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Pilot Project – Analysis of reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors in the EU

Work Programme for 2012

1. POLICY CONTEXT

In May 2010 the Commission adopted the Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors (2010-2014). On the basis of this Action Plan, in June 2010, the Council adopted Council conclusions on Unaccompanied Minors.

The Commission's Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors (2010 – 2014) puts forward a common EU-wide approach based on the principle of the best interests of the child. The Action Plan identifies main strands for action such as prevention, reception and identification of durable solutions. These actions are to be implemented by a series of concrete measures which are outlined in the Action Plan. They are to be implemented by the Commission as well as other EU institutions and agencies, Member States and stakeholders.

The aim of this Pilot Project is to contribute to the implementation of the 2010 Commission Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors (2010 - 2014) and actions specified thereof. The Pilot Project should be complementary to existing actions. It should take into account the 2010 Council conclusions on Unaccompanied Minors.

Legal Basis

Pilot Project within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the General Budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1).

Budgetary line

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2. GRANTS

The budgetary envelope reserved for grants in 2012 for this Pilot Project amounts to 1.000.000 EUR.

2.1. Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME through grants awarded pursuant to a public call for proposals.

2.2. Priority for the year and specific objectives:

The main objective of this Pilot Project is to identify good practices on prevention, reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors. The Pilot Project will cover the following specific objectives:

1. Identifying prevention actions and policies vis-à-vis the group to which the Unaccompanied Minors belong (e.g. asylum seekers, victims of trafficking, children who enter illegally into the Union) and/or the country or region of origin or transit.
2. Identifying good practices in measures to support protection programmes for unaccompanied minors in third countries.
3. Identifying best practices on child reception and protection, and in particular on issues such as procedures at first encounter, legal representation, appointment of a guardian, access to and adequacy of reception facilities, initial interviews, education and medical care.
4. Identifying good practices in specific measures and procedural guarantees for Unaccompanied Minors in the Union.
5. Evaluating the various experiences of combating the phenomenon of missing children and identifying best practices.
6. Identifying best practices on restoring family unity and reintegration of Unaccompanied Minors in their countries of origin.

2.3. Foreseen results

The available budget for grants should allow two projects to be co-financed depending on the individual grant amounts. The projects that are selected must enable the identification of good practices on prevention, reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors. Each project will help achieve one or more of the objectives within the priorities mentioned above and must present a good value/cost ratio. Possible outcomes of the projects

will be conferences, field work and exchange of information related to priorities mentioned above.

2.4. Timetable of the call for proposals

Publication of the call for proposals:	Q3 2012
Deadline for submission of proposals:	Q4 2012
Evaluation of proposals:	Q4 2012 – Q1 2013
Award decision:	Q1 2013
Commitments and grant agreements:	Q1 - Q2 2013
Implementation of actions:	as of Q1- Q2 2013

2.5. Maximum possible rate of co-financing

The maximum rate of co-financing is 90% of the total eligible costs.

2.6. Essential exclusion and eligibility criteria

a. Exclusion criteria

The applicant organisation involved in the project must not be in one of the situations listed in articles 93 and 94 of Council Regulation n°1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the General Budget of the European Communities.

b. Eligibility criteria

In addition to meeting the administrative requirements which will be listed in the call for proposals, applications must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ The applicant and its partners must be national, regional and local authorities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public or private bodies, university departments, research centres or international organisations.
- ✓ The applicant and its partners must be organisations working on a non-profit basis.
- ✓ The applicant and its partners must be registered in any EU Member State except Denmark.
- ✓ Actions must be implemented with the participation of at least four distinct organisations from at least four different Member States. One out of these four organisations must be an international organisation, while another two must be central

governmental authorities of any EU Member State except Denmark (such as ministries or national agencies).

2.7. Essential selection and award criteria

a. Selection criteria

Applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the action is being carried out and to participate in its funding. They must have the professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action and have expertise in the field of action.

b. Award criteria

The Commission will select the proposals achieving the highest score following evaluation according to the award criteria set out in the call for proposals, the essential award criteria being the relevance, quality, the overall effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the proposed action.

2.8. Form of the grant, value and duration of actions

Grants shall be covered by a written agreement.

The applicants must provide proof of assured co-financing at the time of the application.

The EU co-financing will not exceed 500.000 EUR and will not be less than 400.000 EUR.

The indicative maximum duration of projects is 12 months.