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Amendment to Thematic Programme – Application Form

There is an error on the Application Form for Thematic Programmes. **In the header of the application form, it requests that the “REGION” be displayed: this should be “THEME”. A detailed budget breakdown per region is not required for the Thematic Programme: only a total budget breakdown.** The application form is being amended and will be available to download from our website within the next few days.

Selection Process for Calls for Proposals Applications

At the National Implementing Body Meeting (NIB) on 14 September, the Evaluation Panels were discussed and the format agreed.

Panel Format

There will be separate panels for each activity and each panel will be made up of three people. Panel members will evaluate and score the proposals and return their score sheets to London by the date determined. The scores will then be reviewed and the successful proposal(s) identified by a Panel Review.

The identified panel members will meet prior to the start of the evaluation process to review the detailed scoring guidance and to ensure that all are interpreting the guidance in the same way.

Panel Review

Hugh Allen (NIB chair) will conduct the Panel review with specialist advice and guidance from other NIB members as appropriate.

Their role is to ensure that the individual panel members have been consistent in their individual approaches to scoring and to use the scores provided to select successful proposals.

Applications

All applicants will be notified of the outcome: successful applications will be listed on our website.

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Current News

Postal Dispute & Calls for Proposals

As of 22 September 6 million postal items were delayed by strike action in London (out of 9 million nationally (source: Royal Mail website)).

If you have submitted a completed application form for funding for the European Year, please send electronic copies to our email address 2010.EY2010@dpw.gsi.gov.uk

If you have already submitted your application via post and you have not received acknowledgement, please contact us urgently.

The National Implementing Body (NIB)

The NIB for EY2010 met at Caxton House in London on 14 September 2009 to discuss various issues including Project Governance, Risk Management for the European Year, and Communications including the opening event on 16 March 2010 in Bristol. The NIB is the key decision-making body for EY2010 and received formal approval from the EU on 7 September.

EY2010 Logo

If you are arranging an event that is not funded as part of our programmes but wish to use the logo, you can download a ‘Request to use the EY2010 Logo’ form from our website.

We will consider all requests fairly and respond within 5 working days.

Next issue

The next issue of this newsletter will be published on the **9 October**. If you wish to submit articles or details of events please submit by **noon on 7 October** via email.

The EU Perspective

Source: The Strategic Framework Document

A primary objective of the European Union (EU) and its Member States is to tackle poverty and social exclusion. 2010 was put forward, by the Commission's 2005-2010 Social Agenda, as the European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion, to reaffirm and strengthen the initial EU commitment, at the start of the Lisbon Strategy, to make "a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty"...

Objectives

The four guiding principles for the European Year are:

Recognition of Rights – recognising the fundamental right of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society

Shared Responsibility and participation – increasing public ownership in social inclusion policies and actions, emphasising both collective and individual responsibility in the fight against poverty and social exclusion, as well as the importance of promoting and supporting voluntary activities

Cohesion – promoting a more cohesive society by raising public awareness of the benefits for all where poverty is eradicated

Commitment and practical action – reiterating the strong political commitment of the EU and the Member States to make a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty and social exclusion and promoting this commitment and actions at all levels of authority.

For further information, please see the European Commission website –
ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=637

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will there be workshops/seminars to help those planning to submit a proposal?

A. No. You are welcome to raise any questions via email, we will reply quickly if we are able to ensure no time is lost in the application process.

Upcoming Events

October 2009

- **15 October** – Deadline for Calls for Proposals by 5pm
- **21 October** – *Engaging the Hard to Reach The Ramada Hotel, Brighton*
This event is designed to bring consultation practitioners face-to-face with expert presenters on the problems of specific disadvantaged and seldom heard groups.
To book, prices and further details please contact; The Consultation Institute, tel: 01767 312580 or 0141 4160790.
www.consultationinstitute.org
- **29 October** – European Commission's conference *Poverty between reality and perceptions: the communication challenge, Brussels*. For further information, see European Commission website: <http://ec.europa.eu/>

November 2009

- **24 & 25 November** – '*Rights, Indicators and Outcomes: Measuring the Well-being of Children and Young People in Wales*'. 2 day conference at the Christchurch Centre in Newport, South Wales. Confirmed speakers include
Dr. Brian Gibbons AM – Minister for Social Justice and Local Government (with a lead on poverty).
Jane Hutt AM – Minister for Children, Education & Lifelong Learning (with a lead on Children & Young people).
Richard Thurston & Dr Beverley Morgan – Office of the Chief Social Research Officer, Welsh Assembly Government.
Catriona Williams – Chief Executive Children In Wales (and President of Eurochild)
Tracey Lee – Managing Director, Newport City Council
For further information: please contact Ms Sarah Thomas: email sarah.thomas@childreninwales.org.uk

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