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Introduction

Following a proposal submitted by the Union of Cyprus Municipalities within the "Europe for Citizens" Programme (http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/about_citizenship_en.php), the European Commission decided to co-finance the cooperation between the Union of Cyprus Municipalities (http://www.ucm.org.cy/) and the Assembly of European Regions (http://www.aer.eu/), in order for them to develop information tools for the promotion and development of thematic Twinnings between their members, but also with Towns from the rest of the European Union.

The Pro-I3T project (Providing Information Tools on Thematic Twinning - http://www.proi3t.eu/) had a duration of 12 months (January – December 2012). Throughout this time, local and regional authorities around Europe have been trained to set thematic priorities for projects, formulate their ideas, find partners and target their actions. To do that, detailed information and training on the Europe for Citizens Programme, as well as a detailed listing of all other EU Grants and programmes capable to finance their actions have been offered to participants: 15 comprehensive thematic guides (on education and youth, culture and media, employment and social affairs, research and development, industry and enterprises, external relations and development, commerce, energy, environment, transport, public health and consumer protection, justice and home affairs, information technology, agriculture and fisheries) have been produced in English and in Greek. In addition to these guides, the "Guide to EU funding" has been updated and translated into English. This comprehensive brochure has proven to be extremely useful for Cypriot local authorities who have been using it since 2007.

The usual question that an association like the Union of Cyprus Municipalities or the Assembly of European Regions receives from its members concerning EU funding is: "I have this project idea. Can I finance it through EU funding and how?". The "Guide to EU funding" aims to reply to that specific question in a structured and detailed way, with up-to-date information, written in a simple way that can be easily understood by every municipal or regional officer or even simple citizens. The "Guide to EU funding" is therefore expected to resolve a problem faced by the majority of local and regional authorities in the European Union. Knowing what opportunities exist for financing in the framework of the European Union is important, not only in order to get financing but in order to get municipalities and regions to adopt the mentality of setting their needs, programming their future actions, and executing them in a structured and sustainable way.

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The purpose: The *Guide to EU Funding* has been edited in order to meet one basic need: to be able to indicate to its users the <u>simplest and fastest way</u> from a project idea to the most suitable funding instrument of the European Union that could finance the implementation of this idea. The content, the methodology and the logic of the Guide have all been based on the need to meet this basic need.

The content: We have tried to include to the Guide, an exhaustive list of all EU funding instruments (grants, programmes, facilities etc). We have excluded those Funds who allocate the money directly to the EU member states (Structural Funds, European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Common Agricultural Policy etc), but even from these, we have included to the Guide those sub-programmes that have a transnational aspect.

The methodology: During the drafting of the Guide, we have not always followed the most 'politically correct' way of categorizing the funding instruments. Following the basic idea of the Pro-I3T project, we have identified 15 thematic areas. The funding instruments have then been categorized not according to their legal basis, but according to the <u>most intuitive way</u> that can lead the Guide user from his/her project idea to the to the most suitable funding instrument of the European Union that could finance the implementation of his/her idea. This is why a lot of funding instruments are included in several categories. Knowing that the end users of this Guide will often be inexperienced, our main purpose has always been to facilitate their quest, instead of sticking to a scientific methodology that would complicate their task.

Thematic networking: Local and regional authorities are involved in the implementation of a variety of policies. The networking between local and regional authorities on issues of common interest is an important means for enabling informed discussions and exchange of good practices. For this purpose the EU is financing the creation of thematic networks through the Europe for Citizens programme, Action 1 – Measure 1.2 (http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/action1_measure1_en.php) Networks of Twinned Towns. Networks of Twinned Towns could be created on any of the 15 thematic areas described in this guide. Instead of repeating this possibility under every thematic area, we invite you to visit the Pro-I3T website and find out how your ideas can be financed through thematic networking http://www.european-grants.eu/ThematicTopics-EU_funding_through_thematic_networking,EN.THEMATIC.02.02,EN.

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Thematic area	Programme	Description of the programme and its sub-programmes, useful contacts and websites	Open/recent calls
Education and Youth	**Lifelong Learning Programme**	As the flagship European Funding programme in the field of education and training, the **Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)** enables individuals at all stages of their lives to pursue stimulating learning opportunities across Europe. It is an umbrella programme integrating various educational and training initiatives. Budget: 6.970 M. euros http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index_en.php Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME Unit Avenue du Bourget 1, B 1140, Brussels, Belgium e-mail: eacea-info@ec.europa.eu Lifelong learning National Agencies: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/national-agencies_en.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/tools/contacts_llp_en.php http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php LLP is divided in four sectorial sub programmes and four so called 'transversal' programmes:	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html

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Education and Youth		**Comenius** aim to help young people and educational staff better understand the range of European cultures, languages and values. They also help young people acquire the basic life skills and competences necessary for personal development, future employment and active citizenship. The programme addresses issues strongly related to current discussions and developments in school policy: motivation for learning and 'learning-to-learn' skills, key competences, digital educational content and inclusive education. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/comenius/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php Lifelong learning National Agencies: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/national-agencies_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html
		ERASMUS is the most successful student exchange programme in the world. Each year, more than 230 000 students study abroad thanks to the Erasmus programme. It also offers the opportunity for student placements in enterprises, university staff teaching and training, and it funds co-operation projects between higher education institutions across Europe. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/erasmus/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php Lifelong learning National Agencies: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/national-agencies_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html

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Education and Youth		The **Leonardo da Vinci** Programme funds practical projects in the field of vocational education and training. Initiatives range from those giving individuals work-related training abroad to large-scale co-operation efforts. The programme funds many different types of activities of varying scales. These include 'mobility' initiatives enabling people to train in another country, co-operation projects to transfer or develop innovative practices, and networks focusing on topical themes in the sector. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/leonardo/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php Lifelong learning National Agencies: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/national-agencies_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html
		The **Grundtvig** programme focuses on the teaching and study needs of learners taking adult education and 'alternative' education courses, as well as the organisations delivering these services. It aims to help develop the adult education sector, as well as enable more people to undertake learning experiences, notably in other European countries. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/grundtvig/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php Lifelong learning National Agencies: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/national-agencies_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html

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Education and Youth	Lifelong Learning - Transversal Programme	The objectives of the **LLP transversal** programme are the following: • To promote European cooperation in fields covering two or more sub-programmes • To promote the quality and transparency of Member States' education and training systems Projects in areas that are relevant to all levels of education, such as language learning, information and communication technologies, policy co-operation and dissemination and exploitation of project results are funded through the "transversal" part of the programme. Budget: 369 M. euros http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/structure/transversal_en.html The transversal programme covers **4 main types of activities:**	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html
		Policy cooperation and innovation: "Policy co-operation and innovation" actions (part of the 'transversal' programme) should enhance the quality and transparency of education and training systems, monitor progress towards targets, identify areas of concern, and strengthen the collection of data and research across the EU. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/structure/policy_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc92_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html

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Education and Youth		**Languages:** EU actions aim to promote language learning and linguistic diversity in Europe. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/structure/language_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc94_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html
		Information and Communications Technologies: It aims to harness Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) to develop innovative education and training practices, improve access to all levels of education and training, and help develop advanced management systems. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/structure/ict_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc96_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html
		Dissemination and exploitation of result: The results of activities and projects funded by the EU education and training programmes should be spread as widely as possible to potential users. Each project should take action to ensure this happens. A number of activities funded through the transversal part of the Lifelong Learning Programme contribute to more effective "dissemination and exploitation" and to the exchange of good practice. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/structure/valorisation_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc98_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html

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Education and Youth	**Jean Monnet**	The **Jean Monnet** Programme stimulates teaching, research and reflection on European integration in higher education institutions worldwide. It includes the creation of Jean Monnet Chairs, Centres of Excellence, Modules, information and research activities as well as support for academic associations of professors and researchers in European integration. Budget: 170 M. euros http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc88_en.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/education/jean-monnet/doc609_en.htm
	Tempus IV	**Tempus** supports the modernisation of higher education and creates an area of co-operation in countries surrounding the EU. Established in 1990, the scheme now covers 27 countries in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/programme/about_tempus_en.php	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index_en.php
	Erasmus Mundus	**Erasmus Mundus** aims to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic cooperation between Europe and the rest of the world. Budget: 230 M. euros http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/mundus/index.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/call_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php

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| Education and Youth | Youth In Action | **Youth in Action** is the EU Programme for young people aged 15-28 (in some cases 13-30). It aims to inspire a sense of active citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU borders, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, regardless of their educational, social and cultural background.

Budget: 885 M. euros

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc74_en.htm

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/index_en.htm

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/contact_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/orphans/contact-list_en.htm?cs_mid=152 | The calls for proposals are published in the websites:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html |
| | Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs | **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs** is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other European Union countries.

http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/index.php

http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/page.php?cid=18 | Information on how you can participate, are available here::

http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/page.php?cid=4 |

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Education and Youth	**Co-operation with industrialised countries**	The EU has set up joint study programmes with industrialised countries, particularly in North America and the Asia-Pacific region, that provide financial support for student mobility. Such co-operation enhances the quality of higher education and vocational training for both partners and promotes greater intercultural understanding. http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/industrialised_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/index_en.php
	Preparatory Actions in the field of sport	The objective of the **Preparatory Actions** is to prepare future EU actions in the field of sport, by supporting projects within the following fields: (1) The fight against match-fixing, (2) The promotion of physical activity supporting active ageing, (3) Awareness-raising about effective ways of promoting sport at municipal level, (4) Trans-frontier joint grassroots sport competitions in neighbouring regions and Member States. http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc745_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc743_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/calls-for-proposals_en.htm
	JESSICA	**JESSICA - Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas**, is an initiative of the European Commission developed in co-operation with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB). It covers -among others- university buildings – medical, biotech and other specialised facilities http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/jessica_en.cfm http://www.eib.org/products/ http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/index.htm	The calls for expression of interest are published in the website: http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/eoi/index.htm

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| Culture and Media | Culture programme (2007-2013) | The EU's **Culture programme** finances projects and initiatives to celebrate Europe's cultural diversity and enhance our shared cultural heritage through the development of cross-border co-operation between cultural operators and institutions. It aims to achieve three main objectives: to promote cross-border mobility of those working in the cultural sector; to encourage the transnational circulation of cultural and artistic output; and to foster intercultural dialogue.

Budget: €400 million

A list of national contact points is available here: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/tools/ccp_en.php

Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency
Unit P5: Culture, Mrs Barbara GESSLER
Tel. +32-2-29 56738, Fax +32-2-29 21329
E-mails available here: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/tools/contacts_en.php
Avenue du Bourget 1 (BOUR 04/02)
B – 1140 Brussels Belgium

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc411_en.htm

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/index_en.php

The programme supports **three strands** of activities: cultural actions; European-level cultural bodies; and analysis and dissemination activities**:** | Open and/or recent calls, are published in the following websites:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/funding/2012/index_en.php

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html |

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| Culture and Media | | **Strand 1** (Support for cultural projects) offers support to cultural organisations for projects to work together across borders and to create and implement cultural and artistic activities. This strand is divided into six categories:
• **Multi-annual Cooperation Projects** (a minimum of six cultural operators from at least six eligible countries cooperate from a minimum of 36 months to a maximum of 60 months).
• **Cooperation Projects** (at least three cultural operators, working within and across sectors, from at least three eligible countries, for a maximum of 24 months).
• **Literary Translation Projects**
• **Cooperation Projects with Third Countries** (cultural exchanges between the countries taking part in the Programme and *Third Countries*, which have concluded association or cooperation agreements with the EU)
• **Support to European cultural festivals** (aims at promoting within the Festivals the circulation of cultural works by giving access to non-national European cultural works to the largest possible audience, promoting intercultural dialogue encouraging exchanges of experience through the mobility of European professionals in the cultural field).
• **Framework partnership (3 years) for European cultural festivals**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/strands1_en.php | Open and/or recent calls for all 3 strands, are published in the following website:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/funding/2012/index_en.php |
| | | **Strand 2** (Support for Organisations Active at European Level in the Field of Culture) Through this strand, cultural organisations working, or wanting to work, at European level in the field of culture can receive support for their operating costs. This strand targets organisations that promote a sense of shared cultural experience with a truly European dimension.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/strands2_en.php | Open and/or recent calls for all 3 strands, are published in the following website:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/funding/2012/index_en.php |

Culture and Media		**Strands 3.2** (Cooperation projects between organisations involved in cultural policy analysis). Within the framework of the European Agenda for culture, this strand is aimed at supporting cooperation projects involving minimum three organisations established in three different countries. Those organisations must have a direct and practical experience in the analysis, evaluation, or impact assessment of cultural policies at local, regional, national and/or European levels, related to one or more of the 3 objectives of the European Agenda for culture. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/strands3_en.php	Open and/or recent calls for all 3 strands, are published in the following website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/funding/2012/index_en.php
	Europe for Citizens	The aim of the **Europe for Citizens** programme is to bring Europe closer to its citizens and to enable them to participate fully in the European construction. Through this programme, citizens have the opportunity to be involved in transnational exchanges and cooperation activities, contributing to developing a sense of belonging to common European ideals and encouraging the process of European integration Budget: 215 M. euros http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/contact_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/about-the-europe-for-citizens-programme/the-europe-for-citizens-programme-in-the-member-states/index_en.htm It supports four main types of actions:	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.php

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Culture and Media		**Action 1** - Active Citizens for Europe: involving citizens either through activities linked to town-twinning or through other kinds of citizens' projects. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/action1_en.php http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/contact_en.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/tools/contacts_en.php	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.php
		Action 2 - Active civil society in Europe: targeted to civil society organisations either through structural support on the basis of their European level work programme or through support to projects. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/action2_en.php http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/contact_en.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/tools/contacts_en.php	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.php
		Action 3 - Together for Europe: including high visibility events, studies and information tools. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/action3_en.php http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/contact_en.htm http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/tools/contacts_en.php	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.php

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	European Capitals of Culture	Each year, cities chosen as **European Capitals of Culture** provide living proof of the richness and diversity of European cultures. Started in 1985, the initiative has become one of the most prestigious and high-profile cultural events in Europe. A city is not chosen as a European Capital of Culture solely for what it is, but mainly for what it plans to do for a year that has to be exceptional. Its programme for the year must meet some specific criteria. http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc413_en.htm	Information on the available funding for this action, can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc441_en.htm
	MEDIA 2007	**MEDIA** is the EU support programme for the European audiovisual industry. It co-finances training initiatives for audiovisual industry professionals, the development of production projects (feature films, television drama, documentaries, animation and new media), as well as the promotion of European audiovisual works. http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/culture/media/programme/overview/who/desks/index_en.htm	Information on the available funding for this action, can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/index_en.htm

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	EU Prizes	The **European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage – Europa NOSTRA** Awards highlight some of Europe's best achievements in heritage care, and showcase remarkable efforts made in raising awareness about our cultural heritage. http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc623_en.htm	More information is available here: http://www.europanostra.org/heritage-awards/
		European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture / Mies van der Rohe Awards. The European Union Prize for contemporary architecture and the Special Mention for an Emerging Architect are awarded every two years. http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc1103_en.htm.	More information is available here: http://www.miesarch.com/

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Culture and Media		European Union Award for Contemporary Music/The European Border Breakers Awards (EBBAs). Europe stimulates the circulation of European music and talented musicians. The Commission encourages and recognises emerging artists' success in popular music through the annual EBBAs. http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc1098_en.htm	More information is available here: http://www.europeanborderbreakersawards.eu/
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	JESSICA	JESSICA - Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas, supports sustainable urban development and regeneration through financial engineering mechanisms. It covers -among others- heritage or cultural sites, for tourism or other sustainable uses http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/jessica_en.cfm http://www.eib.org/products/ http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/index.htm	The calls for expression of interest are published in the website: http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/eoi/index.htm

Employment and Social Affairs	PROGRESS	The **PROGRESS** programme is a financial instrument supporting the development and coordination of EU policy in the following five areas: 1) Employment, 2) Social inclusion and social protection, 3) Working conditions, 4) Anti-discrimination, 5) Gender equality http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en&furtherCalls=yes&callType=2
	FP7 - Socio-economic sciences and the humanities	'Socio-economic sciences and the humanities' (SSH) is part of the **Seventh European Research Framework** programme. Emphasis is given to the following eight areas: 1. Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society 2. Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective 3. Major trends in society and their implications - demographic change, reconciling family and work, health and quality of life, youth policies, social exclusion and discrimination. 4. Europe in the world - trade, migration, poverty, crime, conflict and resolution. 5. The citizen in the European Union - political participation, citizenship and rights, democracy and accountability, the media, cultural diversity and heritage, religions, attitudes and values. 6. Socio-economic and scientific indicators - the use and value of indicators in policymaking at macro and micro levels. 7. Foresight activities - the future implications of global knowledge, migration, ageing, risk and the emerging domains in research and science. 8. Strategic activities - including research for policy support and international cooperation. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/about-ssh_en.html	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open

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Research and Development	**Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme - CIP**	With small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as its main target, the **Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)** supports innovation activities (including eco-innovation), provides better access to finance and delivers business support services in the regions. It encourages a better take-up and use of information and communication technologies (ICT) and helps to develop the information society. It also promotes the increased use of renewable energies and energy efficiency. **Budget:** € 3621 million http://ec.europa.eu/cip/index_en.htm The CIP is divided into **three operational programmes**:	For an overview of the CIP Financial Instruments, please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/finance/cip-financial-instruments/index_en.htm
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		The **Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)** aims at stimulating a wider uptake of innovative ICT based services and the exploitation of digital content across Europe by citizens, governments and businesses, in particular SMEs. http://ec.europa.eu/cip/ict-psp/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/ict-policy-support-programme	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/participating/calls/index_en.htm

| | | Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE) offers a helping hand to organisations willing to improve energy sustainability. Launched in 2003 by the European Commission, the programme is part of a broad push to create an energy-intelligent future for us all. It supports EU energy efficiency and renewable energy policies, with a view to reaching the EU 2020 targets (20% cut in greenhouse gas emissions, 20% improvement in energy efficiency and 20% of renewables in EU energy consumption).

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/contact/index_en.htm

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| Research and Development | Eco-innovation initiative | The eco-innovation initiative helps good ideas for innovative products, services and processes that protect the environment become fully-fledged commercial prospects, ready for use by business and industry. Eco-innovation is about reducing our environmental impact and making better use of resources. This means developing products, techniques, services and processes that reduce CO2 emissions, use resources efficiently, promote recycling and so on. There are five main strands to this initiative:

• Materials recycling and recycling processes;
• Sustainable building products;
• Food and drink sector;
• Water efficiency, treatment and distribution;
• Greening business.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/contact/national-contact/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

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http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/home_en.html

CORDIS - Community Research and Development Information Service, is an information space devoted to European research and development (R&D) activities and technology transfer:

http://cordis.europa.eu/guidance/welcome_en.html | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls;efp7_SESSION_ID=cmZyQGLCGljMzpKLrBr1JqFM15zP6NSnFmQPxnRygTqvgGJLYdlb!2017552818 |
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Industry and Enterprises	**Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**	**Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs** is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other European Union countries. http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/index.php http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/page.php?cid=18	Information on how you can participate, are available here: http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/page.php?cid=4
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Industry and Enterprises	**European Destinations of Excellence - EDEN**	**EDEN** is actually not a programme, but a project promoting sustainable tourism development models across the European Union. The project is based on national competitions that take place every year and result in the selection of a tourist "destination of excellence" for each participating country. Through the selection of destinations, EDEN effectively achieves the objective of drawing attention to the values, diversity and common features of European tourist destinations. It enhances the visibility of emerging European destinations, creates a platform for sharing good practices across Europe and promotes networking between awarded destinations. http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/eden/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/eden/how-to-participate/contact-list_en.htm	Information on how you can participate, are available here: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/eden/how-to-participate/index_en.htm
	CALYPSO preparatory action	**Calypso** aims at promoting tourism in the low season, combating seasonality whilst having a social benefit and stimulating European citizenship through touristic exchanges. It also promotes social tourism, which allows as many people as possible to go on holiday and therefore, significantly aids mobility. The Calypso prepatory action seeks to support specifically 4 target groups : 1) over 65 years of age or pensioners / early retired citizens that receive pension benefits; 2) all youths aged between 18 and 30 years; 3) disabled adult citizens, together with one accompanying person (if needed); 4) families (children, parents and/or grandparents) certified by their country's coordinating authority as facing difficult social (financial, personal and/or disability) circumstances. http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/calypso/2012/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/calypso/2012/index_en.htm#h2-3

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External Relations and Development	**Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)**	Under the **Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI),** the European Communities finance measures aimed at supporting geographic cooperation with the developing countries. The objectives of this policy are poverty reduction, sustainable economic and social development and the smooth and gradual integration of developing countries into the world economy. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci_en.htm The DCI covers three components:	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
		DCI geographic programmes support cooperation with 47 developing countries in Latin America, Asia and Central Asia, the Gulf region and South Africa. These programmes support actions within the following areas of cooperation: • poverty eradication and the achievement of the MDGs; • essential needs of the population, in particular primary education and health; • social cohesion and employment; • governance, democracy, human rights and support for institutional reforms; • trade and regional integration; • sustainable development through environmental protection and sustainable management of natural resources; • sustainable integrated water resource management and fostering greater use of sustainable energy technologies; • developing infrastructure and an increased use of information and communication technologies; • sustainable rural development and ensuring food security; • assistance in post-crisis situations and fragile States. The following programmes have been developed within the DCI geographical programmes:	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

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External Relations and Development		**RALCEA - Latin American network of knowledge centres in the water sector.** The specific objective of RALCEA is to foster information based policy and to promote south-south cooperation on capacity development in the water sector by supporting the development of a network of knowledge centres. The project duration is 4 years, starting from the second half of 2010. Its total foreseen budget is € 2.5 million, of which € 2,25 million are granted by the European Commission. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/ralcea/index_en.htm http://www.aquaknow.net/fr/news/general Contacts: Aidco-B2-centralised-operations@ec.europa.eu ralcea.aquaknown@jrc.ec.europa.eu	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://www.aquaknow.net/fr/news/general
		The **Latin America Investment Facility (LAIF)** encourages beneficiary governments and public institutions to carry out essential investment in Latin America. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/laif/index_en.htm Contacts: EuropeAid-LAIF@ec.europa.eu	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

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		COPOLAD - Cooperation Programme between Latin America and the European Union on Drugs Policies is a cooperation programme aiming at strengthening the bi-regional dialogue between the European Union and Latin America, consolidating the EU-Latin America and Caribbean Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs and contributing to improve the coherence, balance and impact of drugs policies in Latin America. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/copolad/index_en.htm http://www.copolad.eu/en/home Contacts: EuropeAid-COPOLAD@ec.europa.eu	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm http://www.copolad.eu/en/home

| External Relations and Development | | **ALFA (Building the future on education)** is a programme of co-operation between Higher Education Institutions of the European Union and Latin America. ALFA III retains the original objective of the previous phases of the ALFA Programme, that is, to promote Higher Education in Latin America as a means to contribute to the economic and social development of the region.

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/index_en.htm

Contacts:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/contact_en.htm | The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm |
| | | **Al-Invest** is an economic co-operation programme that aims to support the internationalisation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Latin America, in collaboration with their European partners in order to contribute to reinforce social cohesion in the region.

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/al-invest/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website:

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| External Relations and Development | | The objective of the **EUROsociAL II** programme is to support public policies aiming at improving social cohesion and also to strengthen the institutions which carry out those policies. The programme's overall aim is consistent with one of two priorities of the cooperation between the European Union and Latin America for 2011-2013: regional integration and social and territorial cohesion .

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/eurosocial/index_en.htm

http://www.eurosocial-ii.eu/en/web/guest/home

Contacts:

EuropeAid-EUROSOCIAL-II@ec.europa.eu | The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm |
| | | The **DCI thematic programmes** benefit all developing countries, by supporting actions in the following fields:

• investing in people;
• environment and sustainable management of natural resources including energy;
• non-state actors and local authorities in development;
• food security;
• migration and asylum

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/thematic_en.htm

The relevant programmes are shown here below : | The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website:

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		The thematic programme for **Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources** including Energy (ENRTP) helps developing countries and partner organisations to address environmental and natural resource management issues. Moreover, it helps to meet their obligations under multilateral environmental agreements and to take international policy leadership in such areas as fighting climate change, tackling land degradation and desertification, biodiversity protection and proper management of chemicals and wastes. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/environment_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
		The thematic programme **"Non-state actors and local authorities in development"** aims at encouraging non-state actors and local authorities, both from the EU and in developing countries, to get more involved in development issues. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/non_state_actors_en.htm Contacts: EuropeAid-NSA-LA@ec.europa.eu	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

External Relations and Development		The **Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP)** aims to improve food security in favour of the poorest and the most vulnerable under a medium and longer term perspective and to lead to sustainable solutions. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/food_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
		The thematic programme for cooperation with third countries in the areas of **Migration and Asylum** aims to support third countries in their efforts to ensure better management of migratory flows in all their dimensions. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/migration_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
		The European Union, through the **European Instrument for Democracy and Human rights (EIDHR)** supports the human rights defenders, against repression and the arbitrary exercise of power, particularly in case of emergency situations. It also aims at reinforcing their activities in documenting violations and supports the United Nations Special Procedures. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/eidhr/index_en.htm http://www.eidhr.eu/ Contacts: europeaid-eidhr@ec.europa.eu	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

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External Relations and Development		The **Nuclear Safety Co-operation Instrument (NSCI)** finances measures to support a higher level of nuclear safety, radiation protection and the application of efficient and effective safeguards of nuclear materials in third countries. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/nsci_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
		The **Instrument for Stability (IfS)** is a strategic tool designed to address a number of global security and development challenges in complement to geographic instruments. In force since 1 January 2007, it replaces several instruments in the fields of drugs, mines, uprooted people, crisis management, rehabilitation and reconstruction. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/ifs_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
	European Development Fund (EDF)	The **European Development Fund (EDF)** is the main instrument for providing Community development aid in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and the overseas countries and territories (OCTs). The EDF supports actions in the ACP countries and the OCTs in the following key areas for cooperation: • economic development, • social and human development, • regional cooperation and integration. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/edf_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

External Relations and Development		The **ACP-EU Water Facility** was set up in 2004, with the principal objective of providing water and basic sanitation to the poor, and to improve water management governance in African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/regional-cooperation/water/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
		The **ACP-EU Energy Facility** is a co-financing instrument which was established in 2005 in order to support projects on increasing access to sustainable and affordable energy services for the poor living in rural and peri-urban areas in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/regional-cooperation/energy/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm
	European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument - ENPI	The **European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument** supports cross-border contacts and co-operation between local and regional actors and civil society. Around 90% of ENPI funds are used for bilateral actions, i.e. country-specific initiatives and for regional actions involving two or more partner countries. The remaining 10% are reserved for specific new areas of joint activity, namely cross-border co-operation (CBC), and specific initiatives like the Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF). http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/funding_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/contact_en.htm	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

| External Relations and Development | | **ENPI Cross Border Cooperation (CBC)** is a key priority of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument. It aims at reinforcing cooperation between member states and partner countries along the external border of the European Union. The CBC strategy has four key objectives:
• Promote economic and social development in border areas
• Address common challenges
• Ensure efficient and secure borders
• Promote people-to-people cooperation

The following "joint operational programmes" have been adopted by the European Commission:
• Kolarctic: http://www.kolarcticenpi.info/
• Karelia/Russia: http://www.kareliaenpi.eu/
• South-East Finland – Russia: http://www.southeastfinrusnpi.fi/
• Estonia-Latvia-Russia: http://www.estlatrus.eu/
• Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus: http://www.enpi-cbc.eu/
• Lithuania-Poland-Russia (Kaliningrad): http://www.lt-pl-ru.eu/
• Poland/Belarus/Ukraine: http://www.pl-by-ua.eu/en
• Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine: http://www.huskroua-cbc.net/
• Romania – Ukraine - Republic of Moldova: http://www.ro-ua-md.net/
• Italie/Tunisie: http://www.italietunisie.eu/
• Baltic Sea region: http://www.eu.baltic.net/
• Black Sea: http://www.blacksea-cbc.net/
• Mediterranean sea: http://www.enpicbcmed.eu/

For more information please visit the following website:
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/programmes/index_en.htm

Contacts:
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/contacts/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the websites of the CBC programmes, which are all available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/programmes/index_en.htm |

External Relations and Development		The **Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF)** is financial mechanism aimed at mobilising additional funding to cover the investment needs of the EU Neighbouring region for infrastructures in sectors such as transport, energy, the environment and social issues (e.g. construction of schools or hospitals). The NIF also supports the private sector particularly through risk capital operations targeting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises. http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/irc/investment_en.htm	Information on how to participate are available here: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/irc/investment_en.htm
	Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA)	The **Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)** is the main tool used by the Commission to give financial and technical support to reforms in the 'enlargement countries'. Throughout the process leading to accession, the IPA funds build up the capacities of the countries and help the implementation of much needed reforms. The funds' impact is gradual, reflected in positive developments in the region. IPA is designed to meet these different needs as a single but flexible instrument. This provides tailor-made assistance through the following components: • Transition Assistance and Institution Building • Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC) • Regional Development • Human Resources Development • Rural Development. http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/instruments/overview/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/instruments/multi-beneficiary-programme/index_en.htm Contacts: http://www.wbif.eu/National+IPA+Coordinators	The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

| External Relations and Development | TAIEX – Technical Assistance and Information Exchanges | **TAIEX (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange)** is an EU instrument that helps partner countries become acquainted with, apply and enforce EU law, and monitor their progress in doing so. It funds short-term peer-to-peer technical assistance, advice and training, provided mainly in 3 ways:

• workshops attended by officials from beneficiaries' administrations
• expert missions that provide in-depth advice to beneficiaries' administrations
• study visits to EU countries' administrations.

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/tenders/taiex/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiex/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiex/contact/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiex/what-is-taiex/whoswho/index_en.htm | Information on how to participate is available in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiex/beneficiaries/warning_authorisation_en.htm |
| | SIGMA (Support for Improvement in Governance and Management) | **SIGMA (Support for Improvement in Governance and Management)** is a joint European Commission and OECD initiative. Principally financed by the EU, it focuses on strengthening public management in areas such as administrative reform, public procurement, public sector ethics, anti-corruption, and external and internal financial control.

http://www.oecd.org/site/sigma/

http://www.oecd.org/site/sigma/contactus/ | Information on how to participate can be found in the website:

http://www.oecd.org/site/sigma/partners/ |

| External Relations and Development | Civil Society Facility (CSF) | The **Civil Society Facility (CSF)** supports civil society organisations on 3 fronts:

• national and local civic initiatives and capacity-building
• joint activities between civil society organisations in different (potential) candidate countries and EU countries to develop networks and promote knowledge transfer, in 3 priority areas.
• People-2-People programme – supports visits to EU institutions and knowledge sharing between the EU and civil society bodies in current and future EU countries.

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/tenders/support-for-civil-society/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals & Procurement notices are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm |
| | Twinning | **Twinning** is an EC initiative originally designed to help candidate countries acquire the necessary skills and experience to adopt, implement and enforce EU legislation. Since 2004, Twinning has also been available to countries in the ENPI region. On a demand driven base, the projects bring together public sector expertise from EU Member States and partner countries, with the aim of enhancing co-operation activities. Twinning projects are joint projects, shared by the two partner administrations. The partner country retains ownership.

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/overview/twinning_en.htm | Information on how to participate can be found in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/overview/twinning_en.htm |

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Commerce	N.B. Currently the EU does not have a programme dedicated to the financing of commercial activities. Nevertheless, a number of other EU programmes can be used to enhance the quality and the potential widespread distribution of traditional food products, promote knowledge and know-how in the light of new technologies for the benefit of consumers, producers and processors, promote green commerce etc. These programmes are presented here below:		
	Leonardo da Vinci	The **Leonardo da Vinci** Programme enables organisations in the vocational education sector to work with partners from across Europe, exchange best practices, and increase their staff's expertise. It should make vocational education more attractive to young people and, by helping people to gain new skills, knowledge and qualifications, the programme also boosts the overall competitiveness of the European labour market. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/leonardo/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/national-agencies_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html
	Grundtvig	The **Grundtvig** programme funds a range of activities, including particularly those supporting adult learning staff to travel abroad for learning experiences, through exchanges and various other professional experiences. Other larger scale initiatives involve, for instance, networking and partnerships between organisations in different countries. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/grundtvig/index_en.html http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_contacts_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/national-agencies_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html

Commerce	**LIFE+**	The **LIFE** programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with European added value. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm Best practice example: http://www.lifeplusgreencommerce.eu/	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: **http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm**
	Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development - 7th FP	The **Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)** bundles all research-related EU initiatives together under a common roof playing a crucial role in reaching the goals of growth, competitiveness and employment. It is also a key pillar for the European Research Area (ERA). The broad objectives of FP7 have been grouped into four categories: Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities. For each type of objective, there is a specific programme corresponding to the main areas of EU research policy. All specific programmes work together to promote and encourage the creation of European poles of (scientific) excellence. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/home_en.html CORDIS - Community Research and Development Information Service: http://cordis.europa.eu/guidance/welcome_en.html	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls;efp7_SESSION_ID=cmZyQGLCGljMzpKLrBr1JqFM15zP6NSnFmQPxnRygTqvgGJLYdlb!2017552818

| Energy | Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE) | **Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE)** offers a helping hand to organisations willing to improve energy sustainability. Launched in 2003 by the European Commission, the programme is part of a broad push to create an energy-intelligent future for us all. It supports EU energy efficiency and renewable energy policies, with a view to reaching the EU 2020 targets (20% cut in greenhouse gas emissions, 20% improvement in energy efficiency and 20% of renewables in EU energy consumption).

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/contact/index_en.htm

http://www.managenergy.net/

http://www.buildup.eu/

The European Commission has set up a series of facilities funding Project Development Assistance (PDA) to support ambitious public authorities - regions, cities, municipalities or groupings of those - and public bodies in developing bankable sustainable energy projects. These facilities are presented here below: | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/call-for-proposals/index_en.htm |
| | | The **Mobilising Local Energy Investments – Project Development Assistance MLEI-PDA** facility finances projects in the sectors of refurbishment of buildings, RES in buildings, district heating/cooling, energy efficient street-lighting, and clean urban transport.

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/pda/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/call-for-proposals/how-to-apply/index_en.htm |

Energy		The **EIB-ELENA** facility finances projects in the sectors of energy efficiency in public and private buildings, including social housing, and street and traffic lighting; RES in buildings; district heating/cooling; decentralised CHP systems; urban transport; freight logistics in urban areas; local infrastructure, including smart grid and ICT for energy efficiency, energy-efficient urban equipment, intermodal transport facilities and refuelling infrastructures for alternative fuel vehicles. http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/pda/index_en.htm	More information on the submission of proposals can be found in the website: http://www.eib.org/products/elena/index.htm?lang=en
		The **KfW-ELENA** facility finances projects in the sectors of energy efficiency in public and private buildings, and in street and traffic lighting; RES in buildings; district heating/cooling; decentralised CHP systems; urban transport; freight logistics in urban areas; local infrastructure; municipal waste-to-energy projects; energy efficient equipment and appliances in SMEs and households. http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/pda/index_en.htm	More information on the submission of proposals can be found in the website: www.kfw.de/kfw/en/KfW_Group/About_KfW/Mission/Special_Tasks/ELENA_-_European_Local_ENergy_Assistance.jsp
		The **CEB-ELENA** facility finances projects in the sectors of public buildings, housing for low-income households, public local transport infrastructure, and public utilities infrastructure. http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/pda/index_en.htm	More information on the submission of proposals can be found in the website: http://www.coebank.org/Contenu.asp?arbo=161&theme=2&ChangeLangue=EN

Energy		The **EEE-F (European Energy Efficiency Fund)** has been launched in 2011 with the aim of investing in energy saving, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, particularly in urban settings, achieving at least 20% energy saving or GHG/CO2 emission reduction. Unlike other PDA facilities, the EEE-F finances both project development and investments. www.eeef.eu http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/pda/index_en.htm	More information on the submission of proposals can be found in the website: http://eeef.eu/eligibility-check.html
	Eco-innovation initiative	The **eco-innovation initiative** helps good ideas for innovative products, services and processes that protect the environment become fully-fledged commercial prospects, ready for use by business and industry. Eco-innovation is about reducing our environmental impact and making better use of resources. This means developing products, techniques, services and processes that reduce CO2 emissions, use resources efficiently, promote recycling and so on. There are five main strands to this initiative: • Materials recycling and recycling processes; • Sustainable building products; • Food and drink sector; • Water efficiency, treatment and distribution; • Greening business. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/contact/national-contact/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/getting-funds/call-for-proposals/index_en.htm

Energy	Trans-European energy networks (TEN-E)	Grants in the field of **trans-European networks (TEN) - area of energy infrastructures (TEN-E)** encourage the effective operation and development of the internal market, reinforce the security of supplies and the diversification of energy suppliers and routes, facilitate the development and reducing the isolation of less-favoured regions, contribute to sustainable development and protection of the environment, inter alia by involving renewable energies. http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/tent_e/ten_e_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/grants/20120229_ten_e_en.htm
	FP7 - energy	The objective of energy research under **FP7** is to aid the creation and establishment of the technologies necessary to adapt the current energy system into a more sustainable, competitive and secure one. It should also depend less on imported fuels and use a diverse mix of energy sources, in particular renewables, energy carriers and non polluting sources. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/energy/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/energy/eu/funding/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open&theme=energy

Energy	Interreg IVC	The **INTERREG IVC** Programme promotes interregional co-operation, which funds the exchange and transfer of experience and knowledge between regions in the EU (+ Norway and Switzerland). The areas of support are "innovation and the knowledge economy" and "environment and risk prevention". Within the "innovation and knowledge economy" priority, Interreg IVC finances -among others- eco-innovation and the use of new environmentally friendly technologies and management approaches. Within the "environment and risk prevention" priority, it finances -among others- energy and sustainable transport projects. http://www.interreg4c.eu/ http://www.interreg4c.eu/contacts_jts.html http://www.interreg4c.eu/country_specific_information.html	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://www.interreg4c.eu/accueil_en.html
	GreenLight Programme	The **GreenLight Programme** is a voluntary pollution prevention initiative encouraging non-residential electricity consumers (public and private), to commit towards the European Commission to install energy-efficient lighting technologies in their facilities when (1) it is profitable, and (2) lighting quality is maintained or improved. http://iet.jrc.ec.europa.eu/energyefficiency/greenlight http://iet.jrc.ec.europa.eu/energyefficiency/greenlight-programme/national-contact-points	Information on how to participate to the programme, are available in the website: http://iet.jrc.ec.europa.eu/energyefficiency/greenlight-programme/getting-started

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Energy	**JASPERS**	New and future EU Member States often require technical support to prepare major infrastructure schemes financed by the Structural and Cohesion Funds. **JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions)** provides technical expertise for any stage of the project cycle, covering technical, economic and financial questions. http://www.jaspers-europa-info.org/ http://www.jaspers.europa.eu/products/jaspers/index.htm	More information on how to benefit from Jaspers can be found in the website: http://www.jaspers-europa-info.org/index.php/get-assistance.html
	URBACT II	**URBACT** is a European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development. It enables cities to work together to develop solutions to major urban challenges, reaffirming the key role they play in facing increasingly complex societal changes. It also enables cities to share good practices and lessons learned with all professionals involved in urban policy throughout Europe, in thematic clusters such as Low Carbon Urban Environments. www.urbact.eu	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://urbact.eu/en/get-involved/call-for-proposals-and-jobs/

Energy	JESSICA	**JESSICA - Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas**, is an initiative of the European Commission developed in co-operation with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB). It supports sustainable urban development and regeneration through financial engineering mechanisms. JESSICA covers –among others- the following thematic areas: • urban infrastructure – including transport, water/waste water, energy, and • energy efficiency improvements. http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/jessica_en.cfm http://www.eib.org/products/ http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/index.htm	The calls for expression of interest are published in the website: http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/eoi/index.htm
	JEREMIE	**JEREMIE - Joint European Resources for Micro to Medium Enterprises**, is an initiative of the European Commission developed together with the European Investment Fund. It promotes the use of financial engineering instruments to improve access to finance for SMEs via Structural Funds interventions. These funds can support -among others- technological modernisation of productive structures to help reach low carbon economy targets. http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/jeremie_en.cfm http://www.eif.org/jeremie/ http://www.eib.org/products/jeremie/index.htm	The calls for expression of interest are published in the website: http://www.eif.org/calls_for_expression_of_interest/index.htm

Environment	LIFE+	The **LIFE+** programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment. The general objective of LIFE+ is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with European added value.. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/otherfunding.htm http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/lifeunit.htm http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm LIFE+ has three components:	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm
		LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity supports projects that contribute to the implementation of the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives, the Natura 2000 network and that contribute to the EU's goal of halting the loss of biodiversity. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/themes/nature.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm
		LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance supports technological projects that offer significant environmental benefits. This part of LIFE+ also helps projects that improve the implementation of EU environmental legislation, that build the environmental policy knowledge base, and that develop environmental information sources through monitoring. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/themes/environment.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm

Environment		**LIFE+ Information & Communication** co-finances projects relating to communication and awareness raising campaigns on environmental, nature protection or biodiversity conservation issues, as well as projects related to forest fire prevention (awareness raising, special training). http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus2009/components/index.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm
	Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE)	**Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE)** offers a helping hand to organisations willing to improve energy sustainability. Launched in 2003 by the European Commission, the programme is part of a broad push to create an energy-intelligent future for us all. It supports EU energy efficiency and renewable energy policies, with a view to reaching the EU 2020 targets (20% cut in greenhouse gas emissions, 20% improvement in energy efficiency and 20% of renewables in EU energy consumption). http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/contact/index_en.htm http://www.managenergy.net/ http://www.buildup.eu/	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/call-for-proposals/index_en.htm

| Environment | Eco-innovation initiative | The **eco-innovation initiative** helps good ideas for innovative products, services and processes that protect the environment become fully-fledged commercial prospects, ready for use by business and industry. Eco-innovation is about reducing our environmental impact and making better use of resources. This means developing products, techniques, services and processes that reduce CO2 emissions, use resources efficiently, promote recycling and so on. There are five main strands to this initiative:

• Materials recycling and recycling processes;
• Sustainable building products;
• Food and drink sector;
• Water efficiency, treatment and distribution;
• Greening business.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/contact/national-contact/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/getting-funds/call-for-proposals/index_en.htm |
| | Civil Protection Financial Instrument | The **Civil Protection Financial Instrument** was set up in 2007 and aims at supporting and complementing the efforts of Member States for the protection, primarily of people, but also of the environment and property, including cultural heritage, in the event of natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism and technological, radiological or environmental accidents. Furthermore, it intends to facilitate reinforced co-operation between the Member States in the field of civil protection. The Civil Protection Financial Instrument covers all three main aspects of civil protection activities: prevention, preparedness and response.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/finance.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/grants_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/finance.htm |

Environment	FP7 – environment	Within the **FP7 'Cooperation'** Programme, the theme dealing with environment (including climate change) has a budget of 1.9 billion. A wide range of research topics are addressed, grouped into four areas: climate change, pollution and risks; sustainable management of resources; environmental technologies; and earth observation and assessment tools for sustainable development. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/environment/about-env_en.html http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/environment/home_en.html	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open&theme=energy
	Interreg IVC	The **INTERREG IVC** Programme promotes interregional co-operation, which funds the exchange and transfer of experience and knowledge between regions in the EU (+ Norway and Switzerland). The areas of support are "innovation and the knowledge economy" and "environment and risk prevention". Within the "innovation and knowledge economy" priority, Interreg IVC finances -among others- eco-innovation and the use of new environmentally friendly technologies and management approaches. Within the "environment and risk prevention" priority, it finances a large spectrum of environmental projects. http://www.interreg4c.eu/ http://www.interreg4c.eu/environment_risk.html http://www.interreg4c.eu/contacts_jts.html http://www.interreg4c.eu/country_specific_information.html	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://www.interreg4c.eu/accueil_en.html

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Environment	JASPERS	New and future EU Member States often require technical support to prepare major infrastructure schemes financed by the Structural and Cohesion Funds. **JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions)** provides technical expertise for any stage of the project cycle, covering technical, economic and financial questions. The beneficiary sectors are: • environmental remediation; • waste management; • water and sanitation services; water risk management. http://www.jaspers-europa-info.org/ http://www.jaspers.europa.eu/products/jaspers/index.htm	More information on how to benefit from Jaspers can be found in the website: http://www.jaspers-europa-info.org/index.php/get-assistance.html
	URBACT II	**URBACT** is a European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development. It enables cities to work together to develop solutions to major urban challenges, reaffirming the key role they play in facing increasingly complex societal changes. It also enables cities to share good practices and lessons learned with all professionals involved in urban policy throughout Europe, in thematic clusters such as Disadvantaged neighbourhoods, Low Carbon Urban Environments and Quality sustainable living. www.urbact.eu	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://urbact.eu/en/get-involved/call-for-proposals-and-jobs/

Environment	JESSICA	**JESSICA - Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas**, is an initiative of the European Commission developed in co-operation with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB). It supports sustainable urban development and regeneration through financial engineering mechanisms. JESSICA covers –among others- the following thematic areas: • urban infrastructure – including transport, water/waste water, energy, redevelopment of brownfield sites – including site clearance and decontamination, and • energy efficiency improvements. http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/jessica_en.cfm http://www.eib.org/products/ http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/index.htm	The calls for expression of interest are published in the website: http://www.eib.org/products/jessica/eoi/index.htm
Transport	MARCO POLO	**Marco Polo** aims to ease road congestion and its attendant pollution by promoting a switch to greener transport modes for European freight traffic. Railways, sea-routes and inland waterways have spare capacity. Companies with viable projects to shift freight from roads to greener modes can turn to Marco Polo for financial support. http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/about/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/contacts/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/getting-funds/call-for-proposals/2012/index_en.htm

Transport	FP7 - transport	Under the **Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)**, the European Commission is proposing a 'greener' and 'smarter' pan-European transport system. Efficient transport is a fundamental condition for sustainable wealth and prosperity in Europe. Transport drives employment, economic growth and global exports. It provides citizens, societies and economies with essential resources and means of mobility, while transport-derived technological advances stimulate and accelerate knowledge acquisition, innovation and European integration. http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/funding/guide/guide_to_funding_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/help/ncp/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open&theme=energy
	TEN-T	The **TEN-T** programme consists of hundreds of projects – defined as studies or works – whose ultimate purpose is to ensure the cohesion, interconnection and interoperability of the trans-European transport network, as well as access to it. TEN-T projects, which are located in every EU Member State, include all modes of transport (road, rail, maritime, inland waterways, air, logistics, co-modality, innovation). http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/infrastructure/index_en.htm http://tentea.ec.europa.eu/ http://tentea.ec.europa.eu/en/contact_us.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://tentea.ec.europa.eu/en/apply_for_funding/follow_the_funding_process/follow_the_funding_process.htm

| Transport | Interreg IVC | The **INTERREG IVC** Programme promotes interregional co-operation, which funds the exchange and transfer of experience and knowledge between regions in the EU (+ Norway and Switzerland). The areas of support are "innovation and the knowledge economy" and "environment and risk prevention". Within the "environment and risk prevention" priority, the programme finances a large spectrum of projects in the field of sustainable transport.

http://www.interreg4c.eu/

http://www.interreg4c.eu/environment_risk.html

http://www.interreg4c.eu/contacts_jts.html

http://www.interreg4c.eu/country_specific_information.html | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://www.interreg4c.eu/accueil_en.html |
| | ICT-PSP | The **Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)** aims at stimulating a wider uptake of innovative ICT based services and the exploitation of digital content across Europe by citizens, governments and businesses, in particular SMEs. Funding goes mainly to pilot actions, involving both public and private organisations, for validating in real settings, innovative and interoperable ICT based services in areas such as ICT for energy efficiency and smart mobility.

http://ec.europa.eu/cip/ict-psp/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/ict-policy-support-programme | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/participating/calls/index_en.htm |

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Public Health and Consumer Protection	**Health Programme 2008-2013**	The EU is required by its founding treaty to ensure that human health is protected as part of all its policies, and to work with the EU countries to improve public health, prevent human illness and eliminate sources of danger to physical and mental health. The EU's strategy for protecting and improving human health is chiefly implemented by the **Health Programme**. http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/funding_schemes/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/

| Public Health and Consumer Protection | FP7 - health | The objective of health research under **FP7** is to improve the health of European citizens and boost the competitiveness of health-related industries and businesses, as well as address global health issues. Priority will be given to the following activities:
• Biotechnology, generic tools and technologies for human health - producing knowledge that will be applied in the area of health and medicine;
• Translating research for human health - making sure that basic discoveries have practical benefits and improve the quality of life;
• Optimising the delivery of health care to European citizens - ensuring that the results of biomedical research will ultimately reach the citizens;

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/health/home_en.html | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open&theme=energy |
| | ICT-PSP | The **Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)** aims at stimulating a wider uptake of innovative ICT based services and the exploitation of digital content across Europe by citizens, governments and businesses, in particular SMEs. Funding goes mainly to pilot actions, involving both public and private organisations, for validating in real settings, innovative and interoperable ICT based services in areas such as ICT for health, ageing and inclusion.

http://ec.europa.eu/cip/ict-psp/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/ict-policy-support-programme | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/participating/calls/index_en.htm |

Public Health and Consumer Protection	PROGRESS	The **PROGRESS** programme is a financial instrument supporting – among others- the development and coordination of EU policy in the areas of social inclusion and social protection (including reform of health and social welfare systems) and working conditions (including health and safety at work). http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en&furtherCalls=yes&callType=2
	Consumer Programme 2007-2013	The **Consumer Programme 2007-2013** constitutes the financial framework of Consumer policy with a total of €156.8 million in funding for its duration. Every year, the Commission establishes its annual work programme setting out the various budget items for consumer policy to be absorbed on that given year. Priorities for 2013 include: • Enforcement in the field of product safety and consumer rights • Co-financing of the European Consumer Centres network (together with Member States) and actions to increase their visibility • Development of an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform · Direct financial support to EU-level consumer organisations and capacity-building for national consumer organisations • Data gathering and evidence base supporting consumer policy • Consumer information and awareness raising actions • In the field of consumer education, launch of a new interactive community website for teachers http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/strategy/programmes_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/tenders/information/grants/index_en.htm

| Justice and Home Affairs | Fundamental rights and Justice | The framework programme on **Fundamental Rights and Justice**, aims to promote the development of a European society based on European Union citizenship and which is respectful of fundamental rights, fighting anti-semitism, racism and xenophobia and strengthening civil society. The programme contributes to the setting-up of an area of freedom, security and justice by combating violence and by providing information on and preventing the use of drugs. Moreover, it promotes judicial cooperation with the aim of contributing to the creation of a genuine European area of justice in civil and commercial matters, as well as in criminal matters.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/index_en.htm

This framework programme consists of 5 actions: (1)prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk (Daphne III); (2) Drugs prevention and information; (3) Fundamental rights and citizenship; (4) Civil justice and (5) Criminal justice. These actions are presented here below: | The calls for proposals are published in the websites:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/fundamental-rights/grants/index_en.htm |
| | | The **Daphne III** programme aims to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence and attain a high level of health protection, well-being and social cohesion. Its specific objective is to contribute to the prevention of, and the fight against all forms of violence occurring in the public or the private domain, including sexual exploitation and trafficking of human beings. It aims to take preventive measures and provide support and protection for victims and groups at risk.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/daphne/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the websites:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/fundamental-rights/grants/index_en.htm |

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		The **Fundamental Rights and Citizenship** programme aims to promote the development of a European society based on respect for fundamental rights and rights derived from citizenship of the European Union. The focus of the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme is: the protection of the rights of the child; combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism; the fight against homophobia; active participation in the democratic life of the Union; data protection and privacy rights; training and networking between legal professions and legal practitioners. http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/fundamental-citizenship/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/fundamental-rights/grants/index_en.htm
		The **Civil Justice** programme aims to eliminate obstacles to the smooth functioning of cross-border civil proceedings in EU countries and thereby to improve the daily life of individuals and businesses by fostering access to justice. http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/civil/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/fundamental-rights/grants/index_en.htm

Justice and Home Affairs		The **Criminal Justice Support Programme** was set up to promote judicial cooperation in the field of criminal justice. It provides financial support for projects initiated and managed by the Commission with a European dimension, transnational and national projects implemented by organisations in EU countries as well as activities of NGOs or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest. http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/criminal/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/fundamental-rights/grants/index_en.htm
	Security and safeguarding Liberties	The Framework Programme **Security and Safeguarding Liberties** aims to ensure effective European cross-border cooperation in the fight against crime and terrorism and in the strengthening of crime prevention. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/security-and-safeguarding-liberties/index_en.htm Related activities are supported through the implementation of two specific financial programmes:	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/index_en.htm
		Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism. This programme contributes to the protection of citizens and critical infrastructures against terrorist attacks and other security-related incidents. On the one hand, the programme fosters prevention and preparedness, particularly by improving the protection of critical infrastructures. On the other hand, it focuses on consequence management to ensure the smooth coordination of crisis management and security actions, in particular regarding terrorist attacks. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/security-and-safeguarding-liberties/terrorism-and-other-risks/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/security-and-safeguarding-liberties/terrorism-and-other-risks/index_en.htm

| Justice and Home Affairs | | The **Prevention of and Fight against Crime** programme (EUR 600 million for the period 2007–13) contributes to citizens' security by preventing and combating crime, in particular terrorism, trafficking in persons, child abuse, cybercrime, illicit drug and arms trafficking, corruption and fraud. It focuses on four strands:

• crime prevention
• law enforcement
• witness protection and support
• victim protection.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/security-and-safeguarding-liberties/prevention-of-and-fight-against-crime/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/security-and-safeguarding-liberties/prevention-of-and-fight-against-crime/index_en.htm_en.htm |
| | **Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows** | For the period 2007–13, the General Programme **Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows** allocates almost EUR 4 billion to ensure the fair sharing of responsibilities between EU countries for the financial burden that arises from the integrated management of the Union's external borders and from the implementation of common asylum and immigration policies.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/index_en.htm

This General Programme consists of four instruments: | See below for the calls for proposals of the four instruments of the programme. |

| Justice and Home Affairs | | The **External Borders Fund (EBF)** aims to establish financial solidarity between Schengen countries by supporting those countries for which the implementation of the common standards for control of the EU's external borders represents a heavy burden. The Fund also supports actions for managing efficient controls (border checks as well as surveillance) and the flow of persons at the external borders; improving the management of activities carried out by consular authorities; building a common EU visa policy in order to facilitate legitimate travel, while tackling irregular border crossings and visa fraud.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/external-borders-fund/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the websites:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/external-borders-fund/transnational-actions/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/external-borders-fund/national-actions/index_en.htm |
| | | The **European Return Fund (RF)**, in which all EU countries participate except for Denmark, allocates EUR 676 million for the period 2008–13. Specifically, it seeks to improve return management as well as to encourage the development of cooperation between EU countries and with countries of return.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/return-fund/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the websites:

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http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/return-fund/national-actions/index_en.htm |

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			With a budget of EUR 825 million for the period 2007-13 (EUR 57 million for Community actions), the **European Fund for the Integration of non-EU immigrants (EIF)** supports national and EU initiatives that facilitate the integration of non-EU immigrants into European societies. All EU countries except for Denmark participate in the EIF. The EIF is primarily targeted at newly arrived immigrants. It supports EU countries and civil society in enhancing their capacity to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate integration strategies, policies and measures, as well as their exchanges of information and best practices and cooperation on integration issues. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/integration-fund/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/integration-fund/transnational-actions/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/integration-fund/national-actions/index_en.htm

Justice and Home Affairs	Pilot Project on Resettlement	The **Pilot Project on Resettlement** aims to create a network among targeted municipalities and local/regional authorities of EU countries, the UNHCR and NGOs, with a view to facilitating the sharing of experiences and best practices on resettlement and the integration of refugees. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-resettlement/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-resettlement/index_en.htm
	Pilot Project on Victims of Torture	The main objectives of the **Pilot Project on Victims of Torture** are to help create and support rehabilitation centres for and provide multidisciplinary assistance to victims of torture, including physical and psychotherapeutic treatment, psycho-social counselling, legal service and socio-economic support. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-victims-torture/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-victims-torture/index_en.htm
	Pilot Project on Unaccompanied Minors	The **Pilot Project - Analysis of reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors in the EU** aims to contribute to the implementation of the 2010 Commission Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors (2010 - 2014) and actions specified thereof. The main objective of this Pilot project is to identify good practices on prevention, reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-unaccompanied-minors/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-unaccompanied-minors/index_en.htm

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	Lifelong Learning Programme	**Information and Communications Technologies:** It aims to harness Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) to develop innovative education and training practices, improve access to all levels of education and training, and help develop advanced management systems. http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/structure/ict_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc96_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the websites: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2013/index_en.php http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/grants_en.html

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Information Technology	FP7 – ICT	The objective of ICT research under the EU's **Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)** is to improve the competitiveness of European industry – as well as to enable Europe to master and shape the future developments of these technologies so that the demands of its society and economy are met. FP7 research activities will strengthen Europe's scientific and technology base and ensure its global leadership in ICT, help drive and stimulate product, service and process innovation and creativity through ICT use and ensure that ICT progress is rapidly transformed into benefits for Europe's citizens, businesses, industry and governments. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open&theme=energy
	Interreg IVC	The **INTERREG IVC** Programme promotes interregional co-operation, which funds the exchange and transfer of experience and knowledge between regions in the EU (+ Norway and Switzerland). The areas of support are "innovation and the knowledge economy" and "environment and risk prevention". Within the "innovation and the knowledge economy" priority, the programme finances a large spectrum of projects in the field of Information Society. http://www.interreg4c.eu/ http://www.interreg4c.eu/innovation_knowledge.html http://www.interreg4c.eu/contacts_jts.html http://www.interreg4c.eu/country_specific_information.html	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://www.interreg4c.eu/accueil_en.html

	LEADER Transnational Cooperation [TNC]	**LEADER** is a local development method which allows local actors to develop an area by using its endogenous development potential. Transnational and inter-territorial cooperation has become increasingly important for rural stakeholders. It encourages and supports a Local Action Group to undertake a joint action with another LEADER group, or with a group taking a similar approach, in another region, Member State, or even a third country. http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/leader/leader/en/transnational-cooperation_en.cfm http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/leader/tnc_guide/en/tnc_guide_en.cfm http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/home-page_en.cfm	Information on the application procedures are available in the website: **http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/leader/tnc_guide/member-states-tnc-rules-and-procedures/en/member-states-tnc-rules-and-procedures_en.cfm**
Agriculture	**FP7 – Knowledge Based Bio-Economy (KBBE)**	The primary aim of funding the 'Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology' research theme under the **Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)** is to build a European Knowledge Based Bio-Economy (KBBE). The 'Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology' theme is built around three major activities': 1) sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments; 2) fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well-being; 3) life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/kbbe/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy/funding/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy/agriculture/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open&theme=energy

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	Information measures relating to the common agricultural policy	The European Commission co-finances **information measures relating to the common agricultural policy** that aim, in particular, at: a. explaining, contributing to, implementing and developing the policy, b. promoting the European model of agriculture and helping people understand it, c. informing farmers and other parties active in rural areas, d. raising public awareness of the issues and objectives of that policy. http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/grants-for-information-measures/	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/grants-for-information-measures/

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| Fisheries | FARNET - the European Fisheries Areas Network | **FARNET** is the community of people, including experts, civil servants and local citizens from across the EU, that are collectively engaged in implementing a particular strand (Axis 4) of the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) aimed at promoting sustainable development in EU fisheries areas. Funding available under this new strand is targeted primarily at creating alternative economic activity and improving the quality of life in areas affected by a decline in fishing activities. A particularly innovative aspect of Axis 4 is its territorial or area-based approach, whereby decision-making on the use of funding is delegated to locally established organisations, known as Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs). Decision-making is guided by a local strategy, developed by each FLAG in response to specific local needs and opportunities. FLAGs, and others involved in the implementation of Axis 4, are assisted by the FARNET Support Unit, which facilitates networking at European level, building a "learning platform" that connects the growing knowledge and experience from across Europe.

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/eff/farnet/index_en.htm

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet/

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/eff/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/contracts_and_funding/index_en.htm | All calls for proposals launched by DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries are published on this web page.

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Fisheries	FP7 – Knowledge Based Bio-Economy (KBBE)	The primary aim of funding the 'Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology' research theme under the **Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)** is to build a European Knowledge Based Bio-Economy (KBBE). The EU Member States have earmarked more than € 1.9 billion for funding this theme over the duration of FP7. The 'Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology' theme is built around three major activities': • sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments; • fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well-being; • life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/kbbe/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy/funding/index_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy/agriculture/index_en.htm	The calls for proposals are published in the website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/searchcalls?state=open&theme=energy

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| ENPI Cross Border Cooperation (CBC) | **ENPI Cross Border Cooperation (CBC)** is a key priority of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument. It aims at reinforcing cooperation between member states and partner countries along the external border of the European Union. The CBC strategy has four key objectives: 1) Promote economic and social development in border areas, 2) Address common challenges, 3) Ensure efficient and secure borders 4) Promote people-to-people cooperation

The following "joint operational programmes" have been adopted by the European Commission:
• Kolarctic: http://www.kolarcticenpi.info/
• Karelia/Russia: http://www.kareliaenpi.eu/
• South-East Finland – Russia: http://www.southeastfinrusnpi.fi/
• Estonia-Latvia-Russia: http://www.estlatrus.eu/
• Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus: http://www.enpi-cbc.eu/
• Lithuania-Poland-Russia (Kaliningrad): http://www.lt-pl-ru.eu/
• Poland/Belarus/Ukraine: http://www.pl-by-ua.eu/en
• Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine: http://www.huskroua-cbc.net/
• Romania – Ukraine - Republic of Moldova: http://www.ro-ua-md.net/
• Italie/Tunisie: http://www.italietunisie.eu/
• Baltic Sea region: http://www.eu.baltic.net/
• Black Sea: http://www.blacksea-cbc.net/
• Mediterranean sea: http://www.enpicbcmed.eu/

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/programmes/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/contacts/index_en.htm | The calls for proposals are published in the websites of the CBC programmes, which are all available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/programmes/index_en.htm |

The aim of the "Europe for Citizens" programme is to bring Europe closer to its citizens and to enable them to participate fully in the European construction. Through this programme, citizens have the opportunity to be involved in transnational exchanges and cooperation activities, contributing to developing a sense of belonging to common European ideals and encouraging the process of European integration.

More information can be found at: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.php.

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