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In a Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, published in July 2011, the European Commission highlights the European integration challenges of today and in the nearest future. Accompanied by the Commission Staff Working Paper the Communication provides an overview of EU initiatives to support the integration of third-country nationals.

The Commission explains that successful integration is a process that starts on the ground and that policies for better integration should be developed with a genuine 'bottom-up' approach insinuating that even at local level participation is important. Integration policies should include actions such as support for language learning, introductory measures, access to employment, education and vocational training and the fight against discrimination, which all aim at increasing migrants' participation in society.

In accomplishing these factors education is highlighted as an important area in which a great effort must be made. The modern school systems are facing the challenge to adapt to the increasing diversity of the student body to deliver high-level education for all. To achieve this, teachers and other education staff need to receive training, which is highlighted by the Commission throughout the Communication.

Furthermore, the Commission stresses the importance of better use of the EU funding possibilities to support migrants' participation and the implementation of these 'bottom-up' integration policies.

To support this new EC Communication the ETUCE has put together this brochure that intends to guide the member organisations of the ETUCE in the Central Eastern European area through some of the funding opportunities within the framework of the European Union, as well as other funds dedicated to this particular area.

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DG EAC – Education

Programme	Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)
Application countries	<p>The LLP Sub-programmes support projects from and in EU-27-, EEA/EFTA-, and EU-candidate countries. However, multilateral projects and networks¹ under the LLP-sub-programmes (listed below) may also involve partners² from countries addressed by the European Neighbourhood Policy³. Specific information regarding the multilateral projects and networks can be found in the call for proposals in the Lifelong learning programme.</p> <p>Since the LLP-programmes allows for third-countries only to be involved as partners, this means that eventually the ETUCE or a Member Organisation (within EU, EEA-EFTA, Croatia + Turkey) must submit an application on a call for proposal while involving partners (e.g. Member Organisations in third countries⁴) in multilateral projects and their implementation.</p>
Stakeholders	<p>The LLP is open to stakeholders in education and training such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pupils, students, trainees and adult learners 2. Teachers, trainers and other staff involved in lifelong learning 3. Institutions or organisations providing learning opportunities in any area of education or training 4. Social partners and their organisations 5. Associations working in the field of lifelong learning, including teachers' associations
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The Lifelong Learning Programme has four sub-programmes, which fund projects at different levels of education and training:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comenius for schools 2. Erasmus for higher education 3. Leonardo da Vinci for vocational education and training 4. Grundtvig for adult education <p>1. <u>Transversal programme</u> for language learning, ICT etc. in all education levels. (Deadline for submission of applications to the Transversal Programme Key Activity 1: 30 March 2012 and 12 October 2012. Deadline for other activity areas of the Transversal programme is 1 March 2012.)⁵</p>
Deadline	Various. Please look at the relevant sub-program

¹ Instructions for completing application form in multilateral projects and multilateral networks that may involve third country partners (e.g. non-EU eastern European countries) http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2011/documents/call_llp/instructions_2011_v01_en.pdf

² In terms of award criteria, partnerships in multilateral projects and networks will be evaluated on the basis of quality of the work-programme, quality of partnership (balance of involvement in activities carried out, effective cooperation), European added value, and expected impact on partnership institutions.

³ Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine. NOTE: It allows third countries to be involved only as partners, not project initiators/coordinators

⁴ Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan

⁵ Deadlines on calls for proposals through the LLP:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:233:0015:0016:EN:PDF>

Link	http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:233:0015:0016:EN:PDF
Programme	Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)
Sub programme	Comenius
Application countries	EU-27, EFTA-countries and candidate countries (Turkey + Croatia)
Stakeholders	Relevant organisations/associations/institutions in education and training
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The Comenius-programme supports country-specific projects and trans-EU projects. For country-specific projects, applications must be addressed to national agencies which can support projects providing learning experiences for individuals and schools in the areas of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual pupil mobility; 2. In-service training of school education staff; 3. Assistantships for student teachers; 4. School partnerships; and 5. Regio partnerships. <p>The Comenius Multilateral projects fund projects that may involve third-country partner-organisations (please see footnote (1) on page 3 of this document).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comenius Multilateral Projects; → more info on what type of actions are supported, below http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call10/fiches/com9_en.pdf 2. Multilateral Networks; → more info on what type of actions are supported, link below http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call10/fiches/com10_en.pdf 3. Accompanying Measures. <p>In both types of projects basically everyone involved in school education up to upper secondary education. More information on this can be found in the DG EAC Comenius page http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc84_en.htm</p>
Deadline	Deadline for submission of applications for Comenius projects through the LLP call for proposals: 16 January 2012 and 30 April 2012 http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:233:0015:0016:EN:PDF
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm#dan
Programme	Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)
Sub programme	Erasmus

About	ERASMUS is the EU's flagship education and training programme enabling 200 000 students to study and work abroad each year. In addition, it funds co-operation between higher education institutions across Europe. The programme not only supports students, but also professors and business staff who want to teach abroad, as well as helping university staff to receive training.
Application countries	Worldwide mobility programme. Multilateral projects and multilateral networks under Erasmus that may involve partners from third countries
Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education institutions holding a full duration Erasmus University Charter • Public bodies, enterprises, associations and other relevant organisations active in relation to higher education
Objectives/description of actions	<p>Erasmus (Mundus) is a (worldwide) mobility programme for higher education students, teachers and staff. It also supports establishments of partnership between higher education institutions in Europe and targeted third countries.</p> <p>All networks should bring together an appropriate range of relevant stakeholders concerned by the theme addressed. Co-operation within networks is expected to lead to outcomes which will have a lasting and widespread impact on higher education institutions and their environment across Europe in the field concerned.</p>
Deadline	Next calls for proposal in the Erasmus sub-programme will be available in 2012. Deadline for submission of application for multilateral projects under Erasmus: 2 February 2012. For student mobility for studies and placements: 9 March 2012.
Duration	Maximum duration is three years
Link	<p>Website: http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc80_en.htm</p> <p>Description: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call10/fiches/era11_en.pdf</p>
Programme	Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)
Sub programme	Leonardo da Vinci
Application countries	EU-27, EFTA-countries and candidate countries (Turkey + Croatia) At least one country must be an EU Member State.
Stakeholders	<p>Co-ordinating organisation on behalf of the consortium.</p> <p>This Action is open from 2010 to partner organisation from countries not participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme. These cannot be the coordinating organisation.</p>
Objectives/description of actions	<p>This LLP-sub-programme funds practical projects in the field of vocational education and training. Initiatives range from those giving individuals work-related training abroad to large-scale co-operation efforts.</p> <p>The people able to benefit from the programme range from trainees in initial vocational training, to people who have already graduated, as well as VET professionals and anyone from organisations active in this field.</p>

	More specifically the Leonardo da Vinci programme funds projects relating to Mobility (of the relevant target group), Partnerships (of organisations working in/with VET), and Multilateral projects with organisations in different (eligible) countries.
Deadline	Deadline for Multilateral projects: 2 February 2012 ⁶
Duration	Minimum duration is one year and maximum is three years
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call10/fiches/ldv9_en.pdf
Programme	Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)
Sub programme	Grundtvig
Application countries	At least one country must be an EU Member State. Third country participation adds value to the grant application.
Stakeholders	Co-ordinating organisation on behalf of the consortium. At least three countries must participate
Objectives/description of actions	<p>This programme, under the LLP, funds a range of activities, including particularly those supporting adult learning staff to travel abroad for learning experiences, through exchanges and various other professional experiences. Other larger scale initiatives involve, for instance, networking and partnerships between organisations in different countries, and may involve ETUCE Member Organisations as partners in a given project.</p> <p>Projects are encouraged to involve adult learners in their activities, and to take learners' needs and experiences into account. To this end, learners may take part in project meetings and all other appropriate events and activities within the project. All projects must include plans for the evaluation and dissemination of project results.</p>
Deadline	Deadline for submission of applications for in-service training projects, 16 January 2012 and 30 April 2012. Deadline for submission of applications for multilateral projects under the Grundtvig programme is 2 February 2012. For Grundtvig Assistantships and Volunteering projects deadline is 30 March 2012.
Duration	Minimum duration is one year and maximum is three years
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call10/fiches/grund8_en.pdf
Programme	Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)
Sub programme	Transversal
Application countries	Please note again that since the LLP-programmes allows for third-countries only to be involved as partners, this means that eventually the ETUCE (or Member Organisations within EU, EEA-EFTA, Croatia + Turkey) must submit an application on a call for proposal while involving partners (e.g. Member Organisations) in multilateral projects and their implementation. Depending on the type of project, the grant application must be sent either to the Commission Executive Agency (EACEA) or the respective national agency for the applicant Member Organisation. Projects regarding mobility of individuals, bilateral/multilateral partnerships must be submitted to the national

⁶ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:233:0015:0016:EN:PDF>

	agency of the applicant Member Organisation. Multilateral projects and networks must be submitted to the Commission (EACEA). ⁷
Stakeholders	Relevant organisations/associations/institutions in education and training.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The Transversal programme targeted on cross-sectoral areas (policy cooperation and innovation in lifelong learning, languages, development of innovative ICT, dissemination and exploitation of results).</p> <p>The programme funds projects (organised under ‘Key Activities’) in areas that are relevant to all levels of education, such as language learning, information and communication technologies, policy co-operation and dissemination and exploitation of project results. Multilateral projects and networks under this programme also allow for partnerships with the involvement of partners in third countries, in the abovementioned activity areas.</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote European cooperation in fields covering two or more sub programmes • To promote the quality and transparency of Member States’ education and training systems <p><i>One of the eligibility criteria for the Transversal Programme is that any proposal should cover two or more educational sectors.</i></p>
Deadline	1 March 2012
Duration	Maximum duration is three years
Link	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:233:0015:0016:EN:PDF http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call11/part2_en.pdf
Programme	DG-EAC Youth
Sub programme	Youth in Action Programme (YiA)
Application countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants from Programme Countries⁸ can participate in all Actions of the Youth in Action Programme. - Participants and promoters from Neighbouring Partner Countries⁹ can participate in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Action 2 – European Voluntary Service, which enables young people to carry out voluntary service for up to 12 months in a country other than their country of residence, in order to learn new skills and languages through non-formal learning principles. b. Sub-Action 3.1 – Cooperation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries of the EU, allowing <i>promoters</i> to form transnational partnerships in EU and neighbouring countries 1) to carry out youth exchanges with Neighbouring partner-countries or 2) to carry out

⁷ For more detailed information http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call12/part1_en.pdf (page 17+18)

⁸ EU-27, EFTA-, and candidate countries (Croatia + Turkey)

⁹ In essence, EU neighboring countries, e.g. eastern partnership countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.

	training and networking with Neighbouring partner-countries. ¹⁰													
Stakeholders	<p>Youth in Action projects are submitted and, if selected, managed by promoters representing the participants from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a non-profit or non-governmental organisation 2. a local, regional public body 3. an informal group of young people 4. a body active at European level in the youth field (ENGO), having member branches in at least 8 Programme Countries 5. an international governmental non-profit organisation 6. a profit-making organisation organising an event in the area of youth, sport or culture 													
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The Youth in Action programmes aim at strengthening relations between the EU and its neighbours, by providing young people and young workers from Europe with the opportunity to take part in non-formal education activities. In general, YiA promotes European cooperation amongst young people.</p> <p>These objectives are sought to be fulfilled under five action areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth for Europe - encourages young people's active citizenship, participation and creativity through youth exchanges, youth initiatives and youth democracy projects. 2. European Voluntary Service - helps young people to develop their sense of solidarity by participating, either individually or in group, in non-profit, unpaid voluntary activities abroad. 3. Youth in the World - promotes partnerships and exchanges among young people and youth organisations across the world. 4. Youth Support Systems -includes various measures to support youth workers and youth organisations and improve the quality of their activities. 5. Support for European Co-operation in the Youth field - supports youth policy co-operation at European level, in particular by facilitating dialogue between young people and policy makers. 													
Deadline	<p>For projects submitted to a National Agency there are five application deadlines per year:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="513 1473 1407 1805"> <thead> <tr> <th>Projects starting between:</th> <th>Application deadline:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 May and 30 September</td> <td>1 February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 July and 30 November</td> <td>1 April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 September and 31 January</td> <td>1 June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 December and 30 April</td> <td>1 September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 February and 31 July</td> <td>1 November</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For projects submitted to the Executive Agency there are three application deadlines a year:</p>		Projects starting between:	Application deadline:	1 May and 30 September	1 February	1 July and 30 November	1 April	1 September and 31 January	1 June	1 December and 30 April	1 September	1 February and 31 July	1 November
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¹⁰ For detailed information on possible types of projects in sub-Action 3.1 please see pages 79-91 via the following link http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc/how_to_participate/programme_guide_11/programme-guide_en.pdf

	Projects starting between:	Application deadline:
	1 August and 31 December	1 February
	1 December and 30 April	1 June
	1 March and 31 July	1 September
Duration	Duration of the project may last up to 15 months	
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc/how_to_participate/programme_guide_11/programme_guide_en.pdf	
Programme	DG EAC – External Programmes	
Sub programme	Tempus IV	
Application countries	<p>These institutions and organisations have to be based in the following four groups of eligible countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 27 Member States of the European Union, – 4 countries of the Western Balkan region: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia as well as Kosovo (1),EN C 278/18 Official Journal of the European Union 15.10.2010 – 17 countries in the Southern and Eastern neighbouring area of the European Union: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the occupied Palestinian territory, Syria, Tunisia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, – 5 Central Asian Republics: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. 	
Stakeholders	<p>In order to be eligible for the award of a grant, applicants must be legal persons ('legal entities'), legally established for more than five years in the EU or Tempus partner countries.</p> <p>Applicants for Joint Projects must be State-recognised, public or private higher education institutions or associations, organisations or networks of higher education institutions dedicated to the promotion, improvement and reform of higher education.</p> <p>Applicants for Structural Measures must be legal entities as stipulated above for Joint Projects or national or international rector, teacher or student organisations.</p> <p>Institutions and organisations which may participate as partners/co-beneficiaries in the Tempus Programme range from higher education institutions and organisations through to non-academic institutions and organisations such as non-governmental organisations, companies, industries and public authorities.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted by ETUCE member organisations. These projects require strong project coordinating management skills that might need the support of the ETUCE</p>	
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to an area of cooperation in the field of higher education involving the EU and partner countries. In particular, the programme aims at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting networks and partnerships among EU and partner 	

	<p>countries' higher education institutions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting third countries' efforts in modernising higher education system; <p>Among other areas of cooperation, the financial assistance under the Tempus IV programme is supposed to support policies to promote social development, social inclusion, gender equality, non-discrimination, employment and social protection including protection of migrant workers, social dialogues, respect for trade union rights and core labour standards, also as concerns child labour.</p> <p>Regions, institutions, trade unions and other organisations representing economic or social interest in EU- and EU partner countries¹¹, are eligible applicants of the Tempus IV programme.</p> <p>Two types of activities are supported by the Tempus IV programme:</p> <p>Joint projects, a 'bottom-up' approach involving higher education institutions aiming to modernise and reform at institutional level</p> <p>Structural measures¹², aiming at further development of higher education systems in partner countries, and converging with EU developments.</p> <p>Both types of projects can be national-projects or multi-country projects.</p> <p>National projects require the involvement of at least three higher education institutions from partner countries and at least three from the EU (each from a different Member State).</p> <p>Multi-country projects¹³ require at least two higher education institutions from two different countries (e.g. 4 in total) and at least three from the EU (each from a different Member State).</p>
Deadline	February of the subsequent year
Duration	The maximum duration of projects is 24 months or 36 months
Link	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:278:0018:0021:EN:PDF

¹¹ under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and Eastern Partnership, and Western Balkan Countries

¹² NOTE: For Structural Measures, there is an additional condition: the Ministry/ies responsible for higher education in the partner country/ies must be involved as partner/s in a Structural Measures project.

¹³ Multi-country projects must comply with regional priorities which are based on the EU's policy for cooperation with the partner countries' regions as identified in its strategic documents concerning the neighbouring countries (1), those for pre-accession to the EU (2) and those in Central Asia (3). Please see bottom of page 2 of this document → <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:278:0018:0021:EN:PDF>

DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion

Programme	DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Sub programme	PROGRESS programme
Application countries	PROGRESS is open to the 27 EU Member States, EU candidate and EFTA/EEA countries.
Stakeholders	Member States, local and regional authorities, public employment services and national statistics offices. Specialised bodies, universities and research institutes, as well as the social partners and non-governmental organisations can participate.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The EU will use the PROGRESS budget to strive for change and modernisation in five areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment 2. Social inclusion and protection 3. Working conditions 4. Non-discrimination 5. Gender equality <p>Please see the Annual Plan of Work listing all activities that are put in place through publication of Calls for Proposal and Calls for Tender. Details on the priorities of each Call, including: maximum amount of co-financing, contact details of the responsible unit and how to apply will be given in the guidelines and terms of reference of the Calls.</p> <p>The Commission selects the projects to fund either through calls for tender or through calls for proposals. It provides a maximum of 80% co-financing with some exceptions.</p> <p>NOTE: Applications written in any other official EU language must be accompanied by a translation into English, French or German!</p>
Deadline	Most of the calls for proposals and calls for tenders are to be published between March and July. The deadline for submitting applications under calls for proposals is generally around 8 weeks, while deadlines are shorter for calls for tenders (around 7 weeks on an average).
Link	<p>PROGRESS Programme: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en Annual Plan of Work http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=658&langId=en Call for proposals http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en&furtherCalls=yes&callType=2 Call for tenders http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en&furtherCalls=yes&callType=1</p>
Programme	DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Sub programme	Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue, Budget Heading 04.03.03.01

	& Information and training measures for workers' organisations, Budget heading 04.03.03.02	
Application countries	Member States of the European Union or the Candidate Countries	
Stakeholders	<p>1) Social partners</p> <p>2) Organisations linked to industrial relations</p> <p>3) Public authorities including related associations and government services or agencies</p> <p>4) International organisations (such as UN Agencies) active in the fields of social dialogue and / or industrial relations</p>	
Objectives/description of actions	<p>This budget heading is intended to cover grants for promoting social dialogue at cross-industry and sectoral level in accordance with Article 154 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.</p> <p>Objectives of this call include measures and initiatives related to the adaptation of social dialogue to changes in employment and work and related challenges, such as addressing modernisation of the labour market, quality of work, anticipation, preparation and management of change and restructuring, flexicurity, skills, mobility and migration, youth employment, contributions to the health and safety strategy, reconciliation of work and family life, gender equality, action in the field of anti-discrimination, active ageing, active inclusion and decent work.</p> <p>To be eligible, applicants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be social partner organisations representing workers, at European, national or regional level; 2. Be properly constituted and registered legal persons. In application of Article 114 of the Financial Regulation, workers' organisations without legal personality are also eligible provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf and assume financial liability 3. Have their registered office in one of the Member States of the European Union; 4. Not be in one of the situations referred to in Articles 93(1), 94 and 96(2)(a) of the Financial Regulation. 	
Deadline	04.03.03.01	<p>First semester: End of March for actions commencing no earlier than late May and no later than December;</p> <p>Second semester: End of August for actions commencing no earlier than late October and no later than end December.</p>
	04.03.03.02	Yearly deadline: April for actions commencing no earlier than June and no later than 22 December
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en&furtherCalls=yes&callType=2	

DG Justice

Programme	DG Justice
Sub programme	Daphne III: Prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk
Application countries	Proposals must be submitted by organisations which are legally established (excluding natural persons) in one of the 27 EU Member States or the EFTA States that are parties to the EEA Agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and they must involve at least two of these
Stakeholders	Non-governmental organisations or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest regarding the general objectives of the programme
Objectives/description of actions	<p>Activities co-financed by the Daphne III Programme shall benefit children, young people and women who are, or at risk of becoming, victims of violence. The main target groups (or intermediary groups) of the activities shall be, inter alia, families, teachers and educational staff, social workers, police and border guards, local, national and military authorities, medical and paramedical staff, judicial staff, NGOs, trade unions and religious communities</p> <p>The Daphne III Programme can support the following types of actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific actions taken by the Commission (through service contracts, following relevant public procurement procedures); 2. Specific transnational projects of EU interest involving at least two Member States (through action grants following call for proposals); and 3. Support to the activities of non-governmental organisations or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest regarding the general objectives of the programme (through operating grants following call for proposals).
Deadline	April of subsequent year
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/programme/action-grants-daphne/index_en.htm
Programme	DG Justice
Sub programme	Daphne III: Prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk
Type of Grant	Action grants (co-financing for specific projects)
Application countries	The 27 EU Member States or the EFTA States that are parties to the EEA Agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and involve at least two of these.
Stakeholders	The action grant funding of the Daphne III Programme is open to participation by private or public organisations and institutions (local authorities at the appropriate level, university departments and research centres) working to prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women or to protect against such violence or to provide support for victims or to implement targeted actions to

	promote rejection of such violence or to encourage attitude and behaviour change towards vulnerable groups and victims of violence.
Objectives/description of actions	Action grants aim to co-finance specific transnational projects in the field of combating violence against women, children and young people.
Deadline	First half of the year
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/programme/action-grants-daphne/index_en.htm
Programme	DG Justice
Sub programme	Daphne III: Prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk
Type of Grant	Operating Grants (Co-financing of the annual work programme of nongovernmental organisations or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest)
Application countries	The 27 EU Member States or the EFTA States that are parties to the EEA Agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and involve at least two of these.
Stakeholders	Operating grants under the Daphne III Programme can be awarded to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest and established on the basis of the law of one of the EU or EFTA States (members of the EEA agreement).
Objectives/description of actions	Operating grants aim at supporting the existence and functioning of organisations - such as non-profit organisations, voluntary associations, foundations, NGOs or similar bodies - pursuing an aim of general European interest in the area of the Daphne programme. The operating grants fund the organisation's activities over a period which is equivalent to its financial year. Eligibility Criteria <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The grant application must concern an operating grant (i.e., a grant to support activities included in the applicant's 2012 annual work programme); 2. Applicants must be non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest duly constituted on the basis of the law of one of the EU or EFTA/EEA States; 3. Applicant organisations must carry out activities with a European dimension
Deadline	Second half of the year
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/programme/operating-grants-daphne/index_en.htm
Programme	DG Justice
Sub programme	Drug prevention and information
Application countries	Applications must be submitted by eligible applicants of the 27 EU Member States or EFTA countries members of the EEA, and must involve partner organisations from at least two EU Member States. The Programme 2007-2013 will be used to finance specific transnational projects of European Union interest presented by at least two Member

	States, or at least one Member State and one other state which may either be an acceding or a candidate country
Stakeholders	Open to private or public organisations and institutions (national, regional or local authorities, university departments and research centres) working in one of the fields covered by the objectives.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The Programme 2007-2013 supports projects and activities associated with the following specific objectives:</p> <p>(1) To promote transnational actions to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. set up multidisciplinary networks that can make a clear and specific contribution to achieving the objectives of this programme b. ensure the expansion of the knowledge base, the exchange of information and the identification and dissemination of good practice, e.g. through training, study visits and staff exchanges; c. raise awareness of the social and health problems caused by drugs use and to encourage an open dialogue with a view to promoting a better understanding of the drug phenomenon; and d. support measures aimed at preventing drug use, including the reduction of drug related harm and treatment methods, taking into account the latest state of scientific knowledge; <p>(2) To involve civil society in the implementation and development of the European Union's Drugs Strategy and Action Plans; and</p> <p>(3) To monitor, implement and evaluate the implementation of specific actions under the Drugs Action Plans 2005–2008 and 2009–2012.</p> <p>The programme will pursue its objectives by means of transnational actions (Action grants), Operating grants and the Commission's own initiatives (Calls for tenders).</p>
Deadline	First quarter of the year
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/anti-drugs/programme/drug-prevention-information/index_en.htm
Programme	DG Justice
Sub programme	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
Application countries	Applications must be submitted by eligible applicants of the 27 EU Member States or EFTA countries members of the EEA, and must involve partner organisations from at least two EU Member States.
Stakeholders	<p>This programme will support the following types of actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. specific actions taken by the Commission; 2. 2 specific trans-national projects of Community interest presented by an authority or any other body of a Member State, an international or non-governmental organisation; 3. Support to the activities of non-governmental organisations or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest.
Objectives/description	(1) To promote the development of a European society based on respect

of actions	for Fundamental Rights and rights derived from citizenship of the Union; (2) To strengthen civil society and to encourage an open, transparent and regular dialogue with it in respect of fundamental rights; (3) To fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism; (4) To improve the contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions
Deadline	April of the subsequent year
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/programme/fundamental-rights-programme/index_en.htm
Programme	DG Justice
Sub programme	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
Type of Grant	Action grants (co-financing for specific projects)
Application countries	Applications must be submitted by eligible applicants of the 27 EU Member States and must involve partner organisations from at least two of these.
Stakeholders	Access to the programme shall be open to private or public organisations and institutions (national, regional or local authorities, university departments and research centres) working in one of the fields covered by the objectives.
Objectives/description of actions	Thematic priorities for 2011: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism 2. Fight against Homophobia: Enhanced/improved understanding and tolerance 3. Training and networking between legal professions and legal practitioners 4. Promotion of children's rights as enshrined in the Charter and the United Nations Convention on 5. The Rights of the Child. 6. Active participation in the democratic life of the Union 7. Address the gender imbalance in participation in the European Parliament elections 8. Raise awareness and improve knowledge about the EU rules on free movement, in particular 9. Directive 2004/38/EC
Deadline	First half of the year
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/fundamental-rights/grants/funda-action-2009-2010_en.htm

DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid

Programme	EuropeAid
About	EuropeAid Development and Cooperation is responsible for designing European development policy and delivering aid throughout the world. EuropeAid implements the external aid instruments of the European Commission with grants that are direct financial contributions from the EU budget or from the European Development Fund. They are awarded as donations to third parties that are engaged in external aid activities.
Application countries	Member states of the EU, the EFTA, official candidate country and potential candidate country ¹⁴ , OECD development countries and depending on the programme other countries can be included
Stakeholders	<p>European bodies involved in education, training, information, innovation or research and study on European policies, any activities contributing to the promotion of citizenship or human rights, or a European standards body; or a European network representing non-profit bodies active in the Member States or in the candidate countries and promoting principles and policies consistent with the objectives of the Treaties.</p> <p>For aid channel through an international organisation or in case of co-financing with third countries, the rules of nationality and origin can be applied provided that these do not exclude any eligible country according to the applicable EDF/EU basic act.</p>
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The purpose of EuropeAid is to promote good governance, human and economic development and tackle universal issues, such as fighting hunger and preserving natural resources.</p> <p>The calls for proposals can therefore take many different forms and can concern different topics.</p> <p>Grants fall into two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grants for actions: aim to achieve an objective that forms part of an external aid programme. 2. Operating grants: finance the operating expenditure of an EU body that is pursuing an aim of general European interest or an objective that forms part of an EU policy. <p>A grant is a direct financial contribution, by way of donation, from the EU budget or the EDF, in order to finance: either an action intended to help achieve an objective forming part of a European Union policy; or the functioning of a body which pursues an aim of general European interest or has an objective forming part of a European Union policy.</p> <p>Grants are based on the reimbursement of the eligible costs, in other words, costs effectively incurred by the beneficiaries that are deemed necessary for carrying out the activities in question. The results of the action remain the property of the beneficiaries.</p>

¹⁴ But only those beneficiary of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance, depending on the basic act

	Grants are subject to a written agreement signed by the two parties and, as a general rule, require co-financing by the grant beneficiary. Since grants cover a very diverse range of fields, the specific conditions that need to be fulfilled may vary from one area of activity to another.
Deadline	Various
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

European Neighbourhood Policy and Strategic Partnership

Programme	European Neighbourhood Policy and Strategic Partnership
About	<p>The purpose of EU regional policy is to reduce the significant economic, social and territorial disparities that still exist between Europe's regions. Leaving these disparities in place would undermine some of the cornerstones of the EU, including its large single market and its currency, the euro.</p> <p>From 1 January 2007 the European Neighbourhood Policy and Strategic Partnership with Russian Federation are financed through a single instrument - the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹⁵. It is designed to target sustainable development and approximation to EU policies and standards - supporting the agreed priorities in the ENP Action Plans, as well as the Strategic Partnership with Russia.</p>
Application countries	Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine and the Russian Federation
Stakeholders	The ENP, which is chiefly a bilateral policy between the EU and each partner country.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>An important aspect of the ENP, and the strategic partnership with Russia, is to markedly improve cross-border cooperation with countries along the EU's external land and maritime borders, thus giving substance to our aim of avoiding new dividing lines. The ENPI therefore supports cross-border contacts and co-operation between local and regional actors and civil society.</p> <p>The main focus will be on country programmes, supporting partners' implementation of their own political, governance, economic and social reform programmes. For this reason countries, which have concluded an Action Plan and made progress in its implementation, will receive substantial funding.</p> <p>The second main focus is regional co-operation activities, including support for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and a brand new ENP scholarship scheme. In addition, cross-border cooperation will be supported, involving cooperation between local and regional authorities on both sides of the EU's external border.</p>
Deadline	Not applicable
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/funding_en.htm

¹⁵ http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/oj_l310_en.pdf

The Structural Funds

Programme	The Structural Funds/European Cohesion Policy
About	<p>The Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund are financial tools set up to implement the Cohesion policy also referred to as the Regional policy of the European Union. They aim to reduce regional disparities in terms of income, wealth and opportunities. Europe's poorer regions receive most of the support, but all European regions are eligible for funding under the policy's various funds and programmes.</p> <p>The Structural Funds are made up of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), and the Cohesion Fund¹⁶:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The European Regional Development Funds (ERDF), whose principal objective is to promote economic and social cohesion within the European Union through the reduction of imbalances between regions or social groups; * The European Social Fund (ESF), the main financial instrument allowing the Union to realise the strategic objectives of its employment policy; * The Cohesion Fund contributes to interventions in the field of the environment and trans-European transport networks. It applies to member states with a Gross National Income (GNI) of less than 90% of the EU average. As such, it covers all 12 new member states as well as Greece and Portugal. Spain is also eligible for the Cohesion Fund, but on a transitional basis (so-called "phasing out") <p><i>In this brochure is highlighted only the two funds that could be of relevance to the ETUCE member organisations¹⁷:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ERDF * ESF
Sub programme	European Regional Development Funds (ERDF)
Application countries	<p>EU Member States and regions.</p> <p>The detailed management of programmes which receive support from the Structural Funds is the responsibility of the Member States. For every programme, they designate a managing authority (at national, regional or another level) which will inform potential beneficiaries, select the projects and generally monitor implementation.</p>
Stakeholders	<p>Organisations that can benefit from regional funding include public bodies, some private sector organisations (especially small businesses), universities, associations, NGOs and voluntary organisations. Foreign firms with a base in the region covered by the relevant operational programme can also apply, provided they meet European public procurement rules.</p> <p>Project promoters in countries that are candidates or potential</p>

¹⁶ http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/index_en.cfm

¹⁷ The other two funds can be located through this link: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funds/prord/sf_en.htm

	<p>candidates for EU membership should contact the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA¹⁸).</p> <p>In most cases, funding is granted to projects, so a project must be developed to be eligible for funding, which will then be received at different stages of the process.</p> <p>For more information on who can apply in which region please contact the managing authority.¹⁹</p> <p><u>Especially for the ERDF:</u></p> <p>The applicant can be ordinary citizens, the director of a company, a member of a local development association or a local official, that perhaps have a project which might benefit from ERDF support? If so, the summaries of the regional programmes that currently being implemented can be consulted.</p>
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The ERDF aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union by correcting imbalances between its regions. In short, the ERDF finances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct aid to investments in companies (in particular SMEs) to create sustainable jobs; 2. Infrastructures linked notably to research and innovation, telecommunications, environment, energy and transport; 3. Financial instruments (capital risk funds, local development funds, etc.) to support regional and local development and to foster cooperation between towns and regions; 4. Technical assistance measures.
Deadline	Various
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/regional/index_en.cfm
Sub programme	European Social Fund
About	<p>The European Social Fund, ESF, is one the EU's Structural Funds²⁰. The ESF aims to prevent and combat unemployment, as well as developing human resources and promoting integration into the labour market.</p> <p>The European Social Fund is based on the principles of co-financing and shared management. Funding by ESF is available through the member states and regions.</p>
Application countries	<p>ESF funding is available through the Member States and regions. The ESF does not fund projects directly from Brussels.</p> <p>Project promoters in countries that are candidates or potential candidates for EU membership should contact the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA²¹).</p>
Stakeholders	<p>Various organisations can partake in ESF projects and become a beneficiary. These could be public administrations, NGO's and social partners that are engaged in employment and social integration.</p>

¹⁸ <http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=32&langId=en>

¹⁹ http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/access/index_en.cfm#2

²⁰ There are four structural funds that allow the European Union to grant financial assistance to resolve structural economic and social problems; (1) European Social Fund, (2) European Regional Developments Fund, (3) European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and the (4) Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance.

²¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=32&langId=en>

	The directly involved project participants will benefit by for example receiving training in new skills or guidance for job search. Organisations and enterprises as a whole can also participate by providing qualifying training programmes to their employees or management counselling.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The ESF funding is organised under two broad scopes: (1) the convergence objective and (2) the regional competitiveness and employment objective.</p> <p>The convergence objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This includes all EU regions with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per head below 75% of the Community average. The countries and regions eligible under the convergence objective will receive more than 80% of the EU funding. * The regional competitiveness and employment objective: * This covers all regions of the EU that are not eligible under the convergence objective. * Throughout the Union, under both the convergence and the regional competitiveness and employment objectives, the ESF will provide support for five key areas of action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Increasing adaptability of workers and enterprises; * Enhancing access to employment and participation in the labour market; * Reinforcing social inclusion by combating discrimination and facilitating access to the labour market for disadvantaged people; * Promoting partnership for reform in the fields of employment and inclusion; * Expanding and improving investment in human capital, in particular by improving education and training systems. <p>In the least prosperous regions that fall under the convergence objective, the ESF will also support:</p> <p>Reinforced efforts to expand and improve investment in human capital, in particular by improving education and training systems;</p> <p>Action aimed at developing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations, at national, regional and local level.</p>
Deadline	Varies from region to region/country to country
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp?langId=en

Roma Education Fund

Programme	Roma Education Fund
About	The Roma Education Fund (REF) was created in the framework of the Decade of Roma Inclusion in 2005. Its mission and ultimate goal is to close the gap in educational outcomes between Roma and non-Roma. In order to achieve this goal, the organization supports policies and programs, which ensure quality education for Roma, including the desegregation of education systems.
Application countries	Grant applications are accepted from public and private entities in member countries of the Council of Europe. Special attention is focused on the countries which have formally joined the Decade of Roma Inclusion, but applications are considered from other countries, especially countries with a substantial Romani population.
Stakeholders	Grants can be made to both the public and the private sectors, as well as to combinations (partnerships) of these. The public sector can include national, regional and local governments. The private sector can include Romani and non -Romani civil society organisations, and private educational establishments and policy institutes. Multi -country grants can also be considered so long as there is one clear organisation taking overall responsibility.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The REF has several programmes of which the following can be of relevance to the ETUCE member organisations:</p> <p><u>Project Support Programme</u></p> <p>This Programme provides grants for initiatives by governmental and non-governmental agencies in the Decade of Roma Inclusion countries. Applications are also considered from other countries with a substantial Roma population. The REF finances projects at all education levels, i.e. preschool, primary, general and vocational secondary and tertiary, and adult education, and for policy development.</p> <p><u>Reimbursable Grant Programme</u></p> <p>This Programme provides support to Roma NGOs in accessing EU Structural Funds and other associated funds. An advance is provided to organisations which have been awarded grants from EU sources, allowing them to start activities before actual financing from the respective government agencies or the EU becomes available. Since 2006, the REF has helped 21 NGOs in three countries, i.e. the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia, to mobilize EUR 2.5 million of EU support with EUR 290,000 REF contribution. The Programme has been set up as a pilot facility available for the EU member states, but will be extended for non-EU members, principally in the Western Balkans. The REF is also lobbying the EU and the respective government agencies managing EU funds for procedures that allow NGOs easier access to these funds.</p> <p><u>Policy Development and Capacity Building Programme</u></p> <p>This Programme supports studies, technical assistance, strategy</p>

	development and learning activities to strengthen dialogue with governments and civil society on education reform and Roma inclusion.
Deadline	The project cycle is coordinated by the Grant Programme Manager who plans the process and ensures that all steps are followed. The Management Information System supports REF staff in managing the grant programme.
Link	http://www.romaeducationfund.hu/ http://www.romaeducationfund.hu/sites/default/files/documents/operational_guidelines_2010_.pdf

The International Visegrad Fund

Program	International Visegrad Fund
About	The purpose of the Fund is to facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among V4 countries —the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia— (and of V4 countries with other countries, especially but not exclusively non-EU member states in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and the South Caucasus) and to strengthen the ties among people in the region.
Application countries	The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia
Stakeholders	Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), municipalities and local or regional governments, schools and universities, but also private companies or individuals are eligible for the grant support.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The Fund provides funding for common cultural, scientific, research and educational projects, youth exchanges, promotion of tourism and cross-border cooperation. Project applications must deal with the region and further develop cooperation among project partners based in the region.</p> <p>The Fund will not support projects in which less than three V4 countries are involved, except for Cross-Border projects. Within the Cross-Border Cooperation, partners from two V4 countries are sufficient.</p> <p>There are three types of grants: Small grants, Standard grants and the Strategic grant.</p> <p>For both the Small and Standard grants: should fall within one of the following six categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural cooperation, 2. Scientific exchange and research, 3. Education, 4. Youth exchange, 5. Cross-border cooperation, 6. Promotion of tourism. <p>The projects can, however, entail any field of activity (e.g. environmental, social affairs, sports and leisure, media, etc.).</p> <p>Strategic grant (Visegrad Strategic Programme): The aim of the Visegrad Strategic Program (Strategic Grants) is to support long-term projects of strategic character that link institutions of all four Visegrad Group countries. The projects must adhere to at least one of the priorities defined by the Conference of Ministers for the given year.</p>
Duration	<p>Small grants: These grants are short-termed and shall be finalised within six months.</p> <p>Standard grants: the maximum time frame for these grants is 12 months</p> <p>Strategic grant The time frame is between 12-36 months.</p>
Deadline	<p>Small grants: 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December</p> <p>Standard grants: 15 March, 15 September</p>

	Strategic grants: May
Link	http://visegradfund.org/ Application forms are available through an online system at http://applications.visegradfund.org/ . The system usually opens 30 days prior to given deadline.

Open Society Fund

Program	Education Program
About	Open Society Fund Bosnia and Herzegovina has been developing program objectives that are intact with all changes that shape the B&H society, while remaining dedicated to its initiating idea for developing an open society in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Application countries	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Stakeholders	
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The mission of Educational Program FOD BiH is to support an educational system based on principles and values of responsibility, quality and equity; to approach responsibly to creating curriculums while respecting previously established principles, to ensure high standards which guarantee high-quality education, and to provide equal treatment for all children in educational process, as well as equal rights through their education.</p> <p>For more information please contact the Open Society Fund Bosnia & Herzegovina, as projects are funded upon discussion with the Fund.</p>
Duration	Various
Deadline	Ongoing
Link	http://www.soros.org.ba/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=68&Itemid=57&lang=en

Robert Bosch Stiftung

Program	Robert Bosch Stiftung
About	<p>The Robert Bosch Stiftung is not only an operating foundation that pursues its goals by programs of its own, but also a funding foundation that enables others to develop and implement projects and initiatives that meet social needs in Germany and abroad.</p> <p>As a funding foundation, the Robert Bosch Stiftung fund projects that either supplements its existing programs, continue them in an innovative way, or contribute significantly to realizing its objectives in the program area concerned.</p>
Application countries/stakeholders	<p>Due to the wide range of potential projects eligible for funding both in Germany and abroad, the methods and procedures by which we provide funding are not subject to restrictions.</p> <p>The Stiftung cooperate with knowledge disseminators such as journalists, teachers, educators, social workers, nursing staff etc. who can bring our projects to the attention of wider audiences</p>
Objectives/description of actions	<p>The Robert Bosch Stiftung use a range of instruments to achieve their goals, such as competitions, scholarship programs, prizes, funding of pilot projects, appointment of independent committees and juries, political consulting based on scientific studies, surveys, seminars, and colloquia.</p> <p>Especially for the Third-Party Projects</p> <p>As a funding foundation, we are always open to new project ideas and funding proposals. They must complement our focus areas and existing funding instruments.</p> <p>The Robert Bosch Stiftung is named by the projects we fund. To maintain our standards and quality assurance requirements, we evaluate the benefits of a prospective project carefully.</p> <p>In general, we do not fund third-party projects institutionally or to fill budget gaps. The project goals must be specified clearly.</p> <p>We publicize our funding of every project to ensure transparency and enable projects to serve as examples that inspire others to emulate our funding activities. At the end of each project, the results are assessed and evaluated against the project goals</p> <p>The Robert Bosch Stiftung does not accept unsolicited grant requests, but only preliminary inquiries.</p>
Deadline	Ongoing
Link	http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/content/language2/html/1542.asp .

Hans Böckler Stiftung

Program	Hans Böckler Stiftung
About	The work of the foundation is based on the meaning work and life. Employment is a key function for people because it ensures not only the existence and subsistence such as participation in social opportunities and goods. It also fulfils social needs. An important point is the equal repartition of wealth
Stakeholders	The foundation mostly supports actors of workers' participation and trade union representatives. Only researchers and scientific institutes can submit research projects. The department for research funding initiates and guides project proposals. This department examines the proposal – if necessary with an external expert.
Objectives/description of actions	<p>Funding opportunities are mostly limited to individual students, especially for those coming from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, as the foundation seeks to promote greater societal equality.</p> <p>Within the department of research funding, research projects can be granted to third parties. This includes in particular project that seek to improve conditions for workers' participation and the representation of trade union interests. The foundation focuses its programme on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes in employment - Structural changes – innovation and employment - Changing workers' participation - The Future of the social state/social policy - Education for and in employment - History of Trade Unions
Duration	Various
Deadline	Ongoing
Link	http://www.boeckler.de/152.htm

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Program	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
About	The main guidelines of the international work of the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation are to support democracy and development worldwide, to contribute to peace and security, to make globalisation social and to promote enlargement of the European Union. The EFS is actively involved in more than 100 projects for the establishment and consolidation of civil society and state structures with the aim to promote democracy and social justice, strong and free trade unions and the protection of human rights and gender equality.
Link	More information can be found in German at: http://www.fes.de/sets/s_fes_i.htm http://www.fes.de/international/moe/in_moe/moe_om.htm http://www.fes.de/international/moe/in_moe/moe_ost.htm

Annex

Member organisations and trade union centres that have solidarity funds to finance project activities. Possible project applications should be forwarded to EI for coordination and further distribution.

Country	Organisation	
Sweden	Swedish Teachers' Union <i>Lärarförbundet</i> Website: http://www.lararforbundet.se	LO-TCO Sweden Website: http://www.lotcobistand.org
	Norway	
	Union of Education Norway <i>UEN</i> Website: http://www.utdanningsforbundet.no	LO Norway Norway Website: http://www.lo.no
Denmark	DM <i>Gymnasieskolernes Laererforening</i> Website: http://www.dm.dk	BUPL <i>The Danish National Federation of Early Childhood and Youth Educators</i> Website: http://www.bupl.dk
	DLF <i>The Danish Union of Teachers</i> Website: http://www.dlf.org	The LO/FTF Council Website: http://www.ulandssekretariatet.dk/
Finland	SASK Website http://www.sask.fi	
The Netherlands	AOb <i>Algemene Onderwijsbond</i> Website: http://www.aob.nl	FNV Netherlands Website: http://www.fnv.nl
United Kingdom (Scotland)	EIS <i>Educational Institute of Scotland</i> Website: http://www.eis.org.uk	NASUWT <i>National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers</i> Website: http://www.teachersunion.org.uk
	NUT-UK, <i>National Union of Teachers</i> Website: http://www.teachers.org.uk	UCU <i>University and College Union</i> Website: http://www.ucu.org.uk
	TUC UK Website: http://www.tuc.org.uk	
Spain	FETE-UGT <i>Federación de Trabajadores de la Enseñanza de la UGT</i> Website: http://www.feteugt.es	Fe.CC.OO. <i>Federación de Enseñanza de Comisiones Obreras</i> http://www.fe.ccoo.es