions

- The development of European audiovisual

works in particular films and television works such as fiction, documentaries, children's and animated films, as well as interactive works such as videogames and multimedia with enhanced cross-border circulation potential.

- Initiatives presenting and promoting a diversity of European audiovisual works, including short films, such as festivals and other promotional events and activities aimed at promoting film literacy and at increasing audiences' knowledge of, and interest in, European audiovisual works, including the audiovisual and cinematographic heritage, in particular among young audiences.
- Activities helping European and international co-production partners to meet and/or provide indirect support for audiovisual works co-produced by supporting international co-production funds based in a country participating in the Programme.
- The development of a comprehensive range of training measures promoting the acquisition and improvement of skills and competences by audiovisual professionals, knowledge sharing and networking initiatives, including the integration of digital technologies.
- Facilitating access to professional audiovisual trade events and markets and the use of online business tools inside and outside the Union and facilitate circulation of European films worldwide and of international films in the Union on all distribution platforms, via international cooperation projects in the audiovisual sector.
- Supporting a European cinema operators' network screening a significant proportion of non-national European films.
- The establishment of support systems for the distribution of non-national European films through theatrical distribution and on all other platforms as well as for international sales activities, in particular the subtitling, dubbing and audio-description of audiovisual works.

- Activities aiming at supporting European audiovisual production companies, in particular independent production companies, with a view to facilitating European and international co-productions of audiovisual works including television works.

Budget

At least 56% of the total Creative Europe budget.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

50%-80%

Sub-Programme: CROSS SECTORAL STRAND

The cross-sectoral Strand will include the Guarantee Fund, the support for Creative Europe Desks which will replace MEDIA Desks and Cultural Contact points from 2014 as well as the support for transnational policy cooperation. The cross-sectoral strand will also provide support for studies, analysis and better data collection to improve the evidence-base for policy-making, funding for experimental projects to encourage cooperation between the audiovisual and other cultural and creative sectors, and funding for the Creative Europe Desks which provide assistance to applicants.

Supported actions

- Support to Creative Europe Desks.
- Support to EU Presidency conferences.
- Policy development activities.
- Studies and evaluations.
- Communication and valorisation activities.
- Financial guarantee facility (as of 2016).

Budget

Maximum 13% of the total Creative Europe budget.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

50%-80%

CUSTOMS 2020 PROGRAMME

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €522,9 million

Thematic Categories: Internal Market, Law Enforcement, Education and Training

Beneficiaries: Public Sector, Central Government

More information: DG Taxation & Customs Union

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/cooperation_programmes/fiscus/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/contact/index_en.htm

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Customs 2020 will support cooperation between customs authorities in the EU to help maximise their efficiency and avoid mismatches in their work, which could hinder the functioning of the Customs Union. It will facilitate networking, joint actions and training amongst customs personnel, while also funding IT systems to enable the development of a fully-fledged electronic customs in Europe. The Programme's objectives are:

- to support the preparation, coherent application and effective implementation of Union law and policy in the field of customs;
- to develop, improve, operate and support the European Information Systems for customs;
- to identify, develop, share and apply best working practices and administrative procedures, in particular further to benchmarking activities;
- to reinforce the skills and competences of customs officials;
- to improve cooperation between customs authorities and international organisations, third countries, other governmental authorities, including Union and national market surveillance authorities, as well as economic operators and organisations representing economic operators.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Joint Actions pursuing the exchange of knowledge and good practice between customs officials of the participating countries.
- European Information Systems facilitating the exchange of information and access to common data.
- Training activities leading to human competency building for customs officials across Europe.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

For grants, 100% of the eligible costs where the latter are travel and accommodation costs, costs linked to organisation of events and daily allowances. Customs provides other types of interventions as well (not grants) such as public procurement contracts and reimbursement of costs incurred by external experts.

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION PROGRAMME (EASI)

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €919,47 million

Thematic Categories: Social Affairs and Human Rights, Labour Market, Entrepreneurship

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Academic institutions and research centers, Non-Profit Organizations

More information: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1081&langId=en>

PROGRAMME DETAILS

EaSI brings together three EU programmes managed separately in the previous programming period 2007-2013: PROGRESS, EURES and Progress Microfinance. The main objectives of EaSI are the following:

- Strengthen ownership of EU objectives and coordination of action at EU and national level in the areas of employment, social affairs and inclusion.
- Support the development of adequate social protection systems and labour market policies.
- Modernise EU legislation and ensure its effective application.
- Promote geographical mobility and boost employment opportunities by developing an open labour market.
- Increase the availability and accessibility of microfinance for vulnerable groups and micro-enterprises, and increase access to finance for social enterprises.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- The modernisation of employment and social policies with the PROGRESS axis (61% of the total budget).
- Job mobility with the EURES axis (18% of the total budget).
- Access to micro-finance and social entrepreneurship with the Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis (21% of the total budget).

Sub-Programme: EURES

EURES, which is the European network of employment services, should promote the better functioning of the labour markets by facilitating the voluntary transnational cross-border geographical mobility of workers, providing greater transparency on the labour market, ensuring the clearance of vacancies and applications for employment and supporting activities in the areas of placement, recruitment, advice and guidance services at national and cross-border level. Member States should be encouraged to integrate EURES services, making them available in a "one-stop shop", where appropriate.

Supported actions

- Development and activities of EURES cross-border partnerships where requested by services territorially responsible for border regions;
- Provision of information, counselling, placement and recruitment services for cross-border workers;
- Development of the multilingual digital platform for the clearance of job vacancies and applications;
- Development of targeted mobility schemes, following calls for proposals, to fill job vacancies where labour market shortcomings have been identified, and/or to help workers with a propensity to be mobile, where a clear economic need has been identified;
- Mutual learning among EURES actors and training of EURES advisors, including EURES cross-border partnership advisors;
- Information and communication activities to raise awareness of the benefits of geographical and occupational mobility in general and of the activities and services provided by EURES.

Budget

The overall EURES budget is expected to be around €20 million per year. The following minimum percentages will be respected: (a) transparency of job vacancies, applications and any related information for applicants and employers: 32 %; (b) development of services for the recruitment and placing of workers in employment through the clearance of job vacancies and applications at Union level, in particular targeted mobility schemes: 30 %; (c) cross-border partnerships: 18%. Any remaining amount shall be allocated to one or more of the thematic sections referred to in points (a), (b), or (c), or to a combination of them.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

95%

Sub-Programme: MICROFINANCE FACILITY & SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis shall increase the access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons.

Supported actions

- Extend the support given to microcredit providers under the current European Progress Microfinance Facility (launched in 2010).
- Provide funding for capacity-building of microfinance institutions.
- Support the development of the social investment market and facilitate access to finance for social enterprises.

Budget

The total proposed budget for the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis is around €171,15 million for the period 2014-2020. The following minimum percentages will be respected: (a) microfinance for vulnerable groups and micro-enterprises: 45%; (b) social entrepreneurship: 45%.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

Except in the case of joint actions, the financial appropriations allocated to the Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis shall cover the full cost of the actions implemented through financial instruments.

Sub-Programme: PROGRESS PROGRAMME

The Progress axis shall support the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Union instruments and policies and promote evidence-based policy-making, social innovation

and social progress, in partnership with the social partners, civil society organisations and public and private bodies.

Supported actions

- Analytical activities:
 - gathering of data and statistics;
 - surveys, studies, analyses and reports;
 - qualitative and quantitative evaluations and impact assessments;
 - monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union law;
 - preparation and implementation of social policy experimentation;
 - dissemination of the results of those analytical activities.
- Mutual-learning, awareness and dissemination activities:
 - exchanges and dissemination of good practice, innovative approaches and experience, peer reviews, benchmarking and mutual learning at European level;
 - Council Presidency events, conferences and seminars;
 - training of legal and policy practitioners;
 - drafting and publication of guides, reports and educational material and measures relating to information, communication and media coverage of initiatives supported by the Programme;
 - information and communication activities;
 - development and maintenance of information systems in order to exchange and disseminate information on Union policy and legislation and on the labour market.
- Support with regard to:
 - the operating costs of key Union-level networks the activities of which relate to and contribute to the objectives of the Progress axis;

- capacity-building of national administrations and specialist services;
- organisation of working groups of national officials;
- networking and cooperation among specialist bodies and other relevant stakeholders;
- funding of European-level observatories, including on key thematic sections;
- exchange of personnel between national administrations.

Budget

The total proposed budget for Progress is around €500 million. The following minimum percentages will be respected:

- (a) employment, in particular to fight youth unemployment 20%;
- (b) social protection, social inclusion and the reduction and prevention of poverty 50%;
- (c) working conditions 10%. From the overall allocation for the Progress axis, and within its different thematic sections, 15% to 20%.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

80%

ERASMUS+

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €14,8 billion

Thematic Categories: Education and Training, Youth, Sport

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

<http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/>

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/contacts_en

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Erasmus+ is the new EU Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport for 2014-2020. It brings together the previous Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action and five international cooperation programmes. It also includes sport. Overall the programme is aimed at supporting the development of actions, cooperation and tools linked to the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and its flagship initiatives.

Erasmus+ is designed to support Member States' efforts to use efficiently the potential of Europe's human capital that remains underexploited, while confirming the principle of lifelong learning by linking support to formal, non-formal, and informal learning throughout the education, training and youth fields. In addition to providing grants for individuals, Erasmus+ will support transnational partnerships among Education, Training and Youth institutions and organizations to foster cooperation and bridge the worlds of Education and work in order to tackle the skills gaps we are facing in Europe. It will also support national efforts to modernize Education, Training and Youth systems.

In the field of Sport, there will be support for grassroots projects and cross-border challenges such as combating match-fixing, doping, violence and racism.

Sub-Programme: KEY ACTION 1 (KA1) – LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS

Projects under this Action promote transnational mobility activities targeting learners (students, trainees, apprentices, young people and volunteers), and staff (professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, and people working in organizations active in the education, training and youth fields).

Supported actions

- Mobility of learners and staff: opportunities for students, trainees, young people and volunteers, as well as for professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, staff of education institutions and civil society organizations to undertake a learning and/or professional experience in another country.
- Joint Master Degrees: high-level integrated international study programmes delivered by consortia of higher education institutions that award full degree scholarships to the best master students worldwide.
- Master Student Loan Guarantee: higher education students can get a loan backed up by the Programme to go abroad for a full Master Degree. Students should refer to national banks or student loan agencies.

Budget

- At least 63% of the total Erasmus+ budget for KA1 as a whole and of which:
- At least 77,5% for the Education and Training field.
- At least 10% for the Youth field.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

For mobility activities the following lump sums apply:

- For students: €700 per month
- For staff: €70-€140 per day
- For VET learners: €24-€96 per day

Sub-Programme: KEY ACTION 2 (KA2) – COOPERATION FOR INNOVATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES

The actions under Key Action 2 make it possible for organisations from different participating countries to work together, to develop, share and transfer best practices and innovative

approaches in the fields of education, training and youth. More specifically, the following types of cooperation are supported:

Strategic Partnerships aim to support the development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices at organizational, local, regional, national or European levels.

Knowledge Alliances aim at strengthening Europe's innovation capacity and at fostering innovation in higher education, business and the broader socio-economic environment.

Sector Skills Alliances aim at tackling skills gaps, enhancing the responsiveness of initial and continuing Vocational, Education and Training (VET) systems to sector-specific labour market needs and demand for new skills with regard to one or more occupational profiles. The sectors that will be eligible under this Action are those which have constituted a European Sector Skills Council (Textile/Clothing/Leather, Commerce) and those with skills imbalances to which current Commission policies respond (Advanced Manufacturing).

Capacity Building projects are transnational cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of youth in Programme and Partner Countries. They can also involve organisations from the fields of education and training, as well as from other socio-economic sectors.

Supported actions

Transnational Strategic partnerships aimed to develop initiatives addressing one or more fields of education training and youth and promote innovation, exchange of experience and know-how between different types of

organizations involved in education, training and youth or in other relevant fields. Certain mobility activities are supported in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project.

Knowledge Alliances support the following activities:

- Boosting innovation in higher education, business and in the broader socio-economic environment;
- Developing entrepreneurship mind-set and skills;
- Stimulating the flow and exchange of knowledge between higher education and enterprises;
- Information and Communication Technologies;
- Environmental technologies (Eco-Innovation);
- Cultural and Creative sectors.

Sector Skills Alliances support the following activities:

- Defining skills and training provision needs in a given specific economic sector;
- Designing joint curricula;
- Delivering joint curricula.

Capacity Building projects support the following activities:

- promote strategic cooperation between youth organisations on the one hand and public authorities in Partner Countries on the other hand;
- promote the cooperation between youth organisations and organisations in the education and training fields as well as with representatives of business and labour market;
- raise the capacities of youth councils, youth platforms and local, regional and national authorities dealing with youth in Partner Countries;
- enhance the management, governance, innovation capacity and internationalisation of

- youth organisations in Partner Countries;
- launch, test and implement youth work practices, such as new forms of practical training schemes and simulation of real life cases in society; new forms of youth work, notably strategic use of open and flexible learning, virtual mobility, open educational resources (OER) and better exploitation of the ICT potential;
- cooperation, networking and peer-learning activities fostering efficient management, internationalisation and leadership of youth work organisations.

Budget

- At least 28% of total Erasmus+ budget for KA2 as a whole and of which:
 - at least 77,5% for the Education and Training field.
 - at least 10% for the Youth field.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- Strategic Partnerships: Maximum grant: €150.000 per year (i.e. €12.500 per month).
- Knowledge Alliances & Sector Skills Alliances: Maximum EU contribution awarded for a 2-year KA €700.000, Max. EU contribution awarded for a 3-year KA €1 million.
- Capacity building in the field of youth: Maximum. grant awarded €150.000.

Sub-Programme: KEY ACTION 3 (KA3) – SUPPORT FOR POLICY REFORM

Structured Dialogue promotes the active participation of young people in democratic life and fosters debate around topics centered on the themes and priorities set by the Structured Dialogue and the renewed political framework in the youth field. Structured Dialogue projects can take the form of meetings, conferences,

consultations and events. These events promote the active participation of young people in democratic life in Europe and their interaction with decision-makers. As a concrete result of these events, young people are able to make their voice heard (through the formulation of positions, proposals and recommendations) on how youth policies should be shaped and implemented in Europe.

Supported actions

- National meetings and transnational seminars that offer space for information, debate and active participation of young people –in dialogue with youth decision-makers -on issues which are relevant to Structured Dialogue or to the EU Youth Strategy.
- National meetings and transnational seminars that prepare the ground for the official Youth Conferences organised during each semester by the Member State holding the turn of Presidency of the European Union.
- Events that promote debates and information on youth policy themes linked to the activities organised during the European Youth Week.
- Consultations of young people, with a view to find out their needs on matters relating to participation in democratic life (online consultations, opinion polls, etc.).
- Meetings and seminars, information events or debates between young people and decision-makers/youth experts around the theme of participation in democratic life.
- Events simulating the functioning of the democratic institutions and the roles of decision-makers within these institutions.

Budget

At least 4,2% of total Erasmus+ budget and of which at least 10% for the Youth field.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

Structured Dialogue Meeting: Maximum grant awarded €50.000.

Sub-Programme: Jean Monnet Activities

The Jean Monnet Actions aim at promoting excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide. These Actions also aim at fostering the dialogue between the academic world and policy-makers, in particular with the aim of enhancing governance of EU policies.

Jean Monnet Module: A short teaching programme (or course) in the field of European Union studies at a higher education institution.

Jean Monnet Chair: A teaching post with a specialisation in European Union studies for university professors or senior lecturers.

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence: A focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects.

Jean Monnet Projects support innovation, cross-fertilisation and the spread of European Union content.

Jean Monnet Support to Institutions that enhance teacher and training activities on European Union subjects at the postgraduate level and/or for other relevant stakeholders and Associations that have as their explicit purpose to contribute to the study of the European integration process.

Jean Monnet Networks foster the creation and development of consortia of international players in the area of European Union studies.

Supported actions

Jean Monnet Modules (teaching and research):

- General or introductory courses on European Union issues (in particular at institutions and faculties that do not yet have a highly developed course offering in the field).
- Specialised teaching on European Union developments (in particular at institutions and faculties that do already have a highly developed course offering in the field).
- Summer and intensive courses that are fully recognised.

Jean Monnet Chairs (teaching and research):

- Deepen teaching in European Union studies embodied in an official curriculum of a higher education institution.
- Conduct, monitor and supervise research on EU subjects, also for other educational levels such as teacher training and compulsory education.
- Provide in-depth teaching on European Union matters for future professionals in fields which are in increasing demand on the labour market; encourage, advise and mentor the young generation of teachers and researchers in European Union studies subject areas.

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence:

- Organizing and coordinating human and documentary resources related to European Union studies.
- Leading research activities in specific European Union subjects (research function).
- Developing content and tools on EU subjects to update and complement the current courses and curricula (teaching function).
- Enhancing the debate and exchange of experiences about the EU (think-tank function).
- Systematic publication of the results of research activities.

Jean Monnet Networks (policy debate with the academic world):

- Gathering and promoting information and results on methodologies applied to high-level research and teaching on EU studies.
- Enhancing cooperation between different higher education institutions and other relevant bodies throughout Europe and around the world.
- Exchanging knowledge and expertise with a view to mutually enhancing good practices.
- Fostering cooperation and creating a high knowledge exchange platform with public actors and the European Commission services on highly relevant EU subjects.

Jean Monnet Support to Institutions and Associations

For institutions:

- Collect, elaborate, analyse and disseminate European Union facts and knowledge.
- Organise Master level courses on European Union issues or professional advanced training for practitioners, civil servants of local and regional authorities.

For associations:

- Organise and carry out statutory activities of associations dealing with European Union studies and European Union issues.
- Publicize European Union facts among a wider public enhancing active citizenship.

Jean Monnet Projects (policy debate with the academic world):

- Development and testing newly designed methodologies, content and tools on specific European Union topics.
- Development of academic content and tools specifically designed for students of faculties/schools not normally dealing with EU issues.
- Creation of virtual classrooms on specific subject

areas and testing them in different contexts.

- Design, production and implementation of self-training tools promoting active citizenship in the EU.
- Developing and delivering appropriate pedagogical content and new/adapted didactic material for the teaching of European Union issues at the level of primary and secondary education.
- Design and implementation of teacher training and continuing education for teachers, providing them with the appropriate knowledge and skills to teach European Union subjects.
- Provision of specifically designed activities on the European Union to pupils at the level of primary and secondary schools and in vocational education and training institutions.
- Boosting the level of knowledge and/or enhance the dynamic of a "department/chair/research team" in a given faculty/school which has expressed a specific interest/need via joint academic activities.
- Joint development of content and co-teaching for students involving several institutions. Participating institutions may organise common activities, preparation of tools supporting courses, delivery of courses on EU issues particularly in those disciplines not traditionally associated with this field of study.
- Supporting information and dissemination activities for staff of the public administration, for experts in specific subjects and for civil society as a whole.
- Organisation of conferences, seminars and/or roundtables in relevant European Union issues.

Budget

At least 1,9% of the total Erasmus+ budget.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- Jean Monnet Module: Max. grant awarded

€30.000 (max. 75% of the total cost)

- Jean Monnet Chair: Max. grant awarded €50.000 (max. 75% of the total cost)
- Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence: Max. grant awarded €100.000 (max. 80% of the total cost)
- Jean Monnet Support to Institutions and Associations:
 - For institutions no maximum ceiling.
 - For associations maximum grant awarded €50.000. (All projects: 80% of the total cost)
- Jean Monnet Networks: Maximum grant awarded €300.000 (max. 80% of the total cost)
- Jean Monnet Projects: Maximum grant awarded €60.000 (max. 75% of the total cost)

Sub-Programme: SPORT

The specific objectives in the field of sport are to:

- tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport, such as doping, match fixing and violence, as well as all kinds of intolerance and discrimination;
- promote and support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes;
- promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity, through increased participation in, and equal access to sport for all.

Supported actions

Collaborative Partnerships that offer the opportunity to develop, transfer and/or implement innovative practices in different areas relating to sport and physical activity between various organisations and actors in and outside sport, including in particular public authorities at local, regional, national and European levels, sport organisations, sport-related organisations and

educational bodies. Collaborative Partnerships support the following activities:

- Networking among key stakeholders.
- Identification and sharing of good practices.
- Development and implementation of training and educational modules.
- Activities to increase the competences of multipliers in the field of sport and to develop monitoring and benchmarking of indicators, notably as regards the promotion of ethical behaviours and codes of conduct among sportspeople.
- Awareness-raising activities on the value of sport and physical activity in relation to the personal, social and professional development of individuals.
- Activities to improve the evidence-base of sport to tackle societal and economic challenges.
- Activities to promote innovative synergies between the field of sport and the fields of health, education, training and youth.
- Conferences, seminars, meetings, events and awareness-raising actions underpinning the aforementioned activities.

Not-for-profit European sport events

aiming to support the implementation of EU strategies in the areas of social inclusion and equal opportunities, notably the EU Gender Equality Strategy and the EU Disability Strategy and the implementation of the EU Physical Activity Guidelines, to encourage participation in sport and physical activity and the possible organisation of the European Week of Sport. The not-for-profit European sport events support the following actions:

- Organisation of training activities for athletes, coaches, organisers and volunteers in the run-up to the event.
- Organisation of the event.
- Organisation of side-activities to the sporting

event (conferences, seminars).

- Implementation of legacy activities (evaluations, drafting of future plans).

Budget

The budget allocation for Sports is 1,8% (minimum percentage).

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- Collaborative Partnerships: Maximum grant awarded €500.000 (maximum 80% of the total eligible costs).
- Not-for-profit European sport event support: Maximum grant awarded €2 million (maximum 80% of the total eligible costs).

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS 2014-2020

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €185,47 million

Thematic Categories: European Citizenship, Democracy and Civic Participation

Beneficiaries: Public Sector, Non-Profit Organisations, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: DG Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.php

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/contacts_en

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Europe for Citizens aims to promote active European citizenship with the main scope of bridging the gap between citizens and the European Union through financial instruments that promote active European citizenship. It intends to encourage cooperation between citizens and organisations from different countries and facilitate the development of a sense of belonging

to common European ideals and to promote the process of European integration. The programme shall consist of the following two strands:

- “Remembrance and European citizenship” - seeks to support organisations to promote debate and activities on European integration and history at a transnational level or when a clear European dimension is addressed. It will support activities that invite to reflection on common values in the broadest sense, taking into account diversity. Funds may be available for initiatives reflecting on causes of totalitarian regimes in Europe’s modern history (especially but not exclusively Nazism and Stalinism) and to commemorate their victims.
- “Democratic engagement and civic participation” - seeks to develop citizens’ understanding and capacity to participate in the Union policy making process and to develop opportunities for solidarity, societal engagement & volunteering. It will support activities that cover civic participation in the broadest sense, with particular focus on structuring methods for long-term sustainability.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Citizens’ meetings, town-twinning.
- Creation and operations of transnational partnerships and networks.
- Support for organisations of a general European interest.
- Community building and debates on citizenship issues based on the use of ICT and/or social media.
- Union level events.
- Debates/studies and interventions on defining moments in European history, in particular to keep the memory alive of the crimes committed under Nazism and Stalinism.
- Reflection/debates on common values.
- Initiatives to raise awareness on the EU

institutions and their functioning.

- Actions that exploit and further valorise the results of the supported initiatives.
- Studies on issues related to citizenship and civic participation.
- Support of programme information/advice structures in the Member States.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

Please refer to the annual Work Programmes, which will provide details related to the supported actions, the priorities of the calls for proposals and all other important elements.

FISCALIS 2020 PROGRAMME

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €223,37 million

Thematic Categories: Internal Market, Information and Communication Technologies, Education and Training

Beneficiaries: Public Sector, Central Government

More information: DG Taxation & Customs Union

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/tax_cooperation/fiscalis_programme/fiscus/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/contact/index_en.htm

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Fiscalis 2020 will support cooperation between tax authorities in the EU to help maximise their efficiency and avoid mismatches in their work, which could hinder the functioning of the Internal Market. It will facilitate networking, joint actions and training amongst tax personnel, while also funding IT systems to support the exchange of information between tax administrations.

The Programme's objectives are:

- to implement, improve, operate and support the European Information Systems for taxation;
- to support administrative cooperation activities;
- to reinforce the skills and competence of tax officials;
- to enhance the understanding and implementation of Union law in the field of taxation;
- to support the improvement of administrative procedures and the sharing of good administrative practices.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Joint actions:
 - seminars and workshops;
 - project groups, generally composed of a limited number of countries, operational during a limited period of time to pursue a predefined objective with a precisely described outcome;
 - bilateral or multilateral controls and other activities provided for in Union law on administrative cooperation, organised by two or more participating countries, which include at least two Member States;
 - working visits organised by the participating countries or another country to enable officials to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in tax matters;
 - expert teams, namely structured forms of cooperation, with a non-permanent character, pooling expertise to perform tasks in specific domains, in particular in the European Information Systems, possibly with the support of online collaboration services, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;
 - public administration capacity-building and supporting actions;
 - studies;
 - communication projects;

- any other activity in support of the overall, specific and operational objectives and priorities set out in Articles 5 and 6, provided that the necessity for such other activity is duly justified;
- European Information Systems building: the development, maintenance, operation and quality control of Union components of the European Information Systems and new European Information Systems established under Union law, with a view to interconnecting tax authorities efficiently.
- Common training activities: jointly developed training actions to support the necessary professional skills and knowledge relating to taxation.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

100% of the eligible costs where the latter are travel and accommodation costs, costs linked to organisation of events and daily allowances. In addition to grants, Fiscalis provides other types of interventions such as public procurement contracts and reimbursement of costs incurred by external experts.

GALILEO AND EGNOS (EUROPEAN GEOSTATIONARY NAVIGATION OVERLAY SERVICE) PROGRAMMES

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €7,07 billion

Thematic Categories: Space, Information and Communication Technologies

Beneficiaries: Central Government, Private Sector, Public Sector, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: DG Enterprise and Industry
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/contact/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/satnav/galileo/index_en.htm

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Galileo is supporting the implementation and operation of satellite navigation systems. Galileo and EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service) programmes are flagship projects of the Union. In the period 2014-2020 the programme will finance the completion of the deployment phase of the Galileo programme, the exploitation phase of the same programme and operation of the EGNOS system. The aim of the Galileo programme is to establish and operate the first global satellite navigation and positioning infrastructure specifically designed for civilian purposes. The aim of the EGNOS programme is to improve the quality of signals from existing global navigation satellite systems (GNSS).

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Activities relating to the deployment phase of the Galileo programme, including actions to manage and monitor this phase.
- Activities relating to operation of the system established under the Galileo programme, including advance or preparatory actions for this phase.
- Activities associated with the operation of the EGNOS system.

The Union budget appropriations assigned to the programmes may also cover Commission expenditure relating to preparation, monitoring, inspection, audit and assessment activities required for their management and the implementation of the objectives, in particular expenditure covering:

- Studies and meetings with experts.
- Information and communication activities, including institutional communication on the policy priorities of the Union where they are directly linked to the objectives of this Regulation.
- IT technology networks, with the objective of processing or transferring data.

- Any other technical or administrative assistance given to the Commission for the management of programmes.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

35%-100%

HEALTH FOR GROWTH PROGRAMME

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €449,4 million

Thematic Categories: Health

Beneficiaries: Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: DG Health and Consumers

http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/2014-2020/state_of_play_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/about_us/contact_en.htm

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Health for Growth Programme is the third action supporting the objectives of the EU's Health strategy. The general objectives of the Health for Growth Programme shall be to work with Member States to encourage innovation in healthcare and increase the sustainability of health systems, to improve the health of the EU citizens and protect them from cross-border health threats. The Programme provides possibilities to build and strengthen cooperation mechanisms and coordination processes between Member States with a view to identifying common tools and best practices that create synergies, bring EU added value and lead to economies of scale, thus supporting reform under challenging circumstances.

It focuses on four specific objectives with a strong potential for economic growth through better health:

- Objective 1: To contribute to the creation of innovative and sustainable health systems (48% of the budget).
- Objective 2: To increase access to better and safer healthcare for all EU citizens (22% of the budget).
- Objective 3: To promote good health and prevent diseases by addressing the key risk factors of most diseases, namely smoking, alcohol abuse and obesity (21% of the budget).
- Objective 4: To protect people from cross-border health threats (9% of the budget).

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Contributing to innovative and sustainable health systems.
- Increasing access to better and safer healthcare for citizens.
- Promoting good health and preventing diseases.
- Protecting citizens from cross border health threats.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

60% (up to 80% in exceptional cases, such as for Member States with a low Gross National Income participating in joint actions)

HERCULE III

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €110 million

Thematic Categories: Education and Training, Law enforcement, Internal Market

Beneficiaries: Central Government, Academic institutions and research centers, Non-Profit Organizations

More information: European Anti-Fraud Office

<http://europa.eu/rapid/>

[press-release_MEMO-14-16_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/contacts/press-release_MEMO-14-16_en.htm)

http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/contacts/index_en.htm

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Hercule III programme is a financial programme specifically dedicated to fighting fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities affecting the financial interests of the EU, including the fight against cigarette smuggling and counterfeiting. The programme helps national law enforcement authorities in their fight against illegal cross-border activities by financing technical and operational support and professional training activities. The operational objectives of the Hercule III programme are:

- improving the prevention and investigation of fraud, smuggling and counterfeiting, especially of cigarettes, by enhancing transnational and multi-disciplinary cooperation;
- increasing the protection of the financial interests of the EU against fraud by facilitating the exchange of information, experiences and best practices, including staff exchanges;
- strengthening the fight against fraud and other illegal activities by providing technical and operational support to national investigations, and in particular to customs and law enforcement authorities;
- enhancing the development of legal and judicial protection of the financial interests against fraud by promoting a comparative legal analysis.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Technical assistance.
- Purchase of equipment.
- Specialised training.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

80%-90%

HORIZON 2020

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €77,03 billion

Thematic Categories: Energy, Environment, Health, Industry, Information and Communication Technologies, Justice, Security, Social Affairs and Human Rights, Space, Telecommunications, Transport, Youth, Economic growth and competitiveness

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Public Sector Bodies, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=enquiries>

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The general objective of Horizon 2020 (H2020) is to contribute to building a society and an economy based on knowledge and innovation across the Union by leveraging additional research, development and innovation funding and by contributing to attaining research and development targets, including the target of 3% of GDP for research and development across the Union by 2020. It shall thereby support the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy and other Union policies, as well as the achievement and functioning of the European Research Area (ERA).

This general objective shall be pursued through three mutually reinforcing priorities:

- (a) Excellent science.
- (b) Industrial leadership.
- (c) Societal challenges.

The general objective shall also be pursued through the specific objectives 'Spreading

excellence and widening participation' and 'Science with and for society'. The Joint Research Centre shall contribute to the general objective and the H2020 priorities by providing scientific and technical support to Union policies in collaboration with relevant national and regional research stakeholders, where appropriate, for example on the development of smart specialisation strategies.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Research and innovation actions primarily consisting of activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. For this purpose they may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment. Projects may contain closely connected but limited demonstration or pilot activities aiming to show technical feasibility in a near to operational environment.
- Innovation actions primarily consisting of activities directly aiming at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services. For this purpose they may include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication.
- Coordination and Support Actions consisting primarily of accompanying measures such as standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies, including design studies for new infrastructure and may also include complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries.

Sub-theme: EXCELLENT SCIENCE

Activities under this Pillar aim to reinforce and extend the excellence of the Union's science base and to consolidate the European Research Area in order to make the Union's research and innovation system more competitive on a global scale.

The Excellent Science pillar has main four specific objectives:

- The European Research Council (ERC) will provide attractive and flexible funding to enable talented and creative individual researchers and their teams to pursue the most promising avenues at the frontier of science, on the basis of Union-wide competition.
- Future and emerging technologies will support collaborative research in order to extend Europe's capacity for advanced and paradigm-changing innovation.
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions will provide excellent and innovative research training as well as attractive career and knowledge-exchange opportunities.
- Research infrastructure (including e-infrastructures) will develop European research infrastructure for 2020 and beyond, foster their innovation potential and human capital, and complement this with the related Union policy and international cooperation.

Budget

€24,44 billion

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- Coordination and Support actions 100%
- Research and Innovation actions 100%
- Innovation actions 70% (except for non-profit legal entities - 100%)
- Pre-commercial procurement (PCP) Cofund 70%
- Public procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI) Cofund 20%

Sub-theme: INDUSTRIAL LEADERSHIP

This pillar aims to speed up development of the technologies and innovations that will underpin tomorrow's businesses and help innovative European SMEs to grow into world-leading companies. It consists of three specific objectives:

- "Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies" will provide dedicated support for research, development and demonstration and, where appropriate, for standardisation and certification, on information and communications technology (ICT), nanotechnology, advanced materials, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and processing and space.
- "Access to risk finance" will aim to overcome deficits in the availability of debt and equity finance for R&D and innovation-driven companies and projects at all stages of development.
- "Innovation in SMEs" will provide SME-tailored support to stimulate all forms of innovation in SMEs, targeting those with the potential to grow and internationalise across the single market and beyond.

Budget

€17,02 billion

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- ERA-NET (Co-fund) 33%
- Coordination and Support actions 100%
- Research and Innovation actions 100%
- Innovation actions 70% (except for non-profit legal entities - 100%)

Sub-theme: SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

A challenge-based approach will bring together resources and knowledge across different fields, technologies and disciplines, including social

sciences and the humanities. This will cover activities from research to market with a new focus on innovation-related activities, such as piloting, demonstration, test-beds, and support for public procurement and market uptake. It will include establishing links with the activities of the European Innovation Partnerships (EIP). Funding will focus on the following challenges:

- (a) Health, demographic change and well-being.
- (b) Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research, and the bioeconomy.
- (c) Secure, clean and efficient energy.
- (d) Smart, green and integrated transport.
- (e) Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials.
- (f) Europe in a changing world - Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies.
- (g) Secure societies - Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens.

Budget

€29,68 billion

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- ERA-NET (Co-fund) 33%
- Coordination and Support actions 100%
- Research and Innovation actions 100%
- Innovation actions 70% (except for non-profit legal entities - 100%)

Sub-theme: SCIENCE WITH AND FOR SOCIETY

The aim is to build effective cooperation between science and society, to recruit new talent for science and to pair scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility.

The focus of activities shall be to:

- (a) make scientific and technological careers attractive to young students, and foster

sustainable interaction between schools, research institutions, industry and civil society organisations;

- (b) promote gender equality in particular by supporting structural changes in the organisation of research institutions and in the content and design of research activities;
- (c) integrate society in science and innovation issues, policies and activities in order to integrate citizens' interests and values and to increase the quality, relevance, social acceptability and sustainability of research and innovation outcomes in various fields of activity from social innovation to areas such as biotechnology and nanotechnology;
- (d) encourage citizens to engage in science through formal and informal science education, and promote the diffusion of science-based activities, namely in science centres and through other appropriate channels;
- (e) develop the accessibility and the use of the results of publicly-funded research;
- (f) develop the governance for the advancement of responsible research and innovation by all stakeholders (researchers, public authorities, industry and civil society organisations), which is sensitive to society needs and demands, and promote an ethics framework for research and innovation;
- (g) take due and proportional precautions in research and innovation activities by anticipating and assessing potential environmental, health and safety impacts;
- (h) improve knowledge on science communication in order to improve the quality and effectiveness of interactions between scientists, general media and the public.

Budget

€462 million

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- Coordination and Support actions 100%
- Research and Innovation actions 100%
- Innovation actions 70% (except for non-profit legal entities - 100%)

Sub-theme: SPREADING EXCELLENCE AND WIDENING PARTICIPATION

The specific objective “Spreading excellence and widening participation” is to fully exploit the potential of Europe’s talent pool and to ensure that the benefits of an innovation-led economy are both maximised and widely distributed across the Union in accordance with the principle of excellence.

Specific actions will facilitate the spreading of excellence and widening of participation through the following actions:

- Teaming of excellent research institutions and low performing in research, development and innovation (RDI) regions aiming at the creation of new (or significant upgrade of existing) centres of excellence in low performing RDI Member States and regions.
- Twinning of research institutions aiming at significantly strengthening a defined field of research in an emerging institution through links with at least two internationally-leading institutions in a defined field.
- Establishing ERA Chairs’ to attract outstanding academics to institutions with a clear potential for research excellence, in order to help these institutions fully unlock this potential and hereby create a level playing field for research and innovation in the ERA. Possible synergies with ERC activities should be explored.
- A Policy Support Facility to improve the design,

- implementation and evaluation of national/ regional research and innovation policies.
- Supporting access to international networks for excellent researchers and innovators who lack sufficient involvement in European and international networks, including COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)³.
- Strengthening the administrative and operational capacity of transnational networks of National Contact Points, including through training, so that they can provide better support to potential participants.

Budget

€816 million

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

- Framework partnership agreement 20%
- Coordination and Support actions 100%
- Research and Innovation actions 100%

INTERNAL SECURITY FUND – COMPONENT FOR POLICE CO-OPERATION

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €1,04 billion

NOTE: The Commission’s proposal for the next multi-annual framework includes a proposal of €4,65 million (in current prices) for the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014-2020. Within this global envelope, the resources indicatively available for the implementation of this Specific Regulation amount to €1,13 million. Indicatively, 50% of this amount (EUR 564 million) should be used for national programmes of Member States (shared management) while the other 50% (€564 million) should be centrally managed to fund Union actions, emergency actions and technical assistance.

³ <http://www.cost.eu/>

Thematic Categories: Justice and Security, Law Enforcement, Education and Training

Beneficiaries: Central Government

More information: Home Affairs

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/funding-home-affairs-beyond-2013/index_en.htm

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PROGRAMME DETAILS

The programme will provide financial support to police cooperation, exchange and access to information, crime prevention and the fight against cross-border as well as serious and organised crime, including terrorism, the protection of people and critical infrastructure against security-related incidents and the effective management of security-related risks and crisis, taking into account common Union policies (strategies, programmes and action plans), legislation, practical co-operation and threat and risk assessments. The objectives of this Programme are the following:

- Preventing and fighting against cross-border, serious and organised crime.
- Raising the levels of security for citizens and business in cyberspace.
- Preventing terrorism and addressing radicalisation and recruitment.
- Raising capabilities to protect critical infrastructure in all economic sectors.
- Increasing Europe's resilience to crisis and disaster.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

Actions in Member States:

- Actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of

information and interoperable technologies.

- Networking, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, the identification, exchange and dissemination of know-how, experience and good practices, information sharing, shared situation awareness and foresight, contingency planning and interoperability.
- Analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, including studies and threat, risk and impact assessments.
- Awareness raising, dissemination and communication activities.
- Acquisition and/or further upgrading of technical equipment, secure facilities, infrastructures, related buildings and systems, especially ICT systems and their components, including for the purpose of European cooperation on cyber-crime, notably with the European Cybercrime Centre.
- Exchange, training and education of staff and experts of relevant authorities, including language training and joint exercises or programmes.
- Measures deploying, transferring, testing and validating new methodology or technology, including pilot projects and follow-up measures to Union funded security research projects.

Actions in third countries:

- Actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of information and interoperable technologies.
- Networking, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, the identification.
- Exchange and dissemination of know-how, experience and good practices, information sharing, shared situation awareness and foresight, contingency planning and interoperability.

- Acquisition and/or further upgrading of technical equipment, including ICT systems and their components.
- Exchange, training and education of staff and experts of relevant authorities, including language training.
- Awareness raising, dissemination and communication activities.
- Threat, risk and impact assessments.
- Studies and pilot projects.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

90%

LIFE

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €3,45 billion

Thematic Categories: Environment

Beneficiaries: Private Sector, Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centers

More information: Directorate-General for Environment

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/lifeunit.htm>

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment aiming to:

- contribute to the shift towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate resilient economy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss;
- improve the development, implementation and enforcement of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation, and to catalyse

- and promote integration and mainstreaming of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies and public and private sector practice, including by increasing their capacity;
- support better environmental and climate governance at all levels.

The programme funds the following types of projects:

- Traditional projects: best practice, innovation and demonstration projects, as well as dissemination/information projects and governance projects.
- Integrated projects: projects aiming at the implementation on a large territorial scale plans and strategies required by EU legislation in the areas of nature, water, waste, air, climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Preparatory projects: projects identified by the Commission to support specific needs for the implementation and development of EU environmental or climate policy and legislation.
- Capacity building projects: financial support to the activities required to build the capacity of Member States with a view to enabling their more effective participation in LIFE.

Sub-Programme: ENVIRONMENT

Supported actions

Environment and Resource Efficiency

- To develop, test and demonstrate policy or management approaches, best practices, and solutions to environmental challenges, suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed, including with respect to the link between environment and health, and in support of resource efficiency-related policy and legislation, including the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe.

- To support the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of plans and programmes pursuant to Union environmental policy and legislation, primarily in the areas of water, waste and air.
- To improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of Union environmental policy and legislation, and for the assessment and monitoring of the factors, pressures and responses that impact on the environment within and outside the Union.

Nature and Biodiversity

- To contribute to the implementation of Union policy and legislation in the area of biodiversity, including the Union Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, in particular by applying, developing, testing and demonstrating approaches, best practices and solutions.
- To support the further development, implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network set up, in particular the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of the Prioritised Action Frameworks.
- To improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of Union biodiversity policy and legislation, and for the assessment and monitoring of the factors, pressures and responses that impact on the biodiversity within and outside the Union.

Environmental Governance and Information

- To promote awareness raising on environmental matters, including generating public and stakeholders support to Union policy-making in the field of environment, and to promote

education for sustainable development.

- To support communication, management, and dissemination of information in the field of environment, and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful environmental solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms between stakeholders and training.
- To promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches.
- To promote better environmental governance by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGOs, in policy consultation and implementation.

Budget

The budget allocation for environment is €2,59 billion.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

50%-75%

Sub-Programme: CLIMATE ACTION

Supported actions

Climate Change Mitigation

- To contribute to the implementation and development of Union policy and legislation on mitigation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions for climate change mitigation.
- To improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective mitigation actions and measures and to

enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice.

- To facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for mitigation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level.
- To contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative mitigation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed.

Climate Change Adaptation

- To contribute to the development and implementation of Union policy and legislation on adaptation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices, and solutions, for climate change adaptation.
- To improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective adaptation actions and measures and to enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice.
- To facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for adaptation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level.
- To contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative adaptation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed.

Climate Governance and Information

- And stakeholders support to Union policy-making in the field of climate, and to promote education for sustainable development.
- To support communication, management, and

dissemination of information in the field of climate and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful climate solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms between stakeholders and training.

- To promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union climate legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches.
- To promote better climate governance by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGOs, in policy consultation and implementation.

Budget

The budget allocation for environment is €864 million.

Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate)

50%-75%

PERICLES 2020

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: € 7,34 million

Thematic Categories: Law enforcement, Education and Training, Justice and Security, Internal Market

Beneficiaries: Central Government, Public sector

More information: European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/euro-protection/training/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/contacts/euro-coins/index_en.htm

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Pericles programme is an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against euro-counterfeiting in Europe and

worldwide. It funds exchanges, assistances and training for authorities, banks and others involved in the protection of euro coins and banknotes. With the overall aim to protect the euro against counterfeiting, Pericles works to raise awareness and to act as a catalyst for closer cooperation between relevant structures and staff. It also seeks improving the general understanding of relevant European and international laws and instruments.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Awareness raising actions on the need for close cooperation between competent authorities.
- Awareness raising actions on legislation related to the protection of the euro.
- Training related to legislation, cooperation, investigation and security features of the euro.
- Develop and strengthen mechanisms and exchange of best practices.
- Purchase of equipment to be used by specialised anti-counterfeiting agencies in third countries for protecting the euro against counterfeiting.
- Exchange and dissemination of information, in particular through organising workshops, meetings and seminars including training, targeted placements and exchanges of staff of competent national authorities and other similar actions.
- Technical, scientific and operational assistance, as appears necessary as part of the programme.
- Grants to finance the purchase of equipment to be used by specialised anti-counterfeiting authorities for protecting the euro against counterfeiting.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

75%-90%

RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP 2014-2020

KEY INFORMATION

Total Budget: €439,47 million

Thematic Categories: European Citizenship, Social Affairs and Human Rights, Labour Market

Beneficiaries: Public Sector, Central Government

More information: DG Justice

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/files/1_en_act_part1_v5_frc_en.pdf

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/contact/index_en.htm

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Rights and Citizenship Programme is the successor of three 2007-2013 programmes: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, Daphne III, the Sections "Antidiscrimination and Diversity" and "Gender Equality" of the Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (PROGRESS).

The general objective is to contribute to the creation of an area, where the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, are promoted and protected. In particular, this Programme should promote the rights deriving from European citizenship, the principles of non-discrimination and equality between women and men, the right to the protection of personal data, the rights of the child, the rights deriving from the Union consumer legislation and from the freedom to conduct a business in the internal market.

SUPPORTED ACTIONS

- Analytical activities, such as collection of data and statistics; development of common

methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies; workshops, seminars, experts meetings, conferences.

- Training activities, such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainers events, development of online/other training modules.
- Mutual learning, cooperation, awareness raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences, organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the Programme; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies.
- Support for main actors, such as support for Member States when implementing Union law and policies; support for key European level networks whose activities are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme; networking among specialised bodies and organisations, national, regional and local authorities at European level; funding of experts' networks; funding of European level observatories.

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

Please refer to the annual Work Programmes, which will provide details related to the supported actions, the priorities of the calls for proposals and all other important elements.



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