



**Rome, 3rd April 2009**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE GUIDE BOARD OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

The 3rd meeting of the GUIDE Board of Regional Representative will be held at the Università degli Studi "Guglielmo Marconi" of Rome, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2009. The event will bring together the ten area representatives and will be focused on the definition of GUIDE future strategic plan through the analysis of four main points of discussion:

- GUIDE International Workshop 2010: definition of the main themes and objectives
- the funding opportunities of each country represented: European calls for proposals and financed international cooperation actions and activities
- educational and vocational guidance: new proposals from representatives and the setting up of a work plan

The meeting will help to improve cooperation between GUIDE General Secretariat and the different geographical areas through a more active involvement of the Regional Representatives in promoting and supporting research priorities and educational needs within his own area.

## **New Members**

The Association is honoured to include within its members the following institutions:

- Istituto Svizzero di Educazione a Distanza (ISED) – Switzerland, Dr. Ada María Acebal
- The Open University of Israel – Israel, Prof. Yoav Yair
- Morpheus Global University - United Kingdom, Dr. Aniruddha Pal

## **FormaMente - June issue - More about Highlight section**

The new issue of FormaMente Journal, n. 1-2/2009, will be available for GUIDE members by the end of June. The content of this issue will be focused on new research themes such as web semantic, conceptual maps, virtual labs, longitudinal survey and university guidance.

The Association wishes to invite its members to contribute to the development of these subjects by submitting original articles or research works.

Within the Highlight section will also be launched a new space for improving exchange and cooperation between the journal practioners and the researchers community. It will include detailed information about the profile of GUIDE members, their main field of research and the most important works and projects recently developed. This new space will be a useful instrument to facilitate the sharing of contacts, practices and ideas for future projects and cooperation activities. To this purpose we kindly ask the GUIDE and FormaMente community to provide us with your detailed information. We hope you will continue to give us your precious feedback and support.

## **Université "Mouloud Mammeri" de Tizi-Ouzou and Università degli Studi "Guglielmo Marconi" - action plans to improve cooperation**

The cooperation between the Algerian University "Mouloud Mammeri" de Tizi-Ouzou and the Università degli Studi "Guglielmo Marconi" has been further strengthened through an official visit of a USGM delegation in Tizi-Ouzou the last 19<sup>th</sup> of February. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and plan joint scientific and research projects focusing on three main axes:

- the joint participation in the European Commission co-funded project Tempus IV
- the supply of the USGM Italian Language Course for Algerian students
- the setting up of a bilateral agreement establishing that USGM will provide "Mouloud Mammeri" University with services and consultancy in the field of E-Learning, M-Learning and TV-Learning.

The meeting has also represented the first move towards broader future collaboration between USGM and other Algerian Universities which would further reinforce the tie between the two countries.

## GUIDE Participation in international events

In order to further strengthen the international cooperation and broaden its partnerships at an international level, GUIDE Association regularly attends to relevant international initiatives and conferences:

**IMCL** 4th International Conference on Interactive Mobile and Computer Aided Learning  
Amman, Jordan, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.imcl-conference.org/>

**ICDE 2009** 23rd World Conference on Open Learning and Distance Education  
Maastricht, Netherlands, June 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.icde.org/>

**ICELW** The International conference on E-Learning in the Workplace  
New York, USA, June 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.icelw.org/>

**ICTA** Information and Communication Technology and Accessibility  
Hammamet, Tunisia, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.esstt.rnu.tn/utic/tica2007/>

**NGNS 09** International Conference on Next Generation Network and Services  
Rabat, Morocco, June 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.e-ngn.org/ngns09/>

**IAEVG** Coherence, Co-operation and Quality in Guidance and Counselling  
Jyväskylä, Finland, June 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://ktl.jyu.fi/ktl/iaevg2009fin/>

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

**EDEN 2009** - Innovation in Learning Communities  
Gdansk, Poland, June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.eden-online.org/eden.php?menuId=410>

**SPeL 2009** - 2nd International Workshop on Social and Personal Computing for Web supported Learning Communities  
Milan, Italy, September 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> 2009  
[http://software.ucv.ro/~popescu\\_elvira/spel2009/](http://software.ucv.ro/~popescu_elvira/spel2009/)

**International Conference ICL 2009** – Interactive Computer Aided Learning  
Villach, Austria, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.icl-conference.org/>

**EC-TEL 2009** - Fourth European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning  
Nice, France, September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009  
<http://www.ectel09.org/>

**International Conference ICBL 2009** – Interactive Computer Aided Blended Learning  
Florianópolis, Brazil, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.ibcl-conference.org/>

**Virtual Educa Argentina 2009** – X Encuentro Virtual  
Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2009  
<http://www.cread.org/>

**Online Educa Berlin 2009**  
Berlin, Germany, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> , 2009  
[www.online-educa.com](http://www.online-educa.com)

# European and International Calls for Proposals

**This Section keeps GUIDE Members updated with the latest opportunities to participate in cooperation and research programmes.**

The GUIDE Operative Office will offer support in the search and constitution of partnerships and in the project drawing up.

**GUIDE Members are kindly invited to send their proposals.**

**Warning: keep an eye on deadlines, the constitution of partnership and the projects writing take time**

## **ENPI 2009 - West Bank and Gaza Strip**

The EC Delegation in Gaza launches a call for the strengthening of regional cooperation and south-south integration by dialogue promotion and inter-cultural exchanges. The main objectives of the call are:

- Palestinian cultural heritage promotion
- Promotion of intercultural cooperation between EU countries and the Mediterranean partners
- Promotion of the visibility of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

Applicants must be established in one of the following regions: EU member states, MEDA countries, Cisjordanie.

**Deadline: 05 May 2009**

<http://www.welcomeurope.com/default.asp?id=1200&idfunding=3073&ml=progettieupei@unimarconi.it>

## **Seventh Framework Programme – Ideas - European Research Council (ERC)**

Call title: ERC Advanced Investigators Grant

Call Identifier: ERC-2009-AdG\_20090506; ERC-2009-AdG\_20090415; ERC-2009-AdG\_20090325

The European Research Council (ERC) has a unique position in European research funding to support the best science and scholarship and the fundamental principle for all ERC activities is that of stimulating investigator-initiated frontier research across all fields of research. Awards will be made and grants operated according to simple procedures that maintain the focus on excellence, encourage initiative and combine flexibility with accountability. Two types of ERC grant are available at present:

1. The ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants (ERC Starting Grants). The objective is to provide critical and adequate support to the independent careers of excellent researchers who are at the stage of starting or consolidating their own independent research;
2. The ERC Advanced Investigator Grants (ERC Advanced Grants). The objective is to encourage and support excellent, innovative investigator-initiated research projects;

The ERC actions are open to researchers of any nationality who would like to establish their research activity up in any Member State as well as any Associated country. The Principal Investigator can be of any age and nationality and he/she can reside in any country in the world at the time of the application.

**Deadline: various deadlines from 25 March 2009 to 06 May 2009**

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>

### **Civil protection financial instrument - Cooperation projects on preparedness and prevention 2009**

This call for proposal covers two separate sections, each with its own objectives and specific budget:

(A) Prevention projects: the specific objective is to contribute to the development of knowledge-based disaster prevention policies approach on prevention.  
(B) Preparedness projects: exchange of information, experience, good practices and knowledge; cross border civil protection cooperation regarding the direct response to natural and man-made disasters; enhancement of the availability of Civil Protection modules and other resources.

This call is open to any applicant established in one of the 27 EU Member States, one of the three EFTA/EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) or Croatia.

**Deadline: 18 May 2009**

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/call\\_prep\\_2009.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/call_prep_2009.htm)

### **Eu Health Programme 2008-13**

The programme is intended to complement, support and add value to the policies of the Member States and contribute to increased solidarity and prosperity in the European Union presenting new funding opportunities for the European organisations active in the area of public health. The Programme's main objectives are three:

1. improve citizens' health security
2. promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities
3. generate and disseminate health information and knowledge.

**Deadline: 20 May 2009**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_programme/howtoapply/call\\_for\\_propal\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_programme/howtoapply/call_for_propal_en.htm)

### **The Preparatory Action MEDIA International Work Programme 2009**

The Preparatory Action MEDIA International is aimed at strengthening cooperation between the audiovisual industries of third countries and those of EU Member States. It also aims to encourage the two-way flow of cinematographic/audiovisual works. The call for proposals is designed to address the three main objectives of the Preparatory Action MEDIA International:

- exchange of information and knowledge of audiovisual markets
- competitiveness and distribution
- circulation

To this end, the call for proposals consists of five separate lots:

- training for audiovisual professionals
- promotion of cinematographic/audiovisual works
- distribution of cinematographic works
- showing cinematographic works in cinemas
- audience

The call is open to proposals from legal entities in the 27 EU Member States and any third country.

**Deadline: 02 June 2009**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/media/prep\\_action/index\\_en.htm#Call\\_for\\_proposals](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/prep_action/index_en.htm#Call_for_proposals)

### **ICT PSP Policy Support Programme**

The ICT Policy Support Programme (or ICT PSP) aims at stimulating innovation and competitiveness through the wider uptake and best use of ICT by citizens, governments and businesses. This Community programme proposes three priorities for Europe's information society and media policies:

- i) The completion of a Single European Information Space which promotes an open and competitive internal market for information society and media
- ii) The strengthening of Innovation and Investment in ICT research to promote growth and more and better jobs
- iii) The achievement of an Inclusive European Information Society that is consistent with sustainable development and that prioritises better public services and quality of life

The work programme focuses on 8 themes:

- ICT for health, ageing and inclusion
- Digital Libraries
- ICT for government and governance
- ICT for energy efficiency and environment
- Multilingual Web
- Public Sector information
- Internet evolution and security (including RFID)
- Open innovation, user experience and living labs

The Call for Proposals is open to legal entities established in the Member States or in EFTA countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA).

**Deadline: 02 June 2009**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_psp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm)

### **Investing in People - Promoting social cohesion, employment and decent work**

Investing in People programme calls for new projects in the area of employment and social cohesion in the development policy. The main objective of the call is to provide support to people's living standards, focusing on the less developed countries and the more disadvantaged parts of the population. Moreover, it intends to support measures promoting the development of labour market information systems in partner countries able to generate accurate and timely data and which will contribute to efficient analysis of labour demand and labour supply.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries and areas: EU Member States, Maghreb, Latin America, and West Africa.

**Deadline: 04 June 2009**

<http://www.welcomeurope.com/default.asp?id=1200&idfunding=3079&ml=progettieupei@unimarconi.it>

### **MEDIA 2007— EACEA/20/2008 – Funding for television broadcasting of European audiovisual works**

This funding seeks to encourage independent European audiovisual production companies to produce work (fiction, documentaries or animated films) that involves the participation or cooperation of at least three broadcasters -and preferably more- from several member states. One of the objectives of the programme is to promote the transnational broadcasting of European audiovisual works produced by independent production companies by encouraging cooperation between broadcasters on one hand, and independent producers and distributors on the other. This notice is aimed at European companies whose activities contribute to the attainment of the above objectives, and in particular to independent TV production companies.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

- the 27 countries of the European Union,
- the EFTA countries, Switzerland and Croatia.

**Deadline: 26 June 2009**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/media/producer/tv/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/producer/tv/index_en.htm)

### **MEDIA 2007— EACEA/22/08 - Support for the transnational distribution of European films Networking of European distributors — System of 'selective' support**

This call for proposals is aimed at European companies whose activities contribute to the circulation of European cinema films, in particular cinema distribution companies.

The objectives of the MEDIA 2007 programme for the distribution sector are as follows:

- strengthening European distribution by encouraging distributors to invest in the co-production, acquisition and promotion of non-national European films and to set up coordinated marketing strategies
- to promote broader transnational dissemination of European films, particularly by encouraging distributors to invest in the suitable promotion and distribution of non-national European films.

Applicants must be based in one of the following countries:

- the 27 countries of the European Union,
- the EFTA and EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
- the candidate countries: Croatia
- Switzerland.

**Deadline: various deadlines from 01 April 2009 to 01 July 2009**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/media/distrib/schemes/select/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/distrib/schemes/select/index_en.htm)

### **Rammal Price for 2009**

The Rammal Award is awarded each year to an outstanding personality of strong scientific stature who, through his or her life and activity in a Mediterranean country has elevated the level of scientific exchanges in this part of the world. Active scientists and organizations from any disciplinary background are eligible, as well as self-candidacies.

**Deadline: 01 August 2009**

<http://www.welcomeurope.com/default.asp?id=1200&idfunding=3088&ml=progettieupei@unimarconi.it>

### **Youth in Action 2007-2013**

Youth in Action is the Programme the European Union has set up for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future.

Its general objectives are the following:

- Promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular
- Develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union
- Foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries
- Contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field
- Promote European cooperation in the youth field

In order to achieve its objectives, the Youth in Action Programme foresees five operational Actions:

- Action 1 - Youth for Europe
- Action 2 - European Voluntary Service
- Action 3 - Youth in the World
- Action 4 - Youth Support Systems
- Action 5 - Support for European cooperation in the youth field

**Deadline: 01 September 2009**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php)



### Europe for Citizens programme (2007 – 2013)

The Europe for Citizens programme aims to bring people from different parts of Europe together in order to promote mutual understanding, a sense of ownership of the European Union and the emergence of a European identity to complement local and regional ones.

It funds and supports different kind of activities:

Action 1. Measure 1 – Town twinning: supports town twinning and involving large numbers of citizens directly.

Action 1. Measure 1.1 – Town twinning citizens' meetings: supports exchanges and gatherings of a wide range of citizens and citizens' groups from twinned towns.

Action 1. Measure 1.2 – Thematic networks of twinned towns: profiled networks allow cities, towns and villages to build common ground and to pool resources in order to get more closely involved in the policy-shaping process.

Action 1. Measure 2.1 – Citizen's projects: provide support for citizens' projects which aim to empower Europeans from different countries to come together around common issues.

Action 1. Measure 2.2 – Support measures: promotes the exchange of good practice and help pool experience.

Action 2. Measure 3 – Support for projects initiated by civil society organisations: these projects should address issues of European interest and focus on putting forward concrete solutions, through cross-border co-operation or coordination.

Action 4. Active European remembrance: by commemorating the victims of Nazism and Stalinism Europeans can draw lessons for the present and the future.

**Deadline: 01 September 2009**

[http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm)

### Seventh Framework Programme – People - Support for Training and Career Development of Researchers

This action aims to reinforce the international dimension of the career of European researchers by giving them the opportunity to be trained and acquire new knowledge.

The following types of actions are planned during FP7:

- Initial training of researchers to improve their skills and help them join established research teams. In parallel, complementary training will enhance their career prospects in both public and private sectors.
- Lifelong training and career development through individual fellowships and co-financing programmes at international, national and regional level.
- An international dimension to be addressed through international outgoing and incoming fellowships aiming to increase research talent outside Europe and fostering mutually beneficial research collaboration with researchers from outside Europe.
- Specific actions will be implemented to support the creation of a genuine European labour market for researchers, such as the removing of obstacles to mobility and enhancing their career perspectives.

Researchers must be nationals of a Member State or Associated country.

**Deadline: various deadlines from 27 March 2009 to 31 December 2009**

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>

## Some examples of project proposals submitted by GUIDE Members

### **LLP Sub-programme Leonardo da Vinci - COMPASS "COMPetence ASsessment through virtual counselling"**

Applicant: USGM

Partners:

SOPHia In Action Consulting (Italy)

Berufsbildungswerk Gemeinnuetzige Bildungseinrichtung des DGB GmbH (Germany)

Fast Track Into Information Technology Limited (Ireland)

CRS Cooperativa Roma Solidarietà (Italy)

Careers Europe (A Division of Careers Bradford Ltd) (United Kingdom)

Tischner European University (Poland) **GUIDE**

Hellenic Open University (Greece) **GUIDE**

### **LLP Sub-programme Comenius (Multilateral Project) - AVATAR "Added Value of teAching in a virTuAl woRld"**

Applicant: FOR.COM.

Partners:

FH Joanneum - University of Applied Sciences (Austria)

University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (Spain)

University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation (United Kingdom)

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