



A World of Good Wishes

At the end of another very busy and eventful year it is a good time to look back and be thankful for all the interest and support we have received from all of you. Your feedback is always very positive and encouraging.

We want to wish you and your loved ones a very prosperous and successful 2010.

GUIDE Association Operative Office

GUIDE International Workshop Rome 2010: call for papers is now closed!

We are pleased to announce that proposals selection for next GUIDE International Workshop has now closed and notifications have been already sent out to selected authors.

We are happy to report that we received a record number of proposals this year and we take this opportunity to thank everyone who submitted their speech.

The members of the Conference Scientific Committee have reviewed more than 200 abstracts. At the end of the process they selected the most relevant to the themes of the Conference. The majority of participants hail from Europe (33 speakers), followed by Far East (28), Africa and Middle East (25), USA (16) and Latin America (6).

*We remind all the participants to keep the deadline of submission of final paper which is the **31st of December 2009**. Papers should be limited to maximum 5.000 words and should be in Microsoft Word format. We also inform you that each speaker will have a maximum of **15 minutes** to present his/her paper.*

We are looking forward to meeting you in Rome next March!

GUIDE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



CIHEAM – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari

Workshop

On 1-2 October 2009 the CIHEAM – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari successfully hosted in its headquarters the **Workshop on “E-Learning in the Mediterranean – Balkan Area”**.

The main aim of the event was to promote partnerships for the development of cooperation projects and the setting up of a database collecting initiatives and institutions operating in e-learning in the Mediterranean and Balkan countries. It was attended by a number of delegates who gave their contribution in order to establish a Distance Learning Working Group with a special focus on agriculture. The discussion led to the drawing up of a working document fixing three interrelated objectives to be achieved in the mid-term period, namely the preparation of a 3-year strategic plan, the realization of a well-built organizational structure and the development of suitable administrative and financial policies and procedures to create an effective and efficient network.



ONLINE EDUCA BERLIN

Online Educa Berlin is the world's largest e-learning conference for the corporate, education and public service sectors. This year's event took place on 2-4 December at the Hotel InterContinental in Berlin and was attended by 2078 delegates from 92 countries who discussed about the latest developments and trends in the field of technology-supported learning and training. Among the wide range of topics addressed, it is worthy remembering the great attention paid to the huge potential of e-learning in a period of economic downturn. As a matter of fact, the current economic crisis provides the e-learning community with a unique opportunity to show just how effective technology-supported learning can be in providing valuable learning opportunities in a cost-effective manner. E-learning could probably be the engine for accelerating and enhancing the innovation process and the management of change to move beyond the crisis.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

ETF 2010 – Technology in the Desert: Emerging Trends and Sustainable Futures in UAE Education

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, May 5th 2010

Deadline for proposals: February 15th 2010

<http://shct.hct.ac.ae/web/public/events/etf2010/>

1st International Foreign Language Teaching Conference: Independent Learning

Gaziantep, Turkey, June 1st – 3rd 2010

Deadline for proposals: January 15th 2010

<http://ilac2010.zirveuniversitesi.org/>

LEAFA 2010 - The First International Conference on e-LEarning For All

Hammamet, Tunisia, June 3rd to 5th 2010

Deadline for proposals: March 1st 2010

<http://www.leafa2010.com/>

EDEN 2010 – Media Inspirations for Learning

Valencia, Spain, June 9th – 12th 2010

Deadline for proposals: January 29th 2010

<http://www.eden-online.org/eden.php?menuId=485>

ICETC 2010 - The 2nd International Conference on Education Technology and Computer

Shanghai, China, June 22nd – 24th 2010

Deadline for proposals (Full Paper): February 15th 2010

<http://www.icetc.org/>

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

Lifelong Learning Programme, Leonardo da Vinci sub-programme

The Leonardo da Vinci programme funds a wide range of actions, notably cross-border mobility initiatives, co-operation projects to develop and spread innovation and thematic networks. The potential beneficiaries are similarly wide – from trainees in initial vocational training, to people already in the labor market, as well as VET professionals and private or public organizations active in this field.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Various deadlines: 5/19/26 February 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc82_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Grundtvig sub-programme

Grundtvig aims to provide adults with ways to improve their knowledge and skills. It not only covers learners in adult education, but also the teachers, trainers, education staff and facilities that provide these services.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: various deadlines from 15 January 2010 to 15 September 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc86_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Comenius sub-programme

Comenius seeks to develop knowledge and understanding among young people and educational staff of the diversity of European cultures, languages and values. It aims at improving and increasing the mobility of pupils and educational staff in different Member States and is focused on enhancing partnerships between schools with at least three million pupils taking part in joint educational activities by 2010.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: various deadlines from 15 January 2010 to 15 September 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc84_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Erasmus sub-programme

Erasmus is the EU's flagship education and training programme, enabling two hundred thousand students to study and work abroad each year. It caters not only for students, but also for professors and business staff who want to teach abroad and for university staff who want to be trained abroad.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Various deadlines: 26 February/12 March 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc80_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Transversal Programme

In order to ensure that the four sub-programmes of the Lifelong Learning Programme reap the best results, a transversal programme with four key activities complements them: a) Policy co-operation: innovating and sharing good policy practices; b) Languages: breaking the language barriers; c) Information and communication technologies: innovative learning; d) Dissemination and exploitation of project results: spreading and implementing the results.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Various deadlines: 31 March 2010/15 October 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc90_en.htm

Joint Technology Initiatives (Annex IV-SP1)

Calls title: Clean Sky JTI 2009-02; Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking 2nd Call 2009.

Various deadlines: 08/23 February 2010

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

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

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.

Call title: ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant.

Deadline: various deadlines from 24 February 2010 to 07 April 2010

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

MEDIA 2007 - Call for proposals EACEA/19/09: Support for the transnational distribution of European films and the networking of European cinema distribution companies - System of 'selective' support

The aim of the 'Selective' scheme is to encourage and support the wider transnational distribution of recent non-national European films by encouraging theatrical distributors in particular to invest in promotion and adequate distribution of non-domestic European films.

The scheme also aims to encourage the development of links between the production and distribution sector thus improving the competitive position of non-national European films.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

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

Various deadlines: 01 April/01 July 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/distrib/schemes/select/index_en.htm

MEDIA 2007 - Call for proposals EACEA/24/09: "Promotion/Access to Markets"

The objectives of the call are: a) to facilitate and encourage the promotion and movement of European audiovisual and cinema works at trade shows, fairs and audiovisual festivals in Europe and around the globe, insofar as such events may play an important role in the promotion of European works and the networking of professionals; b) to encourage the networking of European operators, by supporting joint activities on the European and international markets by national public or private promotion bodies.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

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

Deadline: 30 June 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/promo/markt/forms/index_en.htm

MEDIA 2007— EACEA/18/09 – 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 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.

Various deadlines: 05 March/28 June 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/producer/tv/index_en.htm

MEDIA 2007— EACEA/23/09: Audiovisual festivals

The overall objectives of the call are: - facilitating and encouraging the promotion and movement of European audiovisual and cinema works at trade shows, fairs and audiovisual festivals in Europe and around the globe, insofar as such events may play an important role in the promotion of European works and the networking of professionals; - improve access to European audiovisual works for the European and international public.

The present notification is addressed to European organisations and to those registered in and controlled by nationals from the Member States of the European Union and countries of the European Economic Agreement participating in the MEDIA 2007 Programme (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), Switzerland and Croatia.

Deadline: 30 April 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/festiv/forms/index_en.htm

MEDIA 2007 — EACEA/20/09: Support for the development of drama, animation and creative documentary - Slate funding and Slate funding 2nd stage

One of the objectives of the programme is to promote, by providing financial support, the development of production projects intended for European and international markets presented by independent European production companies in the following categories: animation, creative documentary and drama.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

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

Deadline: 12 April 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/producer/develop/slate1st/index_en.htm

MEDIA 2007 — EACEA/21/09: Support for the development of on and off-line interactive works

One of the objectives of the programme is to promote, by providing financial support, the development of production projects intended for European and international markets presented by independent European production companies.

The activities for the following interactive works are eligible: the concept development (up to a first playable application) of digital interactive content complementing an audiovisual project (drama, creative documentary or animation) specifically developed for at least one of the following platforms:

- Internet,
- PC,
- console,
- handheld device,
- interactive television

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

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

Deadline: 12 April 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/producer/develop/interactive/index_en.htm

Investing people - EuropeAid/129205/C/ACT/Multi

This Call for Proposals aims at selecting projects which undertake actions under the following priorities: 1) support of the efforts of civil society in countering **gender stereotypes**, notably in order to combat the root causes of violence against women and foster the participation and the role of women in public life (media, political life, employment, etc.) 2) support of the efforts of civil society in monitoring, promoting wide participation, raising public awareness and advocating the implementation of the **Istanbul Framework of Action** 3) support of the efforts of civil society in developing capacity, monitoring, raising awareness among the wider public, educating and advocating for the respect of international standards 4) support of the efforts of civil society in promoting gender equality and women's rights in **local development** and supporting women's participation in political life and local decision-making processes

Applicants must be nationals of a Member State of the European Union or of a Member State of the European Economic Area or of one of the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia and Mauritania.

Deadline: 08 February 2010

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1258387660507&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=QS&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&PubliList=25&page=1&aoref=129205>

Erasmus Mundus Programme - 2010 Call for proposals: EACEA/29/09

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

This Call for Proposals aims to support projects under all three Actions of the programme:

Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes

Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships

Action 3: Promotion of European higher education

Deadline: 30 April 2010

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php

Tempus IV

The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to an area of cooperation in the field of higher education involving the European Union and partner countries in the surrounding geographic area and Central Asia. In particular, the programme will help promote voluntary convergence with EU developments in the field of higher education deriving from the Lisbon agenda and the Bologna process.

Deadline: 09 March 2010

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/funding/2009/call_eacea_28_2009_en.php

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