Comenius
Networks

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Within the priorities set in the general call for proposals, the following information can be used

Objectives and description of the action

Comenius networks encourage the networking of educational establishments and organisations involved in multilateral projects on subjects of common interest. They are designed to promote European co-operation and innovation in specific thematic areas of particular importance to school education in a European context. They will therefore target priority thematic areas mentioned in the call for proposals.

Such networks will constitute:

- A platform to assist the persons and institutions involved in Comenius in strengthening their co-operation, and enabling them to maintain and consolidate their European co-operation beyond the period of Community support for their specific projects
- A forum for joint reflection and co-operation in identifying and promoting innovation and best practice in the thematic area concerned.

Most participants in the networks will be educational establishments which are currently taking part in projects under Comenius or which have finished such projects, or which are engaged in initiating new projects under one or both of these Actions.

Within the priorities announced in the general call for proposals, **the following activities may be supported:**

- Activities to facilitate and enhance European co-operation, such as exchanging information, training of project co-ordinators, promoting new projects, disseminating project results and good practice
- Activities to promote educational innovation and best practice in the thematic area concerned, such as comparative analyses, case studies, formulating recommendations and organising working groups, seminars or conferences and other dissemination activities
- Activities relating to project co-ordination and management

As a **minimum,** each network will be expected to:

- Establish a website and other appropriate tools to support information exchange and dissemination
- Produce an annual report on the state of innovation in its area of activity
- Provide the 'players' in Comenius with full information about the network's events and activities
- Organise an annual meeting of Comenius projects working in the thematic area of the network. This meeting can be in the form of an open seminar or conference, combining several objectives of the network

Who can benefit

- Institutions or organisations providing initial and/or in-service training for teachers and other categories of school education staff
- All types of schools, whether providing general, vocational or technical education. This comprises pre-primary, primary schools and secondary schools, including special schools and institutions not normally called schools but which provide education of the type described and below the level of higher education. Both public and recognised private schools are covered

- Other institutions or organisations active in school education (including research centres, training centres active in the field of education management or guidance and counselling, educational authorities and public or private companies)
- Authorities, institutions or organisations which are not in themselves educational, but whose action can contribute to developing high-quality education
- Networks, voluntary associations and other not-for-profit organisations and undertakings active in the field of education

Who can apply	Co-ordinating organisation on behalf of the consortium

Selection Procedure	COM	**Management of selected projects**	Executive Agency

Minimal size of the consortium	Please refer to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency website
Participating countries	Please refer to Part II – section 3.1 of the Lifelong Learning 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals
Duration , methods of funding, level of funding	Please refer to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency website
Funded activities	Please refer to Part II – section 7 of the Lifelong Learning 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals
Political priorities for this action	Please refer to Part I of the Lifelong Learning 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals

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