Programme	**LIFELONG LEARNING**
Subprogramme	**KA3 ICT**
Action Category	**MULTILATERAL NETWORKS**
Action	**KA3 Multilateral Networks**
Objectives and description of the action	The ICT Networks support the building of partnerships and the networking of learning communities with a view to exchanging ideas and experiences related to ICT for learning. Networks should support knowledge sharing, they should increase the visibility and awareness of the benefits and impacts of ICT for learning, and contribute to its uptake and efficient use. Proposals should contain a detailed plan of activities. Such activities might also include the organisation of conferences, workshops, fora, summer universities, etc. designed to help attain the objectives of the network and disseminate results. Within the priorities announced in the General Call for Proposals, the following types of activities may be supported by networks: • European-wide stakeholders' communities promoting digital competence and other key transversal competences for life and employability; • European-wide stakeholders' communities tackling the socio-economic digital divide. As a minimum, each network will be expected to: • Establish and maintain a good quality website to support information exchange and dissemination • Produce an annual report on the state of innovation in its area of activity • Inform the 'players' in the field of ICT for learning fully about the network's events and activities • Have a sound strategy for sustaining the Network after the co-financing by the EU has been terminated or substantially reduced • Set in place appropriate mechanisms for internal assessment of progress and for quality assurance and dissemination of results. Networks may include funding for dissemination activities such as conferences and study visits by decision-makers and key education professionals.
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 entitiy, 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 €:	150.000/year 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 educational fields covered by the Erasmus, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig sub-programmes of the Lifelong Learning Programme
Minimum number of Countries:	5 LLP participating countries
Minimum number of Partners:	5
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