

Restricted call for proposals for action grants - PROGRESS
(Section 4 - Antidiscrimination and Diversity)

1.- Title of the call for proposals:

JUST/2013/PROG/AG/AD

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2.- Link to the Internet page where documents of the call can be consulted:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/just_2013_prog_ag_ad_en.htm

3.- Priorities of the call for Community financing

The priority actions to be funded under this call for proposals are actions tackling at least one of the following groups at risk of discrimination:

Ethnic minorities, Persons with disabilities, Older/younger people, Religious minorities and LGBT people.

4.- Deadline for submitting applications

10/09/2013 12:00 (noon) CET

5.- Functional mailbox where additional information can be solicited

Questions regarding this call for proposals may be sent by e-mail to the address below:

JUST-PROGRESS@ec.europa.eu

Questions regarding registration and application via PRIAMOS may be sent to:

HOME-JUST-PRIAMOS-USM@ec.europa.eu

Who may apply

In the case of giving a mandate to another organisation or body to apply under this call for proposals, the national authority should apply the following criteria for selecting the organisation to be given the mandate:

- Relevance of the activities proposed by the interested organisation with the national priorities as set out in the framework document;
- Wide dissemination capacity of the organisation;
- Track record of the organisation in developing good practices in the field of non-discrimination and equality;
- Management capacity of the organisation for the types of activities foreseen.

Selection criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

a) The Applicant's **operational and professional capacity** to complete the proposed action:

The Applicant must have appropriate competencies and experience to implement the proposed action and to maintain its activities during its period of implementation. The key staff involved in the project (Applicant and Partners) must have the necessary education, skills, experience and capacity to carry out the tasks that are assigned to them during the project. For this purpose the applicant must provide a description of its activities (Annual technical/narrative report of the applicant organisation).

The application will be eliminated if it does not demonstrate sufficient operational and professional capacity.

b) The Applicant's **financial capability** to implement the proposed action:

The Applicant must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the period during which the action is being carried out and to participate in its funding; it should be able to cover the funding which is not covered by the Commission's grant. For this purpose, the applicant must present its annual financial statements (profit and loss account and, if available, balance sheet) for the last year available, and if applicable, an external audit report.

Award criteria

The award criteria aim to ensure the selection of actions with a high inherent quality, which contribute as much as possible to the Programme's objectives and to the priorities of this call in a cost-effective manner. All projects shall be assessed against the following criteria:

a) Coherence of the proposed activities with the framework document presenting national priorities and challenges for 2013-2014;

b) Relevance and degree to which the proposed activities meet the purpose of this call for proposals;

Clarity of the presentation of the background, aims and expected results of the project. Clarity and feasibility of the proposed activities, including distribution of tasks, timetable and methodology;

d) Inclusion of the gender dimension in the preparation and implementation of the proposed activities;

e) Identification of the target group and definition of a clear strategy for communicating effectively with that group;

f) Quality of evaluation and feedback mechanisms (e.g. how to assess impact and quality of proposed outputs);

g) Durability and dissemination potential of the activities foreseen under the action;

h) Cost-efficiency ratio and financial feasibility of the action proposed by means of realistic, reasonable and balanced budget.