

**“What’s new, Committee 2?”  
 Social Policy and Public Health  
 \*SPECIAL Funding Opportunities\*  
 January 2010**

**ICT Policy Support Programme**

The ICT Policy Support Programme aims at a wider uptake and best use of ICT and digital content by citizens, governments and businesses. A fourth call for proposals opened on 21<sup>st</sup> January **till 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010.** One of the themes detailed in the ICT PSP annual Work Programme is dedicated to **ICT for health and inclusion.**

**E-health**

The main objectives under this theme are to increase the international cooperation in the field of e-health, to extend the scope of the currently running epSOS pilot (Objective 3.1.), to support the scaling up of e-health services and to support the EU e-health governance initiative (Objective 3.2.).

**Social Inclusion and Accessibility**

This call for proposals also includes a section on inclusion, addressing the issue of accessibility and usability problems for people with disabilities and elderly people, but also for many people who are not familiar with ICT. (Objective 3.3).  
 Finally, the European Commission will also fund one or several thematic network(s) to develop a Europe-wide and single entry portal in the field of Assistive Technology. (Objective 3.4.)

More information on the 4th Call under the ICT Policy Support Programme as well as the presentations made during the Infoday is available on the website of the European Commission:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_psp/participating/calls/all\\_proposals\\_10/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/participating/calls/all_proposals_10/index_en.htm)

**Health**

**EU Health Programme 2010 Call**

The European Commission has launched its annual call for projects, tenders, operating grants, conferences and joint actions in the framework of the "Second Health Programme" (2008-2013). A total budget of 47.1 million euros is available for the execution of the 2010 Work Plan and for funding the European organisations active in the area of public health.

**Deadline for submitting proposals is 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

The AER Secretariat has prepared a note on the funding opportunities available under the 2010 Call: <http://www.aer.eu/main-issues/health.html> (please log in to access the document)

**Research on Demographic Change**

**DG EMPL’s 2010 Annual Programme of Grants and Contracts**

A line of the budget of DG EMPL is dedicated to the analysis of and studies of the social situation, demographics and the family. In addition, a number of smaller activities (seminar, events and communication activities) on issues related to Europe’s demographic future and social policy issues will benefit from this budget line.

More information on the DG EMPL’s 2010 Annual Programme of Grants and Contracts at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=86>

**FP7- European Research Council Advanced Grant**

The European Research Council (ERC) is funding research projects in the following domains:

- Ageing, Work Social Policies (SH2\_2)
- Population Dynamics (SH3\_7)

**Deadline for submitting proposals is 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010.**

More information is available at:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.IdeasDetailsCallPage&call\\_id=293](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.IdeasDetailsCallPage&call_id=293)

## Emergency Planning

### Civil Protection Financial Instrument Call for Proposals 2010

The 2010 call for proposals for cooperation projects in the field of civil protection has been launched. **Prevention** and **Preparedness** projects can be funded under this call.

**The deadline for submission of proposals is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.**

Detailed calls for projects and tenders can be found on the website of DG Environment:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/cp03\\_2010\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/cp03_2010_en.htm)

### Interreg IVC – 3rd Call for Capitalisation Projects!

The Third Call for Capitalisation projects has been launched. This call does not aim at developing new best practices but it focuses on the identification, analysis and dissemination of existing good practices in a certain policy area by public authorities, in order to improve the effectiveness of regional and local policies.

One of the two priority themes of 2010 is **environment and risk prevention**. For this specific call, only capitalisation projects and fast track projects (selected capitalisation projects benefiting from additional expertise from the European Commission in order to contribute to the Regions for Economic Change Initiative) will be funded. The budget of ERDF allocated to Capitalisation Projects ranges between EUR 1 and 2 million and the recommended duration should not exceed 24 months.

**Applicants should submit the application at the latest by 5 March 2010.** The application pack of the third call can be downloaded on the programme website: [www.interreg4c.eu](http://www.interreg4c.eu)

## Partner Search!

### Project on Medical Waste Management Training

The Provincial Administration of Istanbul (TR) wants to launch a project on Medical Waste Management Training for hospital staff. The idea is to make a transfer of an innovative project within the scope of the Life Long Learning Programme.

To this end, the Provincial Administration of Istanbul is currently searching for a project that has already been successfully implemented. Do you know about a completed project in the field of training of hospital staff on medical waste? Inform the AER Comm 2 Secretariat! ([c.bullot@aer.eu](mailto:c.bullot@aer.eu))

### Partnership Search in Risk Prevention (Interreg IVC)

The Harghita County Development Agency, subordinated to the Harghita County Council (RO) is interested in a partnership in Interreg IVC on the prevention of natural disasters. The project would mainly focus on the evaluation of potential risks, the creation of operational plans, the training of local volunteer fire-brigades and the transfer of know-how at the European level.

Is your region interested in joining such a project? Contact the AER Secretariat ([c.bullot@aer.eu](mailto:c.bullot@aer.eu)), and we will put you in contact with the County's Development Agency.