

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

for “Combating exclusion from the world of work”

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1. Publication reference

2002/000-315.01.04

2. Programme and Financing source

Within the programme HU Phare 2002/000-315.01.04. the total available resources to support proposals submitted in response to this call for proposal is EUR 10,100,000. Out of this amount EUR 6,000,000 will be financed from Phare grant, and EUR 4,100,000 will be co-financed from the budget of the Ministry of Employment and Labour. Applicants must ensure a minimum of 10% of the total project budget as self-contribution.

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) Short description of planned activities

Component 1: *Employment and labour market (re)integration of long-term unemployed through implementing projects aiming at enlarging capacity of local, regional social services, based on initiatives of local governments, associations of local governments or NGOs.*

Project proposals should promote the permanent and long-term employment of the target group in the field of social services through the provision of vocational training and services aiming to improve their employability and labour market integration. Within the programme applicants must employ the project beneficiaries for a period of 18 months, which shall be provided through the development of social services as followed:

1. developing new types of social services and increasing the quality of existing local social services based on local demands
2. increasing the quality and quantity of primary and specialised social care services
3. widening and increasing the quality of social services delivered by non-governmental organisations.

Component 2 *Employment and labour market (re)integration of multiply disadvantaged, especially Roma long-term unemployed through implementing projects aiming at improving the living conditions and accession to social services of disadvantaged groups, based on local initiatives.*

Activities to be implemented within the component under which project beneficiaries should also be employed for a period of 8.5 months can be the following:

1. environmental health, environmental protection activities
2. maintenance and development of municipal infrastructure
3. discharging and rehabilitating segregated Roma colonies within the settlements
4. social, educational, cultural and community services

Besides employment of the target group the project proposals must include services aiming at the improvement of employability and labour market integration of project beneficiaries.

One applicant may submit application for one of the components as well as separately for both components, but only one application can be submitted for a component.

Eligible activities in both components:

- project management
- professional development
- recruitment and selection of the target group
- services aiming at the improvement of employability and labor market integration of the target group
- training of the target group
- employment of the target group

(b) Geographical area: Hungary

(c) Maximum project duration: *in case of component 1 is 21 months, in case of component 2 is 13 months.*

For details, see the "Guidelines for Applicants" referred to in item 12.

4. Overall amount available for this Call for Proposals

EUR 10.1 million out of which 5,5 million EUR is Phare and 4,6 million EUR is national co-financing. Funding will be allocated on the basis of the evaluation results of the submitted applications.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

Component	Minimum amount	Maximum amount
	in euro	
1.	600,000	750,000
2.	200,000	300,000

Moreover, a grant may not exceed 90% of the total project costs. The balance must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources, or from sources other than the European Community and the national co-financing budget.

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

50

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

7. Eligibility: Who may apply?

Applicants must comply with the following conditions in order to be eligible for a grant:

- be local (community) governments, associations of local governments with a permanent status or specifically established for the implementation of the project, county/metropolitan governments or
 - be a non-profit, non-governmental organisation of independent legal entity; in that case the legally binding court registration on the foundation of the applicant organisation shall be dated prior to January 1, 2002;
 - partnership is a must;
 - partners may be non-profit or profit-oriented organisations having their headquarters in Hungary, in EU member states or in Phare countries and or in Turkey, Malta or Cyprus.
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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

2003.

AWARD CRITERIA

9. Award criteria

Reference to be specified to relevant section of "Guidelines for Applicants" mentioned in item 12

APPLICATION FORMALITIES

10. Application format and details to be provided

Applications must be submitted using the **application form** attached to the Guidelines for Applicants mentioned in item 12, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed. For each application, **one signed original** and **six copies** must be supplied by the applicant.

Applications must be submitted to the relevant regional development agencies. Detailed information is contained in the "Guidelines for Applicants" in section 2.2

Should any discrepancy occur between the English and Hungarian version of the documents the English version shall prevail.

11. Deadline for applications

The final deadline for submitting the application is 24 September 2003.

Any application received by the Contracting Authority after this deadline will not be considered.

12. Detailed information

Detailed information on this Call for Proposals is contained in the "Guidelines for Applicants", which are published together with this notice on the Internet Web site of the

European Aid Coordination Office: http://europa.eu.int/europeaid/index_en.htm;

Ministry of Employment and Labour: www.fmm.gov.hu;

ESZA European Social Fund NIA: www.esf.hu,

Or may be collected at the following address:

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Any questions regarding this Call for Proposals should be sent by e-mail (including the Publication Reference of this Call for Proposals shown in item 1) to kirekesztes@esf.hu . All applicants are encouraged to consult the above Internet Web page of ESZA European Social Fund NIA (www.esf.hu) regularly before the deadline for applications since the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies will be published on that site.

Questions shall be made by the applicants not later than 21 days before the deadline for submission of the applications and answers will be published 11 days before the expiry date of the deadline for submission.