



Table Summarising –Funding Opportunities from 2007-2013 EU Programmes

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Introduction

- European Commission has settled a series of Programmes for the period 2007-2013. We aim with this document do to the AVSO's Members and other Voluntary Service organisations easier the access to European Funds. Call for proposals are published in the AVSO's Newsletter.
- The new financial rules and their implementation approved by 28 March by the Commission aim to easier access are more transparent and better accounted than in the past.

Simplification of the procedures

- The new rules are expected to reduce bureaucracy: making easy to NGO and individuals (young people and individual researcher) access to different funds.
- Grants of up to €25,000 require less documentation.

Better public control

- The new rules introduce an obligation to publish the list of beneficiaries than received money from the funds.
- The Commission will a have an expanded tool to prevent fraud and corruption: the central database of organisations excluded from EU funding will be shared between all EU Institutions and Member States authorities. This database will contain all relevant information on entities condemned for fraud or corruption in the Member States and third countries involved in the implementation of EU programmes.
- The new financial rules will improve Member States' reporting on the implementation of the part of the EU budget managed by them (three-quarters of the total EU budget).

The main types of financing the EU budget are:

- Grants: awarded to co-finance specific projects or objectives, usually through call for proposals.
- Public Contracts: awarded through call for tenders (public procurement) to buy services, goods or works in order to ensure the operations of EU institutions or programmes.

The Budget is managed by:

- National and regional authorities over 76%, this includes structural funds agricultural subsidies.
- Commission over 22% (e.g. in research, education, health, youth actions)
- Third countries and International Organisations (e.g. UN, Red Cross) around 2%

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WHAT ARE THE MAIN SOURCES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Programme	Eligibility Criteria	Activities/priorities	Further information and contact
<p>Life long learning - integrated action programme in the field of education and lifelong learning</p> <p>Budget: €6,200m (2004 prices)</p> <p>Under this programme has been emerged: Socrates (Comenius, Erasmus, Grundtvig, Lingua, Minerva, Joint Actions, Observation, Innovation & Acc. Measures); E-learning; Leonardo da Vinci</p> <p>Calls for transversal actions 30 April 2007</p>	<p>Access to the programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils, students, trainees and adult learners - Staff and bodies involved in any aspect of lifelong learning at local, regional and national level, learning providers - 27 Countries UE (EFTA + Turkey in negotiations) 	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>To foster interaction, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the EU.</p> <p>Four sectoral programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comenius (School Education): Supports school partnerships, projects for training of school education staff, school education networks - Erasmus (Higher Education): To support student mobility, education and advanced training activities at higher level - Leonardo da Vinci (Vocational Training): To support all other aspects of vocational education and training - Grundtvig (Adult Education): To support mobility in adult education - The Jean-Monnet programme: To support actions related to European integration and European institutions and associations in education and training - A transversal programme for pursuing activities that cut 	<p>Life long learning Website.</p>

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		across two or more traditional activities: policy cooperation and innovation; languages; ICT; Dissemination and exploitation of results.	
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<p>LIFE + (financial instrument for Environmental projects)</p> <p>Anticipated budget: €2.1bn</p> <p>Calls for autumn 2007.</p>	<p>LIFE co-finances environmental initiatives in the European Union and certain third countries that have decided to participate in LIFE. The third countries are: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, the Palestinian authority and the Baltic shoreline of Russia.</p>	<p>LIFE+ will address all four priority areas of the Sixth Environment Action Programme (6EAP, running from 2002 to 2012) - climate change; nature and biodiversity; health and quality of life; natural resources and waste – as well as the programme’s seven Thematic Strategies.</p> <p>Three strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity (40% of budget): implementation of the EU directives on the conservation of habitats and of wild birds, as well as further strengthening of the knowledge needed for developing, assessing, monitoring and evaluating EU nature and biodiversity policy and legislation; • LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance: the other 6EAP priorities besides nature and biodiversity, as well as strategic approaches to policy development, implementation and enforcement; • LIFE+ Information and Communication on environmental issues. <p>It is also proposed to implement the bulk of LIFE+ (potentially 80%) through Member State “Multi-Annual Programmes”, from</p>	<p>LIFE website.</p> <p>All projects have to be submitted to the national competent authorities.</p>



	The programme is open for all legal persons including NGOs, National Authorities, private companies etc.	2007-2010 and 2011-2013. The remainder of the programme (around 20%) would be managed by the Commission.	
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<p>Youth in Action</p> <p>Budget: €785 million in 2004 prices</p> <p>Calls during the year.</p>	Intended for young people between 15 and 28, groups of young people, youth workers, youth organisations and other partners working in the field of youth	<p>Objectives: To help develop a sense of personal responsibility, initiative, concern for others, citizenship and active involvement at local, national and European level among young people.</p> <p>Five types of action: Youth for Europe: Youth exchanges, youth mobility and initiatives, youth project for participating in democratic life European Voluntary Service Youth of the World: Cooperation with neighbourhood countries, cooperation with third countries Youth support systems Support for European co-operation in the youth field: Meetings of young people to bring about better understanding for youth policy, cooperation with international organisations</p>	<p>Youth Programme website.</p>

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<p>Culture 2007</p> <p>Budget: €354 million in 2004 prices</p> <p>Call for proposals for 2008 expected in 2nd half 2007</p>	<p>Access to the programme to cultural operators (creators, cultural players and cultural institutions)</p>	<p>Objectives: Cultural cooperation supporting transnational mobility of people working in the cultural sector, the mobility of the works of arts and cultural products and the intercultural dialogue</p> <p>Three strands of actions: Support to cultural actions: Multiannual cooperation project, annual cooperation project and special actions Support to bodies active at the European level in the field of culture Support to analyses and the collection and dissemination of information in the field of cultural cooperation</p>	<p>Culture Website</p>

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<p>MEDIA 2007</p> <p>Budget: €671 million in 2004 prices</p> <p>Expected first calls for proposals in first half 2007</p>	<p>Access to the programme: audiovisual professionals, creative industries</p>	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preserving and promoting Europe's cultural diversity and cinematic/audiovisual heritage, - Ensuring public access to this heritage and encouraging dialogue between cultures, - Increasing the circulation of European films and other audiovisual productions, both inside and outside the EU - Strengthening the commercial performance of the European audiovisual sector in an open and competitive market context. <p>Two strands of actions: Pre-production: Acquisition and improvement of skills in the</p>	<p>Media Website</p> <p>MEDIA DESK/ ANTENNAE in your country</p>

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		audiovisual sector, development of phase of production Post- production: Distribution, promotion, pilot projects and digital technologies	
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<p>PROGRESS (Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity)</p> <p>Budget: €743.5m</p> <p>The ESF is considered to be the main financial support to local authorities in the field of employment and social affairs.</p> <p>Ongoing calls for proposals.</p>	<p>PROGRESS will be open to public and private bodies and relevant actors and stakeholders. It is geared towards Member States, local and regional authorities, public employment services and national statistics offices. It is open to candidate countries. Specialised bodies, universities and research institutes, as well as the social partners and NGOs Will also be able to participate in the programme.</p>	<p>Objectives: EU objectives in employment and social affairs (combating discrimination; promoting gender equality; promoting integration of disabled people in society):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the knowledge of the situation in the Member States through analysis, evaluation and close monitoring • To support and monitor the implementation of Community law and policy objectives • To promote networking, mutual learning and identification and dissemination of good practice and innovative approaches at EU level • To enhance the awareness of stakeholders and the general public about EU policies and objectives • To boost the capacity of key EU networks <p>Provides the possibility of co-funding the operating costs of European-level networks.</p>	<p>Progress website</p>

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		<p>3 Types of actions:</p> <p>Action 1: Organisations which have as primary objectives and activities the representation and defence of the rights and interests of the people potentially exposed to discrimination at Community level.</p> <p>Action 2: Organisations which have as primary objectives and activities the representation and defence of the rights and interests of the people potentially exposed to gender inequality at Community level.</p> <p>Action 3: Organisations which have as primary objectives and activities to represent the interests of disabled people at Community level.</p>	
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<p>Citizens for Europe (2007-2013)</p> <p>Budget : €249 million</p> <p>Ongoing call for proposals.</p>	<p>Access to the programme: All stakeholders promoting active European citizenship in particular to local communities, European public policy research organisations, citizen's group and other civil society</p>	<p>Objectives: To encourage cooperation between citizens and their organisations from different countries in order to meet, act together and develop their own ideas in a European environment, which goes beyond a national vision, respecting their diversity.</p> <p>Three strands of actions: Active citizens for Europe: Involves citizens directly, either through activities linked to town-twinning or through other kinds of citizens' projects Active civil society for Europe: Europe-wide civil society organisations, receiving either structural support on the basis of their work programme or support to trans-national projects. Together for Europe: High visibility events, studies and information tools, addressing the widest possible audience across frontiers and making Europe more tangible for its citizens.</p>	<p>Website Citizens for Europe Programme.</p>
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<p>DAPHNE III (2007-2013)</p> <p>Budget: €116m</p> <p>The first call for proposals is expected for Spring 2007, 2 calls for proposals each year.</p>	<p>The Daphne II programme is open to participation by public authorities and institutions (local authorities at the competent level, university</p>	<p>General objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute to setting up an area of freedom, security and justice by combating violence • To protect citizens against violence and to attain a high level of health protection, well being and social cohesion <p>Specific objectives</p>	<p>Website for DAPHNE III Programme.</p>

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	departments and research centres) or NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prevent and combat all forms of violence in the public or private domain against children, young people and women by taking preventative measures and by providing support for victims and groups at risk • To promote transnational actions <p>Good practice and work experience, in particular regarding the implementation of preventive measures and assistance to victims; Mapping surveys, studies and research; Field work with beneficiaries; Sustainable multidisciplinary networks; Educational packages; Treatment programmes and support for victims and people at risk, and for perpetrators; Awareness-raising activities</p>	
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Structural Funds Programmes 2007-2013	Depend on your region: consult your regional/national authorities.	<p>The European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund contribute to three objectives: Convergence, Regional Competitiveness and Employment, and European Territorial Cooperation.</p> <p>The same programming and management rules apply to the three funds.</p>	<p>Cohesion Policy 2007-2013 Commentaries and Official Texts.</p> <p>Eligible Regions.</p>

<p>Convergence (ERDF/ESF)</p>	<p>Depend on your region: consult your regional/national authorities.</p>	<p>In regions covered by the Convergence objective, ERDF focuses its intervention on modernising and diversifying economic structures as well as safeguarding or creating sustainable jobs, with action in the following areas: research and technological development (RTD); innovation and entrepreneurship; information society; environment; risk prevention; tourism; culture; transport; energy; education; health.</p>	
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<p>Competitiveness & Employment (ERDF/ESF)</p>	<p>Depend on your region: consult your regional/national authorities.</p>	<p>For the Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective, the priorities are based on three sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - innovation and knowledge-based economy: strengthening regional capacities for research and technological development, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship and strengthening financial engineering notably for companies involved in knowledge-based economy; - environment and risk prevention: cleaning up polluted areas, boosting energy efficiency, promoting clean public transport within towns and drawing up plans to prevent and limit natural and technological risks; - Access to transport and telecommunications services of general economic interest. 	
<p>European Territorial Co-operation Objective. (ERDF)</p> <p>Note that co-operation with countries outside the EU is no longer aided by structural funds but by two new supports: The European Neighbourhood</p>	<p>Depend on the region: consult your regional/national authorities.</p>	<p>It is a complement to the two others objectives. It aims to promote common solutions for the authorities of different countries in the domain of: urban, rural and coastal development, the development of economic relations and the setting up of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). The cooperation is centred on research, development, the knowledge-based society, risk prevention and integrated water management.</p> <p>* Cross Border Co-operation: (previous INTERREG III)</p>	



and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Transnational Co-operation * Inter-regional Co-operation, and setting up networks and exchanges of experience. 	
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External programmes Asia Latin America	Ongoing until 2008	<p>EuropeAid programmes that aim to promote and support business and development cooperation between the EU third countries, provides assistance to intermediary organisations to facilitate mutually beneficial partnerships and opportunities for co-operation agreements.</p> <p>Co -financing NGOs - waiting for call in 2007.</p>	<p>Europaid- Co-financing NGOs Website.</p> <p>External Relations programmes</p> <p>Asia Latin America</p>



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