

EU Funding Opportunities – July 2011

Programme	Provider	Detail	Funding Levels/Availability	Eligibility
Culture Programme	EU Website: http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc411_en.htm	<p>The EU's Culture programme (2007-2013) has a budget of €400 million for projects and initiatives to celebrate Europe's cultural diversity and enhance our shared cultural heritage through the development of cross-border co-operation between cultural operators and institutions.</p> <p>The programme aims to achieve 3 main objectives: to promote cross-border mobility of those working in the cultural sector; to encourage the transnational circulation of cultural and artistic output; and to foster intercultural dialogue.</p> <p>To achieve these objectives, the programme supports three strands of activities:</p> <p>Strand 1: Support for cultural actions - This strand enables a wide range of cultural organisations coming from various countries to cooperate on cultural and artistic projects and is divided into several sub-strands including cooperation projects and support for cultural festivals.</p> <p>Strand 2: Support for organisations active at European level in the field of culture – This strand supports the operating costs of cultural organisations working or wanting to work at European level to promote a sense of shared cultural experience with a truly European dimension.</p> <p>Strand 3: Support for policy analysis and dissemination activities - This only sub-strand open to applications is 3.2, cooperation projects between organisations involved in cultural policy analysis, which may be relevant if any research is required into cultural policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next deadline for the various sub-strands is 15th October 2011 but the deadline for the 'support for cultural festivals' strand is 15th November 2011. EU support ranges from 50-60% of eligible project costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Programme supports projects, organisations, promotional activities and research in all branches of culture, except the audiovisual branch covered under the MEDIA programme. Eligible applicants must: be a <i>public*</i> or private organisation with legal status, whose principal activity is in the cultural sphere (cultural and creative sectors); and have their registered legal seat in one of the eligible countries (all EU Member states, European Economic Area countries, countries candidate to EU membership and countries of the Western Balkans).
Eurostars	EU – EUREKA (The Technology Strategy Board is the UK funding	EUREKA's Eurostars Programme is the first European funding and support programme to be specifically dedicated to SMEs . Eurostars stimulates SMEs to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by providing funding and support for market-oriented research and development specifically with the active participation of R&D-performing SMEs. Projects can address any technological area and should be aimed at the development of a new product, process or service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications are accepted in response to bi-annual calls for proposals. The next closing date is 22nd September 2011. This will be followed by a call in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eurostars is open to all sectors Under UK rules only innovative and research performing SME's are eligible for funding (SMEs must have been

	<p>body) Website: http://www.innovateuk.org</p>		<p>March 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK SMEs are eligible for up to 50% funding of eligible project costs and are funded by the TSB • Maximum amount of grant funding is 350,000 Euros per UK participant. 	<p>trading for 12 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academics and large companies are welcome to participate in Eurostars projects, but funding has to be secured from other sources
<p>INTERREG IVA Two Seas Programme</p>	<p>EU (ERDF) Website: http://www.intereg4a-2mers.eu/en</p>	<p>The INTERREG IVA 2 Mers Seas Programme 2007-13 has a budget of €167 million (ERDF) and promotes crossborder cooperation between the coastal regions of 4 Member States (see eligibility). The Programme has 3 priority themes as well as a common priority with the France (Channel) – England INTERREG IVA Programme (see next row):</p> <p>Priority 1 – Creating an economically competitive, attractive and accessible area (ERDF: €59M (35.33%)): It has the following 6 Operational objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of joint economic activities, including the maritime economy Promote and encourage entrepreneurship and the development of new cross-border commercial initiatives Support innovation, research and cooperation between universities, knowledge institutes and businesses Support tourism and promote sustainable tourism Promote entrepreneurship and facilitate the development of employment and human capital Improve the accessibility of the programme area by optimising the use and mutualisation of existing infrastructures as a priority. <p>Priority 2 – Promoting and enhancing a safe and healthy environment. ERDF: €40.8M (24.43%). It has the following 5 Operational objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and improve the development of activities linked to integrated management of coastal zones, maritime resource and estuaries Develop activities to prevent and cope with natural, technological and human risks and to guarantee the quality of the environment Stimulate energy efficiency and development of renewable energies Promote, improve and manage nature, landscapes, natural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 9th call will open on 18th November 2011 and close on 20th January 2012 • ERDF funding is available to cover up to 50% of eligible project costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible partners include public bodies, public equivalent bodies (including not-for-profit organisations), or businesses from the eligible areas of 4 EU member states – France (Nord-Pas de Calais), England (SW, SE, E), Belgium (Flanders) and The Netherlands (South coastal area) • Must include minimum of 2 partners (including UK) for Priorities 1-3 and 3 for priority 4 • Projects must show a true spirit of cross border collaboration, i.e. through joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, and joint financing and must exhibit cross-border added value i.e. the project makes it possible to seize

		<p>heritage, and relations between urban, peri-urban and rural areas e. Improve and enhance good practices in water, waste and resources management, and sustainable use of resources</p> <p>Priority 3 – Improving quality of life. ERDF: €44.8M (26.83%). It has the following 5 Operational objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and allow for social inclusion and well-being of different groups in society Improve the quality of services to the population, including mobility and health care facilities. Support the development of cooperation in education, training and the assistance to cross-border projects, in order to guarantee the possibility of life-long learning, to set up sustainable cultural partnerships, as well as the foreign language learning Promote, enhance and conserve the common heritage and cultural partnerships, including the development of creativity and design and joint cooperation with the media Develop active leisure activities, including the promotion and enhancement of infrastructures and social tourism <p>Priority 4 – Common priority with the France (Channel) – England programme (ERDF: €12.63M (7.56%)): The Operational Objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote cross-border cooperation issues and implement joint actions on issues of common interest throughout the whole area, and in particular those with a maritime dimension; Develop the capitalisation and sharing of good practice; Develop specific strategic projects considered as priorities upon the proposal of the authorities responsible for both OPs. 		<p>opportunities or produce benefits that could not be achieved through a solely national approach.</p>
<p>INTERREG IVA France (Channel) – England Programme</p>	<p>EU (ERDF) Website: http://interreg.proxiad-normandie.fr/</p>	<p>With a budget of €173.5 million, the INTERREG IVA France (Channel) - England programme aims to promote the emergence - between the French and English parties - of a space of common citizenship fostering a sense of belonging to a cross-border area, and endowed with a specific identity. The programme has 4 priorities:</p> <p>Priority 1: Reinforce a sense of belonging to a common space and the awareness of shared interests (ERDF: €17.26M (9.96%). It has 2 specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote mutual learning of language and culture Reinforce the instruments of mutual understanding through the sharing of approaches and the identification of common issues <p>Priority 2 – Build partnerships between players involved in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application process involves 2 stages; the submission of a pre-project sheet (next deadline is 19th September 2011) and the submission of the full grant application (next deadline is 17th October 2011 ERDF funding is available to cover up to 50% of eligible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible partners include any government, private or not-for-profit sector body qualified in each of the priority areas from the 7 French departments bordering the Channel and 20 English counties bordering the Channel or North sea Must include minimum of 2

		<p>cross-border economic development and between centres of excellence (ERDF: €54.69M (31.53%)). It has 3 specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and support common and complementary centres of excellence • Promote the creation of new enterprises and services for businesses • Promote durable cooperation in maritime activities e.g. pooling of expertise in port area management. <p>Priority 3 - Build an attractive common space to live in and visit (ERDF: £39.73M (22.91%)). It has 3 specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly experiment solutions to social inclusion problems e.g. supporting vulnerable into employment • Shared cultural and heritage related activities • Develop tourism and diversify the range of tourist activities available. <p>Priority 4 – Ensure sustainable environmental development of the common space (ERDF: €51.83M (29.87%)). It has 3 specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency • Ensure a balanced management of the environment and raise awareness about environmental issues • Mitigate and manage risks of environmental damage 	<p>project costs</p>	<p>partners (1 from each side of the Channel) for priorities 1-4 and 3 for the common priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must demonstrate a high level of cross-border cooperation between partners (projects that deals with issues wider than the local, regional or national level and are based on active participation of all partners in terms of joint development, joint implementation, joint personnel and joint funding. • Types of project activities can include studies and research, networks and exchange of experience and joint implementation projects
<p>INTERREG IVB – North-West Europe (NWE) Programme</p>	<p>EU (ERDF) Website: http://www.nweurope.eu/</p>	<p>The INTERREG IVB North-West Europe (NWE) Programme funds projects which support transnational cooperation. The aim is to find innovative ways to make the most of territorial assets and tackle shared problems of Member States, regions and other authorities. The Programme has 4 priorities, each with a number of objectives:</p> <p>Priority 1: Developing the NWE knowledge-based economy by capitalizing on our capacity for innovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote greater entrepreneurship and facilitate the translation of innovations and knowledge into (marketable) products, processes and services that strengthen the competitiveness of NWE • To develop new and strengthen existing growth clusters and SME networks by building on the endogenous potentials of NWE cities and regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline for the 9th call is 7th October 2011 and will be open to proposals for all programme priorities but the proportion of funding remaining is highest for priorities 1 and 3 • Applicant workshops were held on 15th July 2011 in London but the UK Contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible partners include any organisation with an involvement in territorial development-related issues from the public, private and non-profit sectors. • Project must include organisations from at least two countries, one of which should lie within the NWE cooperation area - Belgium,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To use and improve territorial cooperation in order to strengthen the institutional and territorial framework for innovation and the transfer of knowledge within NWE <p>Priority 2: Sustainable management of natural resources and of natural and technological risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote an innovative and sustainable approach to natural resource management, including water, landscapes, biodiversity and energy, and waste management To promote an innovative approach to risk management and prevention, in particular water management in the context of climate change To promote a transnational and spatial approach to improving the quality of soil, water and air, to minimise greenhouse gas emissions and to reduce noise pollution <p>Priority 3: Improving connectivity in NWE by promoting intelligent and sustainable transport and ICT solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To manage transport growth through optimisation of the capacity of existing (uni-modal) transport infrastructure for both passenger and freight transport To support effective and innovative multi-modal strategic actions and efficient interoperable systems on land, water and air To develop innovative approaches to the use of ICT in order to improve connectivity, including approaches aimed at reducing the need to travel and at replacing physical mobility through virtual activity for both passenger mobility and freight transport <p>Priority 4: Promoting strong and prosperous communities at transnational level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote transnational actions that will enhance the economic and social performance of cities, towns and rural areas including the economic potential of local and regional assets To identify and develop collective actions that will improve the environmental quality and attraction of towns and cities including the sustainable use of the cultural heritage, tourism, the creative economy and sustainable and innovative energy practices To promote transnational responses to the impacts of demographic change and migration on the NWE territory 	<p>Point can be contacted at any time to support applicant's project development process (early contact is advised)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERDF funding is available to cover up to 50% of eligible project costs 	<p>France, Ireland, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the UK together with Switzerland.</p>
<p>Leonardo Programme</p>	<p>EU Lifelong Learning Programm</p>	<p>The Lifelong Learning Programme is a European funding programme, which supports education and training across Europe. It is made up of several different programmes covering the whole</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications are invited once a year. The deadlines for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any UK organisation involved in work-based education and training,

	<p>e Websites: http://www.leonardo.org.uk or http://ea cea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index.en.php</p>	<p>spectrum of lifelong learning.</p> <p>The Leonardo programme, managed in the UK by ECORYS (formerly ECOTEC), supports the development of vocational skills and training. Funding is available to support 3 types of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility Opportunities - Funding for UK organisations to send learners and staff on work placements across Europe • Small Co-operation Projects - Funding for UK organisations to work with a relatively small number of European partners on issues of mutual interest, to share expertise and experiences. • Large Co-operation Projects - Funding is available for projects under 3 areas - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of Innovation (TOI): TOI funding is designed to help you adapt existing innovative practice for use in new settings, through working with transnational partners. Dissemination and exploitation of results are key features of TOI projects. • Development of Innovation: Funding supports transnational co-operation projects that aim to improve the quality of training systems through the development of innovative contents, methods and procedures within Vocational Education and Training (VET). Projects must focus on a new solution to help several countries to cope with a common challenge in the VET area and must include dissemination and exploitation of results. • Thematic Networks: The aims of the Thematic Networks are to strengthen the link between the various 'actors' involved in vocational training on a sectoral basis to improve the quality, European dimension and visibility of activities or issues of common interest in the field of VET. 	<p>2012 are not yet published but based on past years are likely to be in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leonardo Programme will provide funding up to 75% of the total project budget. • Interested organisations can also benefit from preparatory visit funding of up to €1,000 to enable you to meet prospective partners or attend a Contact seminar. • All of the large co-operation projects are managed by the Executive Agency in Brussel, the EACEA, except for transfer of innovation projects which are managed in the UK by ECORYS. • Upcoming events: Leonardo and Grundtvig advice sessions will take place during Autumn 2011 	<p>regardless of size and type, can get involved e.g. local authorities, colleges, schools, trade unions, chambers of commerce, and private training organisations, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships can include partners from 31 countries (all EU Member states, the 3 European Economic Area countries, the EU membership candidate countries and some overseas countries and territories). • The minimum number of partners varies by programme - 3 partners from 3 different countries are required in transfer and development of innovation projects and 5 partners from 5 countries are required from projects under the thematic networks programme.
<p>Marco Polo II Programme</p>	<p>EU Commission Website: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/</p>	<p>The Marco Polo II Programme, which covers the period 2007 to 2013 and has a total budget of €450 million, aims to ease road congestion and its attendant pollution by promoting a switch to greener transport modes for European freight traffic. Railways, sea-routes and inland waterways have spare capacity.</p> <p>Marco Polo co-funds direct modal-shift or traffic avoidance projects and projects providing supporting services which enable freight to switch from road to other modes efficiently and profitably. The 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next call for proposals will open in Autumn 2011 • The maximum EU funding is 35% of eligible project costs except for common learning actions 	<p>It covers actions involving the territory of at least two Member States or the territory of at least one Member State and the territory of a close third country.</p>

		<p>project categories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modal shift actions aimed at shifting freight from road to short sea shipping, rail, inland waterways or a combination of modes of transport. • Catalyst actions aimed at improving synergies in the rail, inland waterway and short sea shipping sectors, including Motorways of the Sea, by making better use of existing infrastructure. Projects must be breakthrough and technology-driven, providing supporting services for modal shift like management systems, integrated cargo control via GPS, or common IT platforms. • Motorways of the sea: aimed at directly shifting a proportion of freight from road to short sea shipping or a combination of short sea shipping and other modes of transport in which road journeys are as short as possible. Motorways of the sea actions offer an effective way of getting big volumes of freight off the roads and onto ships. They must be innovative and inter-modal, and operate between category A European ports. • Traffic avoidance actions aimed at introducing new ways of avoiding or reducing road traffic, such as avoiding empty runs or improving supply chain logistics. • Common learning actions aimed at enhancing knowledge and cooperation in inter-modal transport and logistics. Different award conditions apply for this category. 	<p>where it is 50%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project duration ranges from 2-5 years depending on the project category selected • The European Info Day takes place on 13th September 2011 in Brussels (there will be a live internet broadcast of the morning plenary session) 	
<p>Seventh Framework Programme</p>	<p>EU, managed in the UK by FP7UK. Website: http://ktn.innovateuk.org/web/fp7uk</p>	<p>FP7 is the short name for the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. This is the EU's main instrument for supporting and encouraging collaborative and transnational research, development and innovation in science, engineering and technology. The EC budget for 2007-13 is €50.5 billion.</p> <p>Businesses should require funds for research or early stage technical development of an innovative technology. FP7 supports research in selected priority areas, the aim being to make, or keep, the EU as a world leader in those sectors. FP7 is also designed to respond to Europe's employment needs and competitiveness. The priority areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacities • Energy • Environment • Euratom (nuclear research & training) • Food, Agriculture , Fisheries & Biotechnology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants awarded in response to periodic calls for proposals under each programme (typically one or two each year) • Projects are normally in the €1 to 2.5 million region. • Funding rates can be up to 75% depending on the type of organisation and project. 	<p>Open to all organisations including large businesses, SMEs, universities, research centres public bodies and individuals.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • ICT • Ideas • JRC (Joint Research Centre) – research in 4 areas • Nanoscience, Nano-technologies, materials • People • Security • Socio-economic • Space • Transport <p>FP7UK consists of an integrated team of National Contact Points that provide information and advice to help UK participants achieve success in EU R&D Programmes, including Eurostars. There are also online networks for each of the priority areas and events. For info, go to http://ktn.innovateuk.org/web/fp7uk. Finance South East also offer support: http://www.financesoutheast.com/ .</p>		
<p>Youth In Action</p>	<p>EC and in UK, BIS/DoE. Websites: http://ea cea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php or http://www.britis hcouncil.org/youthinaction.htm</p>	<p>Youth in Action (2007-2013) 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. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU's border, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue, and encourages the inclusion of all young people (13-30 year olds) regardless of their educational, social and cultural backgrounds. It also helps people working in the youth sector develop skills and establish contacts necessary to enhance their work.</p> <p>The programme funds projects in 5 action areas in response to calls for proposal. The following provides brief information on the sub-actions for which there is deadline of 1st September 2011:</p> <p>1 - Youth for Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges - offer an opportunity for groups of young people from different countries to meet and learn about each other's cultures around a theme of mutual interest. Responsible entities – EACEA and the national agencies (The British Council) • Sub-Action 1.2 - Youth Initiatives - support group projects designed at local, regional and national level and support the networking of similar projects between different countries. Responsible entity – The British Council • Sub-Action 1.3 - Youth Democracy Projects - supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next deadline is 1st September 2011 (see the websites for more information). Applications should be submitted online for all sub-actions except for Action 2 which remain a postal application. • Project duration varies from 3-24 months depending on the sub-action selected. • Regional and devolved Youth in Action Information Providers' can help with project development and the British Council's Youth in Action team run national events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible participants include: young people aged between 13 and 30 years old and youth workers. • Eligible promoters include: non-profit or non-governmental organisations; public bodies; informal groups of young people; ENGOs); or a profit-making organisation organising an event in the area of youth, sport or culture. • Eligible countries – the Programme Countries include all 27 EU member states, the participating countries of the EFTA members of the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), the

		<p>young people's participation in the democratic life of their local, regional or national community, and at international level. Responsible entities – EACEA and The British Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Measure projects - promoters who aim to carry out several Activities under Action 1 over a period of up to 18 months can submit a single application. <p>2 - European Voluntary Service (EVS) The aim of the EVS is to support young people's participation in various forms of voluntary activities, both within and outside the European Union. Responsible entities – EACEA & The British Council</p> <p>3 - Youth in the World Sub-Action 3.1 - Cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries of the European Union - supports projects with Neighbouring Partner Countries, namely Youth Exchanges and Training and Networking Projects in the youth field. Responsible entities – EACEA and The British Council. <i>N.B. The funding for 2011 has been 100% committed but if your project includes a partner from another EU programme country then consider applying to their National Agency for funding in round 4 (1st September deadline) or wait to see if Action 3.1 will reopen in Round 5.</i></p> <p>4 - Youth Support Systems Sub-Action 4.3 - Training and networking of those active in youth work and youth organisations - supports the training of those active in youth work and youth organisations, in particular the exchange of experiences, expertise and good practice as well as activities which may lead to long-lasting quality projects, partnerships and networks. Responsible entities – EACEA & The British Council</p> <p>5 - Support for European cooperation in the youth field Sub-Action 5.1 - Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy - supports cooperation, seminars and Structured Dialogue between young people, those active in youth work and those responsible for youth policy. Responsible entities – EACEA and The British Council</p>		<p>EU candidate countries for accession (Turkey, Croatia). Depending on the Action or sub-Action, participants and promoters based in various other countries can also participate, including neighbouring countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the Actions require applicants to have a partner organisation involved in their project who are either in an EU country or country which borders the EU. The British council site provides tools to help applicants find partners.
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