Programme	**LIFELONG LEARNING**
Subprogramme	**KA3 ICT**
Action Category	**MULTILATERAL PROJECTS**
Action	**KA3 Multilateral Projects**
Objectives and description of the action	The ICT Multilateral Projects support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practices for lifelong learning. They complement ICT enhanced learning activities and projects under the sectoral programmes Comenius, Erasmus, Grundtvig and Leonardo da Vinci, by addressing ICT teaching and learning needs across two or more of those sectors. Specifically the aim is: • To promote a new vision for ICT for learning embedded into long-term educational objectives and integrated in lifelong learning strategies; • To foster the uptake of ICT for learning in education and training systems, including open and distance learning and open educational resources; • To empower all educational actors; to foster the linking up and connecting of learning communities and the building up of new partnerships; • To consolidate and evidence base on the added-value and impact of ICT for learning, with a particular attention to institutional as well as pedagogical innovation and change. Projects should develop innovative practices or services. They should have a clear multiplier effect and result in greater knowledge about the use of ICT enhanced learning. Within the priorities announced in the General Call for Proposals, the following types of activities may be supported by projects: • activities reinforcing transversal competences, such as digital competence, bridging the worlds of education and work; • activities focused on innovative pedagogy and assessment methods for diverse learning pathways.
Who can benefit	• Resource centres or other organisations with expertise in the field of ICT in education and/or open and distance learning (this may also include guidance or consultancy services, multimedia libraries, research centres, etc.) • All types of educational institutions and providers, in any sector of education • Distance education institutions (including open universities) • Teacher training institutions • Associations of teachers or learners • Research teams working in the field of ICT in education • Academic/educational associations or consortia at the national or European level • Organisations/institutions involved in educational innovation • Public and private publishers/producers/broadcasters and other actors in the field of ICT Note: This Action is open to partner organisation from countries not participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme on the following conditions: • Neither the applicant nor the organisation responsible for project management / coordination can be a third country partner; • Third country participation is an **additional option** in an otherwise normal, eligible application and consortium. See Part I of this Guide (section 1C) and – for the detailed administrative arrangements on how such organisations can participate – the website of the Executive Agency.
Who can apply	Any legal entity, established in one of the eligible countries. 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	Centralised, application to be sent to the Executive Agency
Please consult the relevant Agency website for further information.	
Selection Procedure:	COM
Application Deadline(s):	28 February 2013
Duration	
Minimum Duration:	
Maximum Duration:	3 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 5a; daily rates may not exceed these published rates. For daily subsistence rates: see table 5b; daily rates may not exceed these published rates. For participating organisations from "third" countries: see the website of the Executive Agency
Maximum Grant €:	200.000/year. However, maximum EU contribution to projects will be 400.000€. The maximum grant for all third country partners combined is 25.000€ in addition to the amount specified above.

Comment on Funding:	Maximum EU Grant 75%
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.
	Applications must address at least two of the four fields covered by the Erasmus, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig programmes of the Lifelong Learning Programme
Minimum number of Countries:	3 LLP participating countries
Minimum number of Partners:	3
Comment on participants:	At least one country must be an EU Member State. Any partners established in a third country are in addition to the minimum number of LLP participating countries specified above.
Award criteria	**1. Relevance**
	The grant application and the results foreseen are clearly positioned in the specific, operational and broader objectives of the Programme. The objectives are clear, realistic and address a relevant issue / target group. Where the priorities are given in the LLP General Call for Proposals 2011-2013 – Strategic Priorities 2013 for the action concerned, at least one of them must be satisfactorily addressed.
	2. Quality of the Work Programme
	The organisation of the work is clear and 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. The work programme includes specific measures for evaluation of processes and deliverables.
	3. Innovative Character
	The project will provide innovative solutions to clearly identified needs for clearly identified target groups. It will achieve this either by adapting and transferring innovative approaches which already exist in other countries or sectors, or by developing a brand new solution not yet available in any of the countries participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme.
	4. Quality of the Consortium
	The consortium includes all the skills, recognised expertise and competences required to carry out all aspects of the work programme, and there is an appropriate distribution of tasks across the partners.
	5. European Added Value
	The benefits of and need for European cooperation (as opposed to national, regional or local approaches) are clearly demonstrated.
	6. The Cost-Benefit Ratio
	The grant application demonstrates value for money in terms of the activities planned relative to the budget foreseen.
	7. Impact
	The foreseeable impact on the approaches, target groups and systems concerned is clearly defined and measures are in place to ensure that the impact can be achieved. The results of the activities are 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 proposal, during and beyond the lifetime of the project.
	9. *Where applicable:* Participation of organisations from third countries
	Third country participation adds value to the grant application, the activities proposed for the third country partner(s) are appropriate and the budget required for this purpose represents good value for money

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