

Call for proposals – for submission of INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS within the framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism in Portugal

**The Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development,
National Focal Point of the EEA Financial Mechanism in Portugal,**

Announces on 10 February 2006 the **Call for Proposals nº 1** for the submission of **applications for Individual Projects** within the framework of the **EEA Financial Mechanism in the priority areas specified in the following table.**

Priority Sector	Focus Areas
Conservation of European cultural heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protection and renewal of immovable cultural heritage - Improvement of care and protection of movable cultural heritage - Renewal of urban areas and historical parts in regions - Renewal of historical and cultural heritage in regions - Small-scale revitalisation of brown fields in towns and municipalities
Protection of the environment, including the human environment, through inter alia, reduction of pollution and promotion of renewable energy.	Reduction of pollution, mainly in urban public transport
	Improvement of water management systems
	Coastal management
Promotion of sustainable development through improved resource use and management.	Sustainable forest management
	Implementation of sustainable public service centres in rural areas
	City networks for competition and internationalisation
Human resource development	Modernisation of public administrations and social services
	Promotion of gender equality in public local administrations
Health and Childcare	
Academic Research and development	<i>Any of the priority sectors in Article 6 of the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)</i>

1. The total amount available for this Call for proposals is 12.233.592 EUR within the allocation of 2004-2009¹.

The grant rate will be determined on a case-by case basis, as the minimum necessary to allow the project to proceed. The maximum contribution from the EEA Financial mechanism in the form of grants may not exceed 60% of the total eligible project cost except for projects

¹ The total net amount of the allocation for the period 2004-2009 is 29.127.600 Euros. From this amount, 60% (17.476.560 EUR) is allocated to individual projects. The remaining is indicatively allocated to Block Grants, Programmes and Technical Assistance. The amount of this call corresponds to 70% of the total amount for individual projects. The remaining 30% (5.242.968 EUR) will be allocated in a new call, to be launched in January 2007.

otherwise financed by central or local government budget allocations, where the contribution may not exceed 85% of the total eligible cost.

The amount of grant assistance from the EEA Financial Mechanism should not be less than **250,000 EUR**.

2. Eligible Applicants:

All public or private bodies and any organization constituted as legal entity in Portugal and operating in the public interest - e.g., national and local authorities, education/research institutions, environmental bodies, community organisations and public-private partnerships may apply for assistance.

3. Eligible Priority Sectors/Focus Areas:

Eligible applicants may submit complete applications for Individual Projects, provided the project proposal is within the overall framework of priority sectors of the EEA Financial Mechanism, particular attention shall be given to the focus areas.

4. Project Selection Criteria

In addition to the **assessment criteria included in the FMO Appraisal Manual**, a secondary assessment will be made with a consideration to the following project characteristics:

- a) Sector integration: combination of priority sectors; preference for projects regarding more than one priority sector;
- b) Spatial integration: creation of spatial networks; preference for projects promoting related interventions in several locations or promoting co-operation of similar organizations in different locations;
- c) Integration of actors: creation of public-private partnerships; preference for projects including interventions of both public and private organizations;
- d) Durability of results: duration of project results; preference for projects presenting durable regional or local development impacts;
- e) Innovation: preference for projects promoting innovative solutions;
- f) Regional value added: preference for projects creating value added on the basis of organizational and immaterial interventions;
- g) Strategic framework: preference for projects respecting Strategic Programs.

Applications should enhance the local/regional impacts of the projects in terms of long term duration of impacts, job creation, increase in regional value-added, modernization; improvement of the regional innovation capability.

5. Deadline and address for submission of applications

The deadline for submission of applications is:

- **16:00 o'clock on 10 May 2006**

All applications within the framework of this call for proposals for Individual Projects must be sent to the following addresses:

European Economic Area Financial Mechanism

National Focal Point
Campo Grande 50- 3º
1749 014 LISBOA

or:

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6. Procedure for submitting applications

Applications will be processed in the prescribed format in Portuguese and English. For an electronic version of the application form, click [here](#). Click for an electronic version of the [application form](#), [user guide](#) and [examples of indicators](#).

Applications with all supporting documents must be submitted in **one printed original and 2 printed copies in each language**. The application must also be supplied in electronic format (floppy disk or CD-rom) in both languages. Please mark the applications 'Original' and 'Copy' as needed. The complete set of application forms in both languages and in electronic format must be submitted in a sealed envelope (the sticker/seal must be signed by an authorised representative or stamped with the official stamp of the applicant).

The outer envelope must bear the full name and address of the applicant, and include the sentences: "Not to be opened before the opening session" and "INDIVIDUAL PROJECT within the framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism" and its equivalent in Portuguese: "Não abrir antes da sessão de abertura" "PROJECTO INDIVIDUAL ao abrigo do financiamento do Mecanismo Financeiro EEE".

7. Information for processing of applications

All further relevant information regarding the processing of applications will be published on the web site of the Mecanismo Financeiro do Espaço Económico Europeu in: <http://www.eeagrants.org.pt>

All general rules and guidelines are available in English via the web site of the Financial Mechanism Office:

www.eeagrants.org

8. Further information

Questions may be sent by e-mail or by fax no later than 21 days before the relevant deadline for the receipt of proposals to the address listed below, indicating a clear reference to the call for proposals:

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A reply will be sent within 10 days and no later than 11 days before the deadline for the submission of proposals.

Questions that may be relevant to other applicants, together with the answers, will be published on the web site of the Mecanismo Financeiro do Espaço Económico Europeu : <http://www.eeagrants.org.pt>