Policy Co-operation and Innovation in Lifelong Learning (Key Activity 1)
Mobility of Individuals
Study Visits for education and vocational training specialists

[PCI 1]
Within the priorities set in the general call for proposals, the following information can be used.

Objectives and description of the action

The objective of the action is to support policy development and cooperation at European level in lifelong learning, notably in the context of the Lisbon process and Education and Training 2010 Work Programme, as well as the Bologna and Copenhagen processes and their successors.

A study visit is normally a short-term visit of three to five days for a small group (ideally 10-15 people) of specialists and decision makers representing various groups of education and vocational training stakeholders with the purpose of examining a particular aspect of lifelong learning in another participating country.

The visits are organised locally or regionally under the coordination at the national level by the National agency and at the European level by Cedefop on behalf of the Commission.

The study visits provide a forum for discussion, exchange and mutual learning on themes of common interest and of European and national priorities, contributing to the exchange of innovative ideas and practices and promoting the quality and transparency of education and training systems of the participating countries.

For each call a framework of themes is defined following the priorities agreed by the Lifelong Learning Programme Committee; however, the national authorities can choose topics according to their national priorities. Study visits will examine the themes from:

- the general education perspective,
- the vocational education and training perspective,
- a comprehensive lifelong learning perspective.

Furthermore, during the study visits participants have an opportunity to establish professional contacts that might potentially be used for developing new projects and creating networks.

For more information please visit the study visits programme website
http://studyvisits.cedefop.europa.eu

Who can benefit

- Representatives of local, regional and national authorities;
- directors of education and vocational training institutions, centres or providers;
- directors of guidance centres;
- directors of validation or accreditation centres;
- heads of departments;
- head teachers, teacher trainers;
- educational and vocational training inspectors;
- representatives of education and training networks and associations;
- pedagogical or guidance advisers;
- representatives of educational services, labour offices or guidance centres;

- human resource managers;
- company training managers;
- representatives of chambers of commerce/ industry/crafts;
- representatives of employers' organisations;
- representatives of trade unions;
- owners/managers of SMEs;
- researchers;
- other.

Who can apply	Individuals

Selection Procedure	NA1	**Management of selected projects**	National Agency

Minimal size of the consortium	Non-applicable
Participating countries	Please refer to Part II - section 3.1 of the Lifelong Learning 2007 general Call for Proposals
Duration, methods of funding, level of funding	Please refer to Part II -Annex IA5 and Annex III, Table 5a 12 of the Lifelong Learning 2008 general Call for Proposals
Funded activities	Please refer to Part II - section 7.2 of the Lifelong Learning 2008 general Call for Proposals
Political priorities for this action	Please refer to Part I, Chapter 2, 1.1 of the Lifelong Learning 2008 general Call for Proposals

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