Programme	**LIFELONG LEARNING**
Subprogramme	**KA2 LANGUAGES**
Action Category	**MULTILATERAL PROJECTS**
Action	**KA2 Multilateral Projects**
Objectives and description of the action	The Languages Key Activity provides support for Multilateral Projects that promote language awareness and access to language learning resources. Projects can also aim at developing or spreading language learning materials, including online courses and instruments for language testing. All natural languages may be targeted. Whenever appropriate, the use of the Common European Framework for Languages from the Council of Europe is strongly recommended. Within the priorities announced in the General Call for Proposals, the following activities may be supported: • Awareness raising activities, e.g.: information about languages, language learning opportunities and the advantages linked to language skills. • Development and spreading of language learning materials, e.g.: educational materials for foreign language teaching; methods and tools designed to recognise/assess language skills; curricula and language learning methodologies. Dictionaries and data bases are not considered in themselves to be extensive language learning tools, and therefore their production does not fall within the scope of this Key Activity. Language expertise For projects concerned with the development of pedagogical materials for the learning of specific languages, the consortium must include organisations that represent the community of each of the target languages. These organisations have the role of ensuring that pedagogical content is accurate and culturally appropriate. Consequently organisations from the eligible countries where the target languages are recognised (i.e. used / spoken as national, regional/minority languages) must be present in the consortium. For each target language that has the status of a national, regional or minority language of a country that is not eligible to participate in the LLP (such as Chinese, Arabic, Hindi, Japanese etc), the consortium must include at least one organisation, established in one of the countries eligible to participate in the LLP, that teaches the language(s) concerned. For projects concerned more with awareness-raising than the creation of pedagogical content, these requirements are strongly recommended where appropriate, but not compulsory. These issues will be judged at 2 levels in the selection procedure. At a formal level, a check will be made to ensure that each target language is specifically and appropriately represented within the consortium in the context of the eligibility of the application. In the context of the Award criteria, experts will be invited to assess the quality of the specific expertise presented in the consortium.
Who can benefit	Any organisation concerned with language learning, whether formal, non-formal or informal, notably: • Schools, universities, adult education establishments • Language schools, libraries, open and distance learning centres, centres providing initial or continuing training for language teachers, centres for research into language education • Establishments developing curricula, issuing diplomas or devising methods for testing and evaluating knowledge • Local or regional authorities • Local, regional, national or European associations active in the field of language teaching or learning • Cultural associations • Radio, television or media companies with an Internet presence • Publishing houses and software producers or distributors • Advertising or marketing agencies • Town-twinning networks • Sporting organisations • Museums and exhibition venues • Public transport companies and tourist offices • Other bodies, provided that they contribute complementary expertise. Mixed consortia involving different kinds of organisations are particularly encouraged, where this is appropriate to achieving the aims of the project concerned. 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	Co-ordinating 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	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 and 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. For projects concerned with the development of pedagogical materials for the learning of specific languages, the consortium must include organisations that represent the community of each of the target languages as defined in the section "Language expertise" 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