BM 216

Call for proposals for projects to preserve the sites of Nazi concentration camps as historical memorials

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1. **Context**

Article A-3035 of the General Budget of the European Union provides for grants to preserve Nazi concentration camps as historical memorials.

2. **Objective**

These grants are intended to provide financial aid for the preservations as memorials of the sites of former Nazi concentration camps and archives associated with the deportations.

3. **Eligibility**

Proposals will only be examined if they come from organisations established in one or more Member State of the European Union or applicant country which:

— have their own legal status at the time the application is submitted,

— are non-governmental,

— are non-profit-making,

— have as their principal aim to keep alive the memory of the victims of the Nazi concentration camps or to study the phenomenon from a historical perspective.

Preference will be given to projects involving cooperation between bodies from more than one European country.

4. **Selection criteria**

The grant is awarded after examination of the applicant's articles of association, previous year's financial statements, detailed programme and detailed estimates showing all income and expenditure for the financial year for which the grant is requested.

The Commission will decide whether to award a grant and at what level on the basis of the following criteria:

— the contribution of the applicant's project to improving the understanding of present and future generations of what took place in the camps and why,

— the quality of the programme and its implementation,

— the probable impact of the programme on the target public,

— the number of European countries in which the organisation is represented,

— the degree of cooperation or affiliation with organisations in other Member States of the Union,

— the real financial needs of the organisation,

— an assessment of the activities carried out by the applicant orgnisation in the previous year,

— the budgetary resources available to the Commission.

A formal decision on the use of approriations will be adopted by the Commission by written procedure on a proposal from one or more of its Members.

5. **Financial conditions**

5.1. Grants are awarded on a strictly annual basis and establish no entitlement for subsequent years.

5.2. The total budget available is EUR 250 000.

5.3. The number of beneficiaries in 1998 was 16.

5.4. The budget submitted with the application for a grant must give details of both income and expenditure. The total of estimated expenditure must be equal to the total of sources of funding (including the Commission grant requested).

5.5. The following direct costs shall be eligible:

— the cost of staff assigned to the project, corresponding to real salaries plus social security charges and other costs making up remuneration,

— travel and subsistence costs for staff taking part in the operation,

— purchase costs for equipment (new or used),

— the costs of consumables and supplies,

— expenditure on subcontracting, provided that the Commission has given advance written agreement for subcontracting,

— costs deriving directly from the requirements of the agreement (dissemination of information, specific evaluation of the operation, translation, reproduction, etc.), including, where appropriate, financial service costs (in particular the cost of financial guarantees), but not including exchange risks,

— a 'contingency reserve' of no more than 5 % of direct costs eligible.

5.6. 7 % of the total amount of eligible direct costs shall be eligible as indirect costs. Indirect costs shall be eligible provided they do not include costs assigned to another item of the budget. Indirect costs shall not be eligible where the applicant organisation is already receiving an operating subsidy from the Commission.

5.7. The following costs shall not be considered eligible:

— capital investment costs,

— provisions for possible future losses or debts,

— interest owed,

— debts,

— doubtful debts,

— exchange losses, except where the agreement makes explicit provision for them,

— contributions in kind. However, contributions in kind may be taken into account when the maximum amount of the grant is set,

— inordinate or ill-considered costs.

5.8. Organisations to which the Commission awards a grant will be sent an agreement specifying the terms and the amount of the grant in euro.

5.9. In no case will any grant exceed 85 percent of eligible costs.

5.10. The person authorised to represent the organisation must sign an undertaking to provide evidence that the grant has been correctly used and to allow the Commission and/or the Court of Auditors of the European Communities to inspect the organisation's accounts if they so choose.

5.11. Recipients of grants must publicly acknowledge that assistance has been received from the European Commission.

5.12. 80 percent of the grant will be paid within 60 days of the return of the agreement signed by the person authorised to represent the organisation. The balance will be paid within 60 days of the receipt and approval of a final report and financial statement on the completed project.

5.13. Expenditure incurred on items that do not figure in the agreement could lead the Commission to request repayment of part or al of the grant.

5.14. Where actual expenditure is lower than agreed, the Commission will request repayment of part or all of the grant.

6. Procedure for applying for a grant

6.1. The application for a grant must be made on a special form, which may be obtained from the following address:

European Commission,
Secretariat General,
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
N-9 2/1,
B-1049 Brussels.

The form is also available at the following Internet address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/sg/subvention/en/subv.pdf

6.2. A decision on whether or not to award a grant will be made within two months of 1 March, 1 June or 1 October depending on which of these dates next follows the date of receipt of the application. Organisations whose requests are not accepted will be notified in writing.

6.3. The application must be accompanied by the organisation's:

— programme of activities,

— annual budget,

— previous year's financial statements (balance sheet, profit and loss accounts) certified by an internal or external auditor (where such an audited statement is not available the accounts for the previous year, duly certified by the person responsible in the organisation, must be provided),

— statutes, constitution or articles of association.

6.4. Organisations which have received a grant from the Commission cannot be awarded a grant unless evidence has been provided of the correct use of that previous grant.

Call for proposals for the support of organisations advancing the idea of Europe

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1. **Context**

Article A-3021 of the General Budget of the European Union provides for grants to organisations which actively promote European integration.

2. **Objective**

These grants are intended to help cover the general expenses and execution of activity programmes of non-profit European organisations involved in advancing and raising awareness of the European ideal, particularly those seeking to establish transnational networks in order to increase their impact at European level. Grants can be awarded to help new organisations and networks advancing the idea of Europe set themselves up.

3. **Eligibility**

Proposals will only be examined if they come from European organisations established in one or more Member States of the European Union which:

— have their own legal status at the time the application is submitted,

— are non-governmental,

— are non-profit-making,

— have as their principal aim to further the cause of European integration and raise public awareness of, and commitment to, the objectives pursued by the European Institutions.

Preference will be given to organisations established in more than one Member State of the European Union or whose normal activities involve close cooperation with organisations in other Member States.

4. **Selection criteria**

The grant is awarded after examination of the applicant's articles of association, previous year's financial statements, detailed programme and detailed estimates showing all income and expenditure for the financial year for which the grant is requested.

The Commission will decide whether to award a grant and at what level on the basis of the following criteria:

— the contribution of the applicant's activities to the process of European integration,

— the quality of the programme and its implementation,