



How can an NGO benefit from EC grants?

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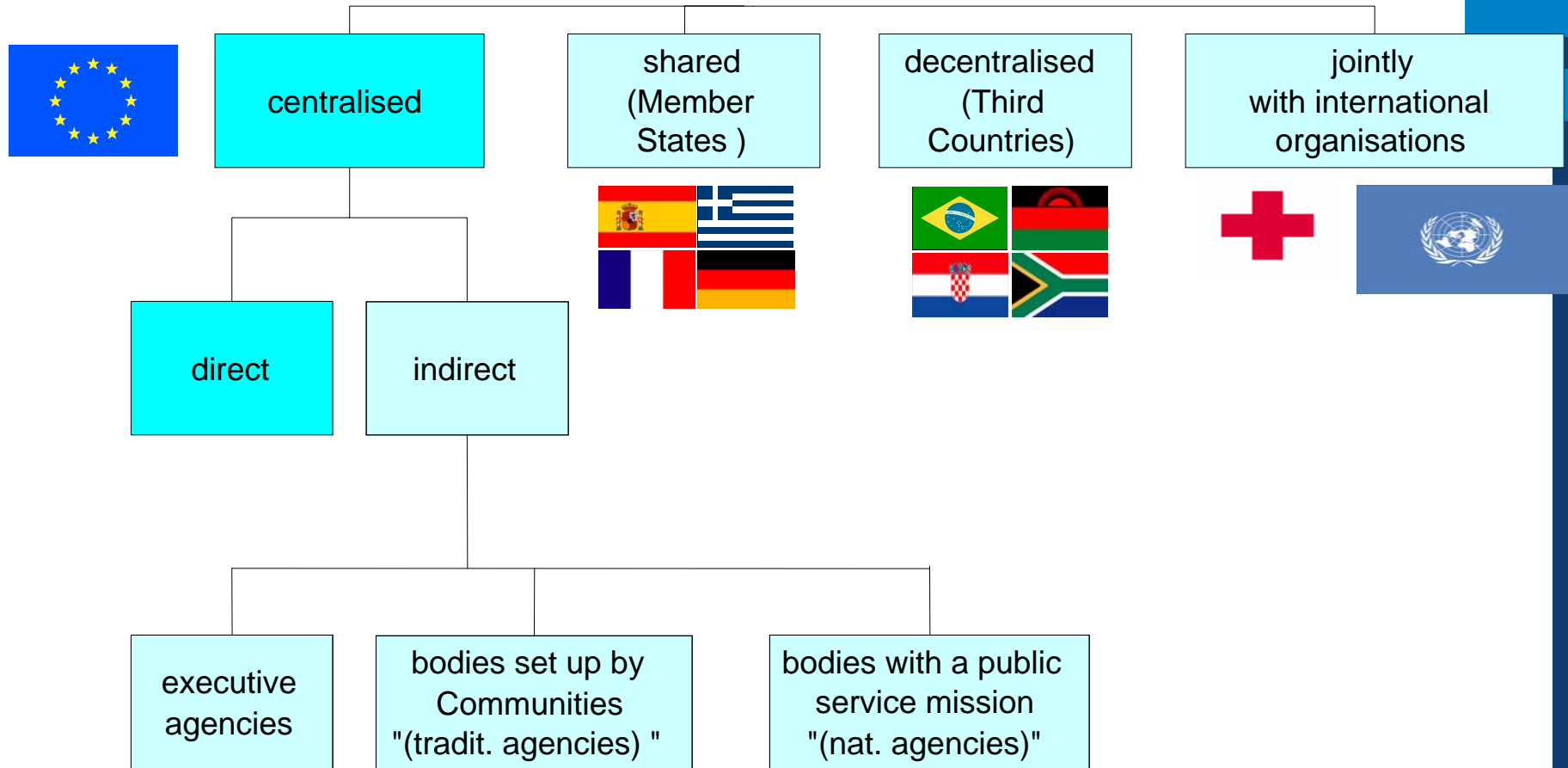
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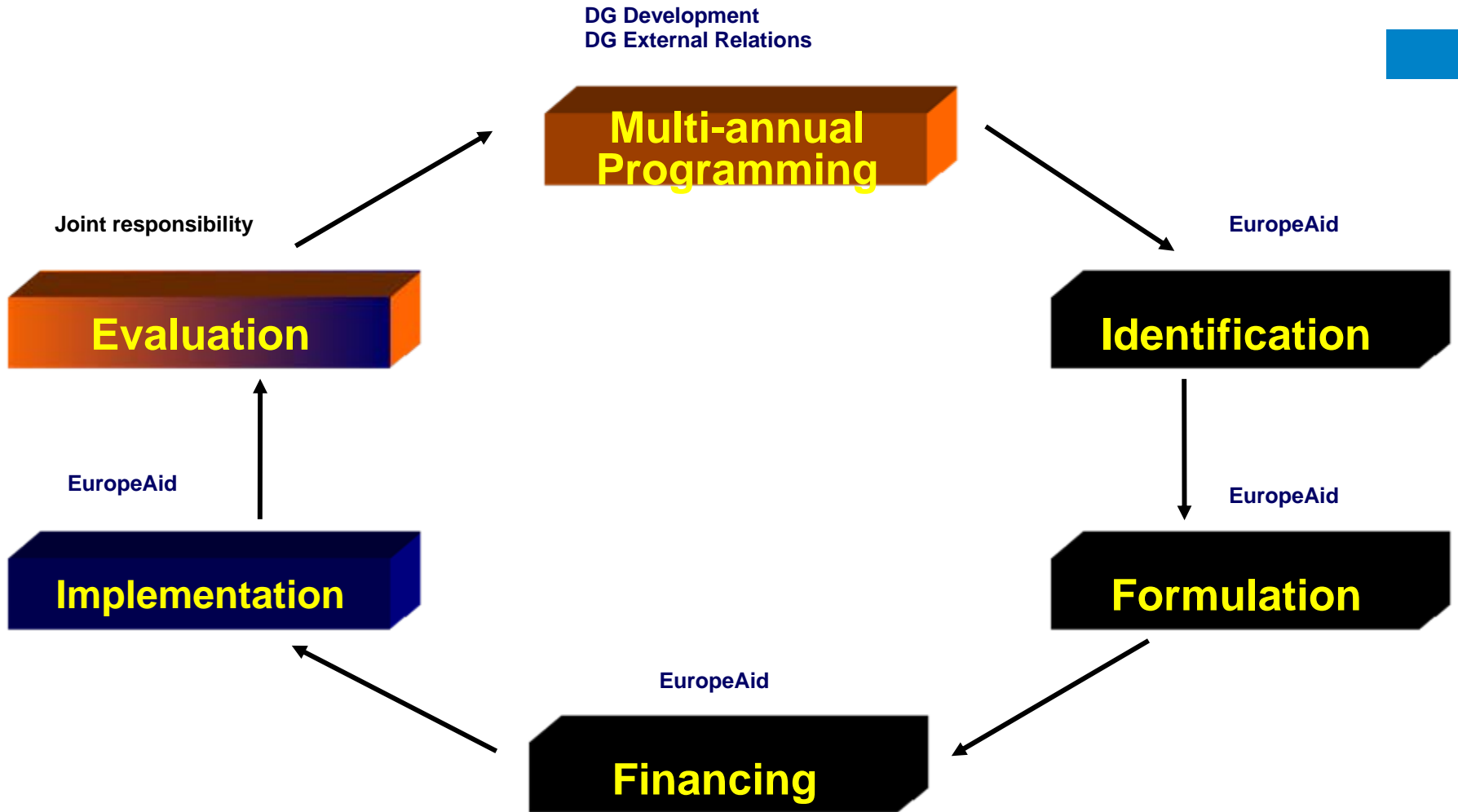
Summary

- Who manages? Who does what?
- What is a grant?
- Basic rules
- Award procedures
- Publication requirements
- Evaluation & Contract award - Recommendations

Who manages?



Who does what?



Management Tools

- Practical Guide to contract procedures in the context of EC external actions (PRAG)

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/practical_guide/index_en.htm

- PADOR

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/online-services/pador/index_en.htm

What is a grant?

- Payment of non-commercial nature
- Achievement of an objective forming part of a European Union policy (or of the EU-ACP Agreement)
- Implementation of an action or functioning of a body

What is a grant?

-comparison with a tender

Procurement		Grant
Purchase of services/supplies/works	Object	-Action proposed by a potential beneficiary, intended to achieve an EU-policy objective; or -Functioning of a body
Contracting Authority	Owner of results	Grant beneficiary
100%	Financial contribution	Co-financing - % of total eligible costs Reimbursement of the actual eligible cost incurred
Tenders	Procedure	Calls for proposal
PROFIT		NO PROFIT ALLOWED

Basic rules

Programming	annual work programme
Transparency	publicity of calls for proposals
Equal treatment	impartial evaluation on the basis of published criteria
No cumulative grants	only one grant per action
No retroactivity	except in crisis situations
Co-financing	unless exception for external actions
No profit	balance between income and expenditure

How to award a grant?

- Call for Proposals:
 - Open or restricted
 - International

- Exceptions where direct award may be allowed:
 - urgency or crisis situation
 - de jure or de facto monopoly
 - mention in basic act
 - joint management with an international organisation
 - grants of low amount (less than 10 000€) in decentralised management

Open call for proposals: steps

1. Publicity
2. Receipt and registration
3. Opening and administrative check
4. Assessment of the quality of the concept notes
5. Assessment of the technical and financial quality of the proposal
6. Eligibility
7. Committee's recommendations
8. Approval of the Evaluation Report with list
9. Contract preparation
10. Publicity

Where to find information?

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm

European Commission
External cooperation programmes

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European Commission > EuropeAid

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Funding Opportunities

Announcements

The Info Point for External Cooperation has now got a brand new website. Enjoy the visit!

Latest News

Ferrero-Waldner, European Commissioner for External Relations & European

Story from the field

European Development Days - 2007 edition
The second edition of the European Development Days (EDD), devoted to the theme Climate Change and Development Cooperation, will take place in Lisbon from 7 to 9 November. This video shows three projects funded by the EU to tackle climate change: combating desertification in Mali; exploiting natural resources without damaging the environment in Brazil and adapting to climate change in Sri Lanka.

Watch the video

Quick Access

Regions/Countries Themes Programmes

EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT DAYS
An initiative to promote Development Co-operation & Environment

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External Cooperation

Where to find information?

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl>



The screenshot shows the top part of the EuropeAid website. It features the European Commission logo and the text 'Europa The European Commission'. Below this is the 'EuropeAid' logo. A link for 'Quick search (latest opportunities)' is visible. A search type selector is set to 'By Reference'. There is a 'Reference:' input field with a 'Clear' button and a 'Submit Query' button. At the bottom, it shows 'Search Version : 2.0 - 30/01/2007' and 'Data version - 2.2 - 05/09/2007'.

Important Notice :

This webpage is currently being updated in view of the new external cooperation instruments. these instruments will temporarily be published under "OTHER", which also includes any proje the programmes specified in the search function.

General remarks :

- Notices are published in the language of the program for the country in question (EN/FR/ES/PT)
- International call for tenders are simultaneously published in the supplement S of the Official Jour Communities available from the TED (Tenders Electronic Daily) at <http://ted.europa.eu/>
- Annual work programmes for grants are published by 31 March each year

Search for details of EU external aid projects

How to operate ?

Quick search

Either click on the "Quick search" button to see all tender opportunities and calls for proposals published (calendar) days.
Or select the appropriate search type from the drop-down menu at the top of the left hand frame:

1/ Search by Reference

2/ Search by Programme

3/ Search by Country

Guidelines for applicants

- include application form and other annexes (standard contract, budget etc)

Inform on

- the objectives of the programme,
- the priority and themes to be funded
- Number of concept notes that will be selected
- Eligibility rules
- the procedures to be followed by applicants,
- the selection and award criteria

Submission of proposals

- Submission period
 - Open call: minimum 90 days (60 if grants below €100.000)
 - Restricted call: minimum 45 days + 45 days
- Questions by applicants 21 days before deadline, answer from Contracting Authority 11 days before (on the EuropeAid website)

The proposals must be **sent** by the deadline

Open call for proposals

- (1) Opening + administrative check
- (2)
 - a) Evaluation of the concept note
-selection of concept notes
 - b) Evaluation of the full proposals of selected concept notes
- provisional selection of proposals & reserve list
 - c) Supporting documents* to be submitted within 10 days by the provisionally selected applicants
- (3)
 - a) Eligibility verification of the supporting documents of the provisionally selected applicants
 - b) Final selection of the proposals recommended for funding

*not applicable for grants below €25.000. Supporting documents may exceptionally be asked for earlier in the procedure

Score	Meaning
1	very poor
2	poor
3	adequate
4	good
5	very good

	Scores	
1. Relevance of the action	Sub-score	15
1.1 Relevance of the problems to needs and constraints of the country/region to be addressed in general, and to those of the target groups and final beneficiaries in particular	5	
1.2 Relevance to the priorities and objectives mentioned in the Guidelines	5(x2)*	
2. Effectiveness and Feasibility of the action	Sub-score	25
2.1 Assessment of the problem identification and analysis	5	
2.2 Assessment of the proposed activities (practicality and consistency in relation to the objectives, purpose and expected results).	5(x2)*	
2.3 Assessment of the role and involvement of all stakeholders and proposed partners.	5(x2)*	
3. Sustainability of the action	Sub-score	10
3.1 Assessment of the identification of the main assumptions and risks, before the start up and throughout the implementation period.	5	
3.2 Assessment of the identification of long-term sustainable impact on the target groups and final beneficiaries.	5	
TOTAL SCORE		50

Evaluation full proposal

- Relevance (25 points – pass threshold 20)
 - Methodology (25 points)
 - Sustainability (15 points)
 - Budget & cost-effectiveness (15 points)
- Financial & Operational Capacity (20 points – pass threshold 12)

Eligibility New Member States – 10th EDF

- Eligibility of applicant (+ partners)
 - ✓ nationality
 - ✓ grounds for exclusion
 - ✓ category of accepted applicant

- 1. Check – based on applicant's declaration – part IV of the Application form

- 2. Supporting documents*

* Do not apply for grants below 25,000

Further information...

General

http://ec.europa.eu/development/index_en.cfm

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/index.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm

Specific

The Contracting Authority

The Delegation in the beneficiary country

Procedures

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/index_en.htm

Any questions?

