

Programme	LIFELONG LEARNING
Subprogramme	COMENIUS
Action Category	MULTILATERAL PROJECTS
Action	COMENIUS Multilateral Projects
Objectives and description of the action	<p>Comenius Multilateral Projects are undertaken by consortia working together to improve the initial or in-service training of teachers and other categories of personnel working in the school education sector to develop strategies or exchange experiences to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom. Each project is expected to give rise to an identifiable outcome - e.g. a new curriculum, training course, methodology, teaching strategy, teaching material - which meets the training needs of a defined group of educational staff, taking account of the realities of each participating country. The use of all possible methods, including information and communication technologies, for the production and dissemination of training materials to the widest possible audience is encouraged.</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation for enhancing the quality of work carried out by projects should be planned from the very start of each project as a continuous project activity. Dissemination of the good quality results, specific 'dissemination' events involving educational authorities or policy makers to raise awareness of the project's activities and planned outputs should be always included. In addition, participation in Comenius Networks events of the same thematic area is encouraged.</p> <p>Within the priorities announced in the general call for proposals, the following activities may be supported :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adaptation, development, testing, implementation and dissemination of new curricula, training courses (or parts of courses) or materials for the initial or in-service training of teachers or other categories of school education staff; • The adaptation, development, testing, implementation and dissemination of new teaching methodologies and pedagogical strategies for use in the classroom and including the development of materials for use by pupils; • Providing a framework for the organisation of mobility activities for student teachers, including the provision of practical training periods and the recognition of these activities by the institutions concerned.
Who can benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher trainers, counsellors, teachers and all categories of school education staff, teacher students and the pupils; • Institutions or organisations providing initial and/or in-service training for teachers and other categories of school education staff; • Schools; • Other institutions or organisations active in school education (including research centres, training centres active in the field of education management or guidance and counselling, educational authorities and public or private companies); • Authorities, institutions or organisations which are not in themselves educational, but whose action can contribute to developing high-quality education; • Networks, voluntary associations and other not-for-profit organisations and undertakings active in the field of education. <p>Note: This Action is open from 2010 to partner organisation from countries not participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme. These cannot be the coordinating organisation. See Part I of this Guide (section 1C) and – for the detailed administrative arrangements on how such organisations can participate – the website of the Executive Agency.</p>
Who can apply	Applicant organisation on behalf of the consortium.
PRIORITIES	The priorities for this action can be found in the Lifelong Learning 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals.
HOW TO APPLY	Centralised Action. Applications have to be sent to the Executive Agency
	Please consult the relevant Agency website for further information.
Selection Procedure:	COM
Application Form Code:	MP
	<i>Please make sure you use the application form showing this code in the header.</i>
Application Deadline(s):	26-February-2010
Duration	
Minimum Duration :	
Maximum Duration:	3 years
Comment on Duration:	Extension of the eligibility period by up to a maximum of 6 months on request is possible only in exceptional cases. Total Grant will not change.
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS	
Please consult Part I of this Guide, Chapter 4 Financial Provisions for more information.	
Applicable Grant Table(s):	For daily staff cost rates: see Table 5. For daily subsistence rates: see table published on the website of the Executive Agency. For participating organisations from "third" countries : see the website of the Executive Agency
Maximum Grant €:	150.000 Euro/year. However, maximum Community contribution to projects will be 300.000€.

Comment on Funding:	Maximum Community Grant 75%
EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES	
Please consult Part I of this Guide, chapter WHAT IS THE LIFECYCLE OF A PROJECT for further information about the evaluation and selection procedures	
Eligibility Criteria	
General eligibility rules:	
The general eligibility criteria for applications in the LLP Programme are outlined in Part I of this Guide, Chapter 3. Participating countries: please refer to Part I of this Guide, section "Which countries participate in the Programme?"	
Specific eligibility rules:	Applications must be submitted by bodies which are legal entities. Organisations participating in the Comenius Programme must be located in a country participating in the LLP. Where the institution is a school, it must belong to one of the types of institution specified by the relevant National authorities in their list of eligible school types (link: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/comenius/school_en.html).
Minimum number of Countries:	3
Minimum number of Partners:	3
Comment on participants:	At least one country must be an EU Member State.
Award criteria	<p>1. Relevance The grant application and the results foreseen are clearly positioned in the specific, operational and broader objectives of the Programme. The objectives are clear, realistic and address a relevant issue / target group. Where relevant, at least one of the priority areas of the Call for Proposals for the action concerned is addressed.</p> <p>2. Quality of the Work Programme The organisation of the work is clear and appropriate to achieving the objectives; the work programme defines and distributes tasks / activities among the partners in such a way that the results will be achieved on time and to budget.</p> <p>3. Innovative Character The project will provide innovative solutions to clearly identified needs for clearly identified target groups. It will achieve this either by adapting and transferring innovative approaches which already exist in other countries or sectors, or by developing a brand new solution not yet available in any of the countries participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme.</p> <p>4. Quality of the Consortium The consortium includes all the skills, recognised expertise and competences required to carry out all aspects of the work programme, and there is an appropriate distribution of tasks across the partners.</p> <p>5. European Added Value The benefits of and need for European cooperation (as opposed to national, regional or local approaches) are clearly demonstrated.</p> <p>6. The Cost-Benefit Ratio The grant application demonstrates value for money in terms of the activities planned relative to the budget foreseen.</p> <p>7. Impact The foreseeable impact on the approaches, target groups and systems concerned is clearly defined and measures are in place to ensure that the impact can be achieved. The results of the activities are likely to be significant.</p> <p>8. Quality of the Valorisation Plan (Dissemination and Exploitation of Results) The planned dissemination and exploitation activities will ensure optimal use of the results beyond the participants in the proposal, during and beyond the lifetime of the project.</p> <p>9. Where applicable: Participation of organisations from third countries Third country participation adds value to the grant application, the activities proposed for the third country partner(s) are appropriate and the budget required for this purpose represents good value for money</p>
CONTRACTING PROCEDURES	
Probable sending date of pre-information on the results of the selection process	June
Probable sending date of agreement to the beneficiaries	September
Probable starting date of the action	October