

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME "DAPHNE III" (2007-2013)
**TO PREVENT AND COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN AND TO PROTECT VICTIMS AND
GROUPS AT RISK**
CALL FOR PROPOSALS JLS/2009-2010/DAP/AG Action Grants
SPECIFIC TRANSNATIONAL PROJECTS

1. INTRODUCTION

On 20 June 2007, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Decision No779/2007/EC¹ establishing the Specific Programme "Daphne III" for the period 2007-2013 as part of the General Programme 'Fundamental Rights and Justice', in order to contribute to the prevention and combating of violence against children young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk.

2. ESSENCE OF THE CALL

This call for proposals for **action grants** aims to select projects falling under the objectives of the **Daphne III programme**² and the **call priorities**.

Projects require a **minimum partnership of 2 organisations** from different **EU member states** and must be of duration of **either 12 or 24 months**.

Grants awarded under the call will range from **€75.000 to €300.000 for 12-month projects and from €150.000 to €600.000 for 24-month projects**, which may constitute a maximum of 80% of overall eligible project cost.

The projects should start in the first half of 2011.

The **deadline** for submitting proposals via the **PRIAMOS** on-line application is **30 April 2010, 12:00 CET**.

3. SPECIFICITIES OF THIS CALL

The call for proposals is based on the Daphne III annual work programmes for 2009 and 2010³ and combines the priorities as well as the resources available for both years.

Therefore approximately twice the usual funding will be available amounting to an indicative €28.990.560. It is therefore expected that a higher number of projects will be funded than in previous calls.

1 <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:173:0019:0026:EN:PDF>

2 Art. 2 and Art. 3, European Parliament and Council Decision No 779/2007/EC

3 http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm#

4. CALL PRIORITIES

Street and peer violence – Identification of best practices, recommendations, education and campaigns involving young people on the issues of street violence, youth violence and related lifestyle issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and weapon-carrying.

Media violence – Targeted educational programmes and activities designed to increase children, young people and/or women's understanding of the potentially negative impacts of new technologies and to educate them on risks and solutions with the aim to ensure their well being and safety.

Corporal punishment of children – Awareness-raising and educational materials addressing the issue of corporal punishment of children in their homes and/or in institutional or quasi-institutional settings throughout Europe.

Capacity building of law enforcement agents and legal practitioners related to intimate partner violence – Training and exchange of experiences with the view of building the capacity of practitioners in the law enforcement, judicial and para-legal fields to assist women victims of intimate partner violence when in contact with the police or judicial system.

Field work at grass-roots level with involvement of children, young people and/or women, in particular programmes that aim to empower them to protect themselves and their peers against violence. Such programmes might specifically include training, counselling, formal and informal support group mechanisms and innovative ideas for developing a protective environment for children, young people and women.

Applicants must indicate clearly which of the above priorities their proposal addresses. Projects submitted outside these priorities will be evaluated according to the same criteria as other projects, but their assessment will take into account that they are not in conformity with the priorities of this work programme.

Only new projects, which do not aim to generate a profit, will be eligible for funding. Projects that have already started before the deadline for submission of the proposals will not be eligible for funding.

5. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Applicants must comply with the conditions set out in the call and follow the instructions stipulated in the **Guide for Applicants** published with this call.

The project must be prepared by a **partnership** and involve at least two eligible organisations (minimum of one applicant plus one partner) from two different EU Member States. If the applicant/ partner is from an EFTA/EEA Member State, the project must involve in addition at least two eligible organisations from two different EU Member States.

Applicants and partners cooperate in the design and implementation of the action, must all be eligible for funding under this Programme, and will share the financial responsibility for the project.

5.1. Applicant / Partners

Applicants and partners must comply with the following requirements:

Legal status: They must be legally constituted public or private organisations and institutions (non-governmental organisations, local authorities at the relevant level, university departments and research centres);

Origin: They are based in one of the 27 Member States of the European Union or the EFTA States that are parties to the EEA Agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway- hereafter referred to as the "EEA Member States");

Non-profit: They are non-profit-making (bodies and organisations which are profit-oriented shall have access to grants under the Programme only as partners if justified by the nature of the action).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Public bodies at national/central level i.e. ministries at central level, are not eligible for funding under the Daphne III Programme 2007-2013. This does not apply to public bodies at regional level.

Applications from natural persons (private individuals) are not eligible.

An applicant may apply for support for several separate projects. In this case, separate applications should be submitted. Only one application is required for each project. In case more than one project is selected for funding, the applicant must demonstrate its technical and financial capacities to implement all of its selected projects. Applicants may also participate as partners in projects submitted by other organisations.

5.2. Associate Partners

Organisations which either do not comply with the criteria for applicant or partner organisations or do not wish to receive funding to participate in the project may participate as associate partners. This may include for example, organisations from any third country which are not eligible for EU funding or ministries at central level.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The submitted proposals will be evaluated against exclusion, eligibility, selection and award criteria.

6.1. Exclusion Criteria

Potential applicants and partners may not participate in this call for proposals or be awarded grants if they are in any of the situations referred to in Articles 93(1), 94 and 96(2)(a) of the Financial Regulation⁴. A full list of these is included at the end of the application form.

⁴ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2002R1605:20071227:EN:PDF>

6.2. Eligibility Criteria

Proposals will be declared ineligible if they do not respect one or more of the following criteria. If a grant application is declared ineligible, it will not be considered for further evaluation and a rejection letter to that effect will be sent to the applicant.

- 1) The grant application must have been submitted through PRIAMOS before the deadline at 12:00 CET on 30 April 2010;
- 2) Applications must be submitted on the standard forms with all annexes required for this call for proposals duly completed;
- 3) The applicant organisation and the partners must be eligible to participate in accordance with heading 5 of this call⁵;
- 4) Projects must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner(s)) from at least two different EU Member States⁶;
- 5) The Community grant applied for must be lower or equal to 80% of the total eligible cost of the project and be between EUR 75.000 and 300.000 for any 12-month period and between EUR 150.000 and 600.000 for any 24-month period;
- 6) The duration of the project must be either 12 or 24 months.

6.3. Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 116(1) of the Financial Regulation and Article 176 of the Implementing Rules, proposals will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

- 1) The applicant's **sufficient operational capacity** to complete the proposed action.
 - The applicant must have appropriate and proven qualifications and experience in 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.
 - The key staff must have the necessary skills, experience and capacity to carry out the project.
- 2) The applicant's **sufficient financial capacity** to complete the proposed action.
 - The applicant must have a sound financial situation and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activities of the action over the entire duration of the project.

⁵ Organisations from third countries currently cannot participate as the conditions set out in Art 5 of the legal basis (European Parliament and Council decision No 779/2007/EC) are not currently met or expected to be met in the near future.

⁶ If the applicant/ partner is from an EFTA/EEA Member State, the project must involve in addition at least two eligible organisations from two different EU Member States.

- The applicant must have secured⁷ co-financing of at least 20% of the total eligible costs of the project, evidenced through the budget, its own accounts, signed Partner Declaration(s) and/or Co-financing Declaration(s);

Only proposals which satisfy the selection criteria will be examined further.

6.4. Award criteria

The award criteria aim to ensure the selection of actions with a high inherent quality, which contribute as much as possible to Programme objectives and priorities in a cost-effective manner. Synergies and complementarities with other Union instruments and programmes shall be sought and overlaps and duplications with existing activities avoided. All projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1) Quality of the proposed action regarding its conception, presentation, organisation, methodology and expected results (40 points)**
 - a) How well is the project conceived and prepared? (10 points)
 - b) Are the proposed activities suitably designed to achieve the stated objectives? (10 points)
 - c) To what extent is the project organised with a balanced distribution of tasks and expertise between the partners? (10 points)
 - d) How well is the project implementation organised (in terms of methodology, workplan, timetable, partnership, monitoring and evaluation)? (10 points)
- 2) Impact of the expected results on the general and specific objectives of the Programme (10 points)**
 - a) To what extent do the project objectives match and make a positive contribution to the Daphne priorities/objectives as set out in the call for proposals? (5 points)
 - b) To what extent can the project's outputs and deliverables be expected to have a positive impact on the project beneficiaries and target groups? (5 points)
- 3) Innovation (10 points)**
 - a) Is the project innovative (in terms of objectives, subject area, partnership, geographical scope and methodology)? (5 points)
 - b) To what extent does the project show awareness and/ or take into account results of previous Daphne funded projects? (5 points)
- 4) European dimension: the geographical scope of the project in terms of partners, participants and target group and/or its added value at European level. (20 points)**
 - a) To what extent do the project activities present a European dimension (e.g. in terms of geographical coverage, participant and target groups)? (5 points)

⁷ "Secured" means that funds are in the applicants' accounts or that any funds promised by a partner or donor (proved in writing by signing the co-financing declaration form) can only be subject to the condition of obtaining a grant under this call for proposals. Any additional condition will render the contribution non-secured. For co-funding from public authorities an additional condition of compliance with the relevant national budgetary regulations may be accepted.

b) To what extent do the organisations involved make up a broad European partnership? (5 points)

c) Does the proposal deserve support at a European level (rather than at local, national level?) (5 points)

d) How high is the added value of the project at European level? (5 points)

5) Dissemination and sustainability: measures planned for the dissemination of the results and to ensure adequate follow-up of project outputs. (10 points)

a) Are there effective plans put in place for appropriate and timely disseminations/sharing of results? (5 points)

b) Are project results likely to have an impact and be sustainable? (5 points)

6) Cost-effectiveness. (10 points)

a) To what extent is the requested financing reasonable given the expected results of the project? (5 points)

b) Does the project present good value for money? (5 points)

Once the evaluation procedure is completed, including receipt of the Programme Committee's opinion and the Commission's decision, the Commission will inform each applicant of the final decision taken, including reasons for rejection of proposals, and of the next steps. The Commission will then set in motion the procedures necessary for preparation of the grant agreement for successful applications (including dialogue with the applicant concerning any necessary technical and financial adjustments).

7. KICK-OFF MEETING

The budget for the proposal must include **travel costs to and from Brussels and 1 overnight stay** (if necessary) for 1 to 2 representatives of the coordinating organisation (Including at least the project coordinator but ideally also the financial coordinator if not the same person).

These costs are to allow successful applicants **to participate in the 1-day "kick-off" seminar** dedicated to project management, administrative aspects and reporting obligations.

8. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Together with the duly completed Grant Application Form, the applicant must upload the following annexes: (IMPORTANT: please note that Partner declaration form, Associate partner declaration form and co-financing declaration form need to be signed and scanned before uploading).

Please use the templates provided by the Commission:

1. Project description;
2. Budget form;
3. Applicant's Legal entity form;
4. Applicant's financial identification form;
- 5.a Partner declaration form (includes declaration on exclusion criteria and legal entity);
- 5.b Associate partner declaration form (if relevant);
6. Co-financing declaration form (if relevant);

In addition, applicants must submit the following supporting documents using their own format:

7. Official annual financial statements (Profit and loss account and/or balance sheet) for the past 2 years that demonstrate the applicant's financial capacity, **and**, in the case of grants exceeding €500.000, an audit report certifying the accounts for the last financial year available, produced by a certified external auditor (not applicable for universities and public authorities);
8. Curriculum vitae of key staff performing the work in connection with the project;
9. Applicant's article of association or statutes and proof of legal registration of the applicant;
10. Annual technical/narrative report of the applicant organisation for the previous year.

9. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Applications must be completed and submitted via PRIAMOS by:

30 April 2010, 12:00 CET.

Please note that although the PRIAMOS system is able to handle a high number of applications at the same time, it is advisable NOT to wait until the last moment to register on the system and submit your application.

10. GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

Please read the guide for applicants carefully, as it contains all details required for applying. It provides explanations and further details on the conditions to be met, the documents to fill out and submit, as well as instructions on how this must be done using PRIAMOS.

11. HELPDESK

Questions regarding the call for proposals may be sent by e-mail to the address below:

[JLS-DAPHNE @ec.europa.eu](mailto:JLS-DAPHNE@ec.europa.eu)

Questions regarding registration and application via PRIAMOS may be sent to:

JLS-PRIAMOS-USM@ec.europa.eu

The Commission shall reply according to the Code of good administrative behaviour within 15 working days from receipt of the question.

In the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the Commission cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a partner or an action or on the outcome of the call before the official publication of results.

12. WHERE TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION

The Daphne III Programme website:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm

PRIAMOS self-learning materials:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/doc/electronic_applications/Introduction_Applicants.htm