

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

For submission of **INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS** within the framework of the **Financial Mechanisms of EEA and Norway**

On 1 June 2006 the Ministry of Finance as the National Focal Point for Estonia announces a call for proposals for the submission of applications for Individual Projects within the framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

The total amount available for the call for proposals for individual projects is **363 888 415 EEK (23 256 708 EUR)** within the allocation of 2004-2009.

Applications for individual projects can be submitted in the following priority areas:

- Protection of the environment
- Promotion of sustainable development
- Conservation of European cultural heritage
- Human resource
- Health and childcare
- Implementation of Schengen Acquis and the Judiciary
- Regional policy and cross-border activities

You will find the indicative allocations and the focus areas within these priority sectors in the [Open Call Guideline](#).

All legal entities registered in Estonia are eligible for support. The minimum grant size is 3 911 650 EEK (250 000 EUR).

Co-financing requirements: The contribution from the financial mechanisms in the form of grants shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking all relevant factors into account. European Community ceilings for co-financing shall not be exceeded in any case.

In addition to the general principle above, the following rules on the grant rate ceilings shall apply:

(a) *Grant rate up to 60%*; With the exceptions referred to in subparagraphs (b) and (c) below, the grant rate shall not exceed 60% of the project cost.

(b) *Grant rate up to 85%*; Where 15% or more of the project costs is co-financed by central, regional or local government budget allocations, the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism may provide a grant for the remainder of the project cost.

(c) *Grant rate up to and above 85%*; For grant assistance set up to support NGO activities (including social partners), the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and the EEA Financial Mechanism may be applied in combination in order to allow grant rates above those described in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) of this Article, but generally not above 90%. Domestic co-financing will normally be required.

Exchange rate: 1EUR = 15,6466 EEK

The deadline for submitting applications to the Ministry of Finance is 12.00 o'clock 31. August 2006. All applications must be submitted in Estonian or in English. The application form, application form user guide, **open call guideline** and all other relevant guidelines are available at <http://www.fin.ee/eeagrants>. Further details for submitting applications can be found in the open call guideline.

All applications must be addressed to¹:

Ministry of Finance
Suur-Ameerika 1

¹ See Open Call Guideline, Section 3.3.3 Where and how to submit the application

Tallinn 15006
Estonia

Further information about the Financial Mechanisms and submitting applications is available at <http://www.fin.ee/eeagrants>. General information about the financial mechanisms, including Rules and Procedures and Guidelines, is available in English on the website of the Financial Mechanism Office <http://www.eeagrants.org>.

Open calls for the NGO Fund, Regional Policy block grant and the Transfer of Knowledge Fund will be announced at a later stage.

All questions concerning the call for proposals should be addressed to the following e-mail address: eeagrants@fin.ee. All questions received by e-mail up to 15 days before the closing date of the open call are answered in the FAQ section on the <http://www.fin.ee/eeagrants> webpage.

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