

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DG EAC/01/09****TEMPUS IV — REFORM OF HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COOPERATION**

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**1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION**

The Tempus programme is continued in a fourth phase spanning the period 2007-2013.

The overall objective of the programme will be to contribute towards facilitating cooperation in the field of higher education among Member States of the European Union (EU) and partner countries in the surrounding area. In particular, the programme will help promote voluntary convergence with EU developments in the field of higher education deriving from the Lisbon agenda and the Bologna process.

Tempus promotes multilateral cooperation among higher education institutions, authorities and organisations from EU Member States and partner countries and focuses on the reform and modernisation of higher education.

National projects must adhere to national priorities which are established in close dialogue between European Commission Delegations and the relevant authorities in the partner countries. Multi-country projects must comply with either the regional priorities which have been defined along the lines of the EU's modernisation agenda in the higher education area and as identified in the Commission's strategic documents concerning the neighbouring countries, Central Asia and those for pre-accession to the EU.

The two principal instruments for cooperation through this Tempus call for proposals are:

- **Joint Projects:** projects with a 'bottom-up' approach aiming at modernisation and reform **at institutional (university) level**. Joint Projects aim at modernising university curricula and governance through a transfer of knowledge between universities, organisations and institutions from the EU and from the partner countries as well as between partner country entities as appropriate,
- **Structural Measures:** projects which seek to contribute to the development and reform of **higher education systems** in partner countries, as well as to enhance their quality and relevance, and to increase their convergence with EU developments. Structural Measures will concern interventions designed to support structural reform of higher education **systems** and strategic framework development **at national level**.

**2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Institutions and organisations which may participate 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.

These institutions and organisations have to be based in the following four groups of eligible countries:

- 27 Member States of the European Union,
- 6 countries of the Western Balkan region: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99,
- 15 countries in the Southern and Eastern neighbouring area of the European Union: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the occupied Palestinian territory, Syria, Tunisia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine,
- the Russian Federation,
- 5 Central Asian Republics: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

**3. BUDGET AND PROJECT DURATION**

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects amounts to EUR 53 million.

The financial contribution from the Commission cannot exceed 90 % of the total eligible direct costs.

The **minimum grant size** for both Joint Projects and Structural Measures will be **EUR 500 000**. The **maximum grant size** will amount to **EUR 1 500 000**. In the case of **Kosovo** <sup>(1)</sup>, **Montenegro** and the five **Central Asian** countries, the **minimum** grant size for national projects (both types) is set at **EUR 300 000**.

The maximum duration of projects is 36 months.

#### 4. DEADLINE

Applications for Joint Projects and for Structural Measures must be sent no later than **28 April 2009** at **16.00** Central European Summer Time.

#### 5. FURTHER INFORMATION

The full text of the call for proposals and the application forms are available on the following website:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/tempus>

Applications must comply with the requirements set out in the full text and be submitted using the forms provided on the website.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Under UNSCR 1244/99.