Programme	**LIFELONG LEARNING**
Subprogramme	**LEONARDO DA VINCI**
Action Category	**MULTILATERAL PROJECTS**
Action	**LEONARDO DA VINCI Transfer of Innovation**
Objectives and description of the action	The aim of Leonardo da Vinci Multilateral Projects "Transfer of Innovation" is to improve the quality and attractiveness of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the participating countries by transferring existing innovations to new legal, systemic, sector, linguistic, socio-cultural and geographic environments through working with transnational partners. Innovation transfer projects generate synergies by exploiting existing VET innovations (no "re-inventing the wheel"). Proposals for an innovation transfer must clearly present the basis of the transfer and must demonstrate the benefit of the transfer: innovation regarding, for example, VET courses, tools, materials, methodologies, occupational referentials or standards, credit systems, experiences or policy or legislative lessons, can be transferred to other sectors and countries; the innovation that shall be transferred can be, for example five years old, as long as it has not been outstripped by another – newer – innovation. These existing innovations can be based on previous Leonardo da Vinci projects, or on any other national, European or international innovative projects, and can be transferred into vocational training systems and organisations at national, regional, local or sector level. Therefore proposals should clearly take into account the ownership rights on the previously developed innovations (intellectual property rights - IPR). Ideally, a "Transfer of Innovation" project should not only combine innovations from several countries for the transfer to one or several countries but also partners from those countries. Thus the project can also become a learning experience for those partner VET stakeholders from where the innovations come from. For a transfer of innovation one does not necessarily need innovative organisations as partners but for its introduction in other countries and environments one will need partners in the national VET systems there with standing, reputation and international cooperation experience. **The proposal for an innovation transfer project should elaborate on how the following elements were prepared:** • Analysis of the needs of the target group/s (there can be a direct target group, for example teachers or trainers, and an indirect target group, for example pupils or apprentices); • Identification of innovations that in principle are suitable and selection of those that will meet the needs of the target group in the best way; • Analysis of the feasibility of their blending and of their transfer; **The proposal should further explain how the project – if selected for funding – would implement the following steps:** • Blending the selected innovations and adapting them to the legal framework, training system (public, private, sector), language, culture and geography as well as to the needs of target group; • Transferring them to, and testing them in the new environment; • Integrating or even certifying the transferred innovations in European, national, regional, local or sector training systems and practices. Although a "Transfer of Innovation" project is about identifying existing solutions to a given problem, their adaptation to other environments may need some development work. However, proposals for a transfer of innovation should plan only little time for development but largely sufficient time for adaptation, testing, fine-tuning and integration. In order to make sure that the solutions are really adapted to the direct and indirect target groups in the best way, they should be closely involved in the project work.
Who can benefit	All those in vocational education and training, other than at tertiary level, as well as the institutions and organisations facilitating such education and training, such as: • Institutions or organisations providing learning opportunities in the fields covered by the Leonardo da Vinci sectoral programme • Associations and representatives of those involved in vocational education and training, including trainees', parents' and teachers' associations • Enterprises, social partners and other representatives of working life, including chambers of commerce, other trade organisations and sectoral organisations • Bodies providing guidance, counselling and information services relating to any aspect of lifelong learning • Bodies responsible for systems and policies concerning any aspect of lifelong learning vocational education and training at local, regional and national level • Research centres and bodies concerned with lifelong learning issues • Organisation at tertiary level (higher education institutions) can participate in the projects, but the results should not target those attending vocational education and training at tertiary level • Non-profit organisations, voluntary bodies, NGOs

Who can apply	Applicant organisation on behalf of the consortium.
PRIORITIES	The priorities for this Action can be found in the LLP General Call for Proposals 2011-2013 – Strategic Priorities 2013.
HOW TO APPLY	Decentralised, application to be sent to the relevant National Agency for the applicant
Please consult the relevant Agency website for further information.	
Selection Procedure:	NA2
Application Deadline(s):	31 January 2013
Duration	
Minimum Duration:	1 year
Maximum Duration:	2 years
Comment on Duration:	Extension of the eligibility period by up to a maximum of 6 months on request for Multilateral Projects and Networks as well as Accompanying measures is possible only in exceptional cases. Total Grant will not change.
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Please consult **Part I** of this Guide, Chapter 4 Financial Provisions for more information.	
Applicable Grant Table(s):	For daily staff cost rates: see table published on the website of the National Agency the rates of which may be lower than the maximum rates of Table 5a. For daily subsistence rates: see table published on the website of the National Agency the rates of which may be lower than the maximum rates of Table 5b.
Maximum Grant €:	150.000/year
Comment on Funding:	Maximum EU Grant is 75% of eligible cost.
EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES Please consult Part I of this Guide, chapter WHAT IS THE LIFECYCLE OF A PROJECT for further information about the evaluation and selection procedures **Eligibility Criteria** **General eligibility rules:** The general eligibility criteria for applications in the LLP Programme are outlined in Part I of this Guide, Chapter 3. Participating countries: please refer to Part I of this Guide, section "Which countries participate in the Programme?"	
Specific eligibility rules:	Applications must be submitted by bodies which are legal entities. The language in which the proposal is submitted must be the working language of the consortium.
Minimum number of Countries:	3
Minimum number of Partners:	3
Comment on participants:	At least one country must be an EU Member State.
Award criteria	**1. Quality of the work programme**
	The objectives are clear, realistic and address a relevant issue; the methodology is appropriate to achieving the objectives; the work programme defines and distributes tasks / activities among the partners in such a way that the results will be achieved on time and to budget.
	2. Innovative character
	The project will provide solutions to clearly identified needs of the target groups identified, by offering innovative solutions as regards training and competence development. These solutions will result from adapting and transferring innovative approaches which already exist in other countries or sectors of the economy.
	3. Quality of the Consortium
	The consortium brings together all the skills and competences required to carry out the work programme, and there is an appropriate distribution of tasks across the partners.
	4. European added value
	The benefits and need for European cooperation are clearly demonstrated.
	5. The cost-benefit ratio
	The grant application demonstrates value for money in terms of the activities planned relative to the budget foreseen.
	6. Relevance
	The grant application is clearly positioned in one of the priorities of the LLP General Call for Proposals 2011-2013 – Strategic Priorities 2013. The results are relevant to the specific, operational and broader objectives of the Programme.
	7. Impact
	The impact on vocational training approaches and systems is likely to be significant.
	8. Quality of the valorisation plan (dissemination and exploitation of results)
	The planned dissemination and exploitation activities will ensure optimal use of the results beyond the participants in the project, during and beyond the lifetime of the project.

CONTRACTING PROCEDURES	
Probable sending date of pre-information on the results of the selection process	July
Probable sending date of agreement to the beneficiaries	September
Probable starting date of the action	October