

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

**FINANCED THROUGH THE EEA GRANTS 2014-2021  
CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2018 (Round 2)**

**PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
(VET)**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

**1.1 FUNDING SOURCES:** The EEA Grants 2014-2021 and the Romanian Government

**1.2 DONOR STATES (DS):** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway

**1.3 BENEFICIARY STATE:** Romania

**1.4 PROGRAMME OPERATOR (PO):** 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)

**1.5 Donor Programme Partners:** The Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education - **DIKU** and the National Agency for International Education Affairs (Liechtenstein) – **AIBA**.

**1.6 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.

**1.7 GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** *Enhanced human capital and knowledge base*

**1.8 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE OF VET PROGRAMME:** Improved quality of work-based learning

**1.9 AREA OF SUPPORT:**

- *Enhanced cooperation between the VET schools and the partner companies participating in the projects*
- *Facilitated learning mobility between Romania and DS for VET training responsables (traineeships tutors in companies and VET teachers in schools)*

**1.10 PROGRAMME RESULTS FRAMEWORK** could be found [here](#).

**1.11 TOTAL BUDGET: 2 087 647 EURO (out of which 1 774 500 Euro from Donor States and 313 147 Euro from the national budget)**

## **2. PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF VET**

Please read this document in connection with the [Guideline for Applicants 2018 \(Round 2\)](#), which is an official part of this Call.

### **2.1 BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE CALL: 729 115 Euro**

The minimum allocated grant per project is 24 000 Euro and the maximum allocated grant is 35 000 Euro.

### **2.2 TYPES OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED:**

#### **Partnership cooperation and mobility projects in the VET field**

The main objective of the projects in the VET field is to improve the quality of work-based learning for VET students for a better matchmaking of students` skills to labour market demands by facilitating the exchange of experience between VET institutions and partner companies in Romania and similar institutions from Donor States (for more details, see **Guidelines for applicants 2018 (Round 2)**, published on [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro)).

**Priorities:** In the selection process, the applications submitted by: VET schools situated in rural and/or disadvantaged areas, special VET schools for pupils with special needs and VET schools enrolling Roma students amounting to at least 10% of students enrolled will be considered as a priority and they will receive bonus points (10 points for each category). The priority points won't be awarded unless the minimum score was achieved by the project. For more details please read the [Guidelines for applicants 2018 \(Round 2\)](#).

### **2.3 PROJECT RESULTS**

The projects submitted under this Call for Proposals should contribute to the achievement of the following direct results (outputs) and indirect results (outcomes):

| <b>Number</b>            | <b>Programme results</b>                       | <b>Indicators</b>  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Outcome 4<br/>VET</b> | <i>Improved quality of work-based learning</i> | 90% of staff in VET schools who declare better skills/ competencies                    |
|                          |  | 90% of tutors in companies who declare better skills/ competencies                     |
|                          |  | 85% of participating students in WBL, who declare acquiring improved learning outcomes |

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| Output 4.1 | <i>Enhanced cooperation between the VET schools and the partner companies participating in the projects</i>   | 20 of Local school curricula re-designed by the schools and the companies to match the needs of the local labor market |
|            |   | 75 of partnerships concluded, conformed with ECVET requirements  |
| Output 4.2 | <i>Facilitated learning mobility between BS and DS for VET training responsables (traineeships tutors in companies and VET teachers in schools)</i> | 300 of VET training responsables and tutors in companies benefitting from study visits                                 |
|            |   | 10 of supported schools enrolling at least 10% Roma students   |

## 2.4 WHO COULD APPLY

Applicants must be VET schools from Romania.

## 2.5 CO-FUNDING

The grant will cover 100% of the eligible costs.

## 2.6 APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

### 2.6.1 The application form and annexes relevant for the project:

| Application Form |  | Eligibility check                 |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| VET projects     | <a href="#">Click to download the application form (RO only)</a> | <a href="#">Click to download</a> |

### Annexes of the applications (compulsory):

- Copies of the inter-institutional agreements (bilateral agreements) concluded with the partner companies for students` internships (practical stages).
- [Declaration of honour](#) of the legal representative of the applicant institution (this document will be printed, signed and then scanned and attached).
- Copy of the letter of intent from Donor State host institution, confirming the availability for hosting the Study Visit.
- [Table of detailed budget](#).

If the applicant is a non-public institution, the documents mentioned in 2.6.2 and 2.6.3 must also be attached to the application form, besides the documents mentioned in 2.6.1.

**2.6.2 Only for Romanian non-public institutions:** copy of the registration in the Register of Commerce and the Ministry of Public Finances;

**2.6.3 Only for Romanian non-public institutions:** the fiscal certificate, proving the lack of unpaid debts to the State budget.

## **2.7 HOW TO APPLY?**

The completed application, in Romanian, has to be sent electronically to [proiecte\\_VET@eea4edu.ro](mailto:proiecte_VET@eea4edu.ro) All the compulsory annexes will be attached.

## **2.8 DEADLINE: 03.05.2019 at 13.00 hours (Romanian time)**

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

## **2.9 CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT:**

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

## **2.10 PUBLICATION OF SELECTION RESULTS :**

Results will be published on the website [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro), no later than **01.07.2019**

## **2.11 CONCERNING DOUBLE FUNDING:**

According to the principles of 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 cases where complementarity can be clearly proven.

Funding for 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 Grants 2014-2021 programme or for another programme managed by ANPCDEFP), 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 ANPCDEFP all the amounts already received for the implementation of the project.

## **2.12. OTHER INFORMATION:**

All the necessary details regarding eligible activities and participants, duration of projects/activities, levels of allocated grants according to various types of activities, types of funding, evaluation criteria and reporting requirements can be found in the **Guidelines for applicants 2018 (Round 2)**. We strongly recommend careful reading of this document before submitting an application, together with the legal basis:

- [Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Grants 2014-2021 and Annex 3 on Information and Communication Requirements](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and the Government of Romania on the Implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021](#)
- [Guideline for Educational Programmes - Rules for the establishment and implementation of programmes falling under programme area 3 “Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship”](#)
- [Government Ordinance no 34/2017 concerning the institutional framework for the coordination, implementation and management of financial support granted to Romania through the EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021](#)

During the application, selection and implementation stages, you can contact the following technical officers:

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