

# EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME IN ROMANIA

FINANCED THROUGH EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM 2014-2021

BILATERAL FUNDS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2017 - PREPARATORY VISITS

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

1. **FUNDING SOURCES:** the EEA Financial Mechanism (EEA) 2014-2021 and the Romanian Government
2. **DONOR STATES:** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway
3. **BENEFICIARY STATE:** Romania
4. **PROGRAMME OPERATOR:** National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training (Agentia Nationala pentru Programe Comunitare in Domeniul Educatiei si Formarii Profesionale, ANPCDEF)
5. **SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME:** Contributing to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and strengthening the bilateral relations between the EEA states and Romania.
6. **GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Enhancing the human capital and knowledge base in Romania
7. **AREAS OF SUPPORT:**
  - *Enhancing the quality and relevance of education and training in the Romania at all levels of education*
  - *Higher education student learning mobility and staff mobility between donor and beneficiary countries*
  - *Cooperation and partnerships between education and the world of work*
  - *Professional development of teachers*
  - *Improvement of the Roma population inclusion*

**8. TOTAL BUDGET: 14 117 647 EURO (out of which 12 000 000 Euro from Donor States and 2 117 647 Euro from the national budget)**

**PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PREPARATORY VISITS:**

Please read this document in connection with the [Applicants Guide 2017](#), which is an official part of this Call.

[http://www.eea4edu.ro/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Applicants-Guide-2017\\_EN.pdf](http://www.eea4edu.ro/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Applicants-Guide-2017_EN.pdf)

**1. BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE CALL: 50 000 Euro<sup>1</sup>**

The minimum allocated grant per project is 425 Euro and the maximum allocated grant is 3860 Euro.

**2. TYPES OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED:**

**PREPARATORY VISITS**

**NB: Applications for visits aiming at initiating projects that address any of the priorities mentioned below will be encouraged through additional priority points (20% of the maximum possible score) (for more details, see [Applicants Guide 2017](#)).**

**Priorities**

- Social inclusion
- Democracy and citizenship education
- Improvement of the inclusion of the Roma population
- Projects that envisage synergies with programmes: Research, Business Development, Innovation and SMEs, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security.

**3. WHO COULD APPLY**

For Preparatory Visits, applicants must be accredited higher education institutions (universities) from Romania which hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), accredited HEI's from DS, Romanian County school inspectorates, Romanian Teacher Training Centres, Romanian County Centers for Resources and Educational Assistance from Romania, VET schools from Romania, any private or public entity of DS who has relevance to the education sector, youth and training Industry, SMEs and other organisations from the world of work can participate as partners in education cooperation projects in Higher Education and VET. Individuals apply for grants via an institution.

**4. CO-FUNDING**

For Preparatory Visits the grant will cover 100% of the eligible costs.

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<sup>1</sup>: 50 000 Euro represent an initial allocation; as long as the Programme implementation progresses, this allocation may be increased, according to the needs

## 5. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

The application form and annexes relevant for the type of the project

|                           | <b>Application Form</b>             | <b>Formal eligibility checklist</b> | <b>Quality assessment form</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Preparatory Visits</b> | <a href="#">Click here to apply</a> | <a href="#">download</a>            | <a href="#">download</a>       |

### **Annexes for Preparatory Visits applications:**

- a) copy of the official invitation letter (the template can be found [here](#)) from the host institution/organization/company and
- b) (draft) agenda of the visit. These two documents will be attached to the application form along with
- c) the declaration of honour of the legal representative of the applicant institution (this document will be printed, signed and scanned).

## 6. HOW TO APPLY?

**The completed application has to be sent online using the submission tool available at [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro). The compulsory annexes (a, b, c) will be uploaded.**

## 7. DEADLINES

**The applications for Preparatory Visits will continue to be received under a rolling deadline (but no later than 30.06.2022, 22.00 hours); they will be sent at least 4 weeks before the date when the visit is due to start.**

(except for the applications for contact seminars, which will be analyzed case by case)

**Any application sent after the above-mentioned date will be declared ineligible.**

## 8. CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT

After the online submission of application, the applicant will receive an automatic submission confirmation.

## 9. PUBLICATION OF THE SELECTION RESULTS

Results will be published on the website [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro) **within 5 working days** from the receipt of the application.

## **10. NB: CONCERNING DOUBLE FUNDING**

According to the principles of correct and sound financial management, double funding is strictly forbidden.

Thus costs for the same activity cannot be covered from two different funding sources, with the exception of the case where complementarity can be clearly proven.

Funding for the one and the same project cannot be granted more than once.

Also, if identical applications (in content) will be identified or if applications will contain paragraphs similar or identical to other applications (no matter if submitted under the same deadline or not and no matter if submitted by the same candidate or different candidates, for the EEA grant programme or for another programme managed by ANPCDEFPP), these applications will be REJECTED.

In the case where double funding is discovered after the respective applications have already been approved and funded, the grant beneficiaries will have to return to ANPCDEFPP all the amounts already received for the implementation of the project.

## **11. OTHER INFORMATION**

Please find all the necessary details regarding eligible activities, duration of projects/activities, levels of allocated grants according to various types of activities, types of funding, evaluation criteria and reporting in the Applicants Guide 2017 and Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021. We strongly recommend careful reading of these documents before submitting an application.

During application, selection and implementation stages, you can contact the technical officers at the following e-mail addresses:

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