

## PROGRAMME PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

### FUNDS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS



#### AREA FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS:

To promote cooperation and strengthen bilateral relations between entities, in order to reduce social and economic disparities involved in the access to healthcare, with a focus on:

- Reduction of inequalities in nutrition;
- Improvement of mental health facilities;
- Improvement in prevention and treatment of the communicable diseases;
- Improvement national health registries, health information and data management and use.

#### OBJECT:

According to the Article 3.6 of the Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism, EEA Grants 2009-2014 and the point 5.1 of the *Programme Agreement*, the proposals must focus on strengthening of bilateral relations with the Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), dissemination of results during or after the project implementation, provided that the expenses and activities with the FBR are executed until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, for the dissemination of results (for those projects that have ended the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016), through the networking and exchanges of experiences, transfer of knowledge and best practices between project promoters and entities from the Donor States and also for the dissemination of results for those projects that have yet to conclude their implementation period.

#### AVAILABLE FUND:

The fund available is €82.260,48 to be allocated in the 2016-2017 period.

#### MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS FOR EACH PROJECT:

To be defined.

#### AMOUNT FUNDED BY THE EEA GRANTS:

The financed amount will depend on the proposal total score, as following:

Final score of the proposal	Funded by the EEA Grants
Less than 250 points	Excluded
Between 250 to 375 points	70%
Between 376 to 499 points	80%
500 points	90%

#### DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS:

Proposals will be evaluated continually until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Final deadline for submission: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

#### CANDIDATES ELEGIBILITY:

Project Promoters funded by the *Programme Public Health Initiatives* (predefined project | projects selected for funding through the call for proposals) that have either concluded their activities or that are still executing them, and that are all legally established in Portugal.

#### EXPEDITURES ELEGIBILITY:

Expenditures are eligible if according to the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the Article 7.7 of the *Regulation on the Implementation of the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism, EEA Grants 2009-2014*, such as:

- a) fees and travel costs for participation in conferences, seminars, courses, meetings and workshops;
- b) travel costs for study trips;
- c) travel and salary costs for visits by experts;
- d) costs of conferences, seminars, courses, meetings and workshops.

#### SELECTION PROCESS AND DECISION FOR FUNDING:

Proposals must be submitted to ACSS, IP - the Programme Operator (OP), in English and Portuguese up to the deadline. An external Committee for selecting proposals, duly nominated by the Programme Operator, will score each proposal according to the previously established criteria.

A minute prepared by that Committee with the evaluation will be submitted to the PO for decision. Subsequently, the PO notifies the candidates of the decision process in 10 working days and will publish the results on the Programme website, in which the call was announced ([www.dgs.pt/acss](http://www.dgs.pt/acss)).

All of the applications will be individually evaluated according to the justifications provided.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

The selection process is supported by the following criteria:

ITEM	Scores				
	0	25	50	75	100
<b>DOES THE PROPOSAL CONTRIBUTE TO THE EEA GRANTS 2009-2014 OBJECTIVES?</b>					
a) For strengthening bilateral relations?					
▪ Are there planned actions for enhancing exchanges of experience with donor countries and contact with best practices in the domain of the project?					
b) For reducing social and economic disparities in the health care access?					
▪ The acquired knowledge is clearly applicable for achieving the project objectives?					
<b>IS THE PROPOSAL SUSTAINABLE IN TERMS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION?</b>					
a) For maintaining bilateral relations after the conclusion of the project?					
▪ Specific contribution of the project					
▪ The applicant has tradition in cooperating with entities from donor countries or entities from other beneficiary countries?					
b) For developing new bilateral relations					
<b>Total (max. 500 points)</b>					

A proposal scored with less than 250 points will not be funded. Financing of proposals will depend on the total amount available.



## PROPOSALS SUBMISSION:

Previous to the submission of a proposal, exclusively made by email in a 'pdf' format, candidates are advised to look at information about funds for bilateral relations available in documents and websites related to the EEA Grants ([www.dgs.pt/acss](http://www.dgs.pt/acss) e <http://www.eeagrants.gov.pt>):

- *Guideline for Strengthened Bilateral Relations:*  
[http://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/images/documentos\\_legais/guidelines\\_strengthened\\_bilateral\\_r  
elations.pdf](http://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/images/documentos_legais/guidelines_strengthened_bilateral_relations.pdf)
- *Regulation of the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2009-2014:* [http://www.dgs.pt/acss-eea-grants/publicacoes/regulation-of-the-implementation-of-the-european-  
economic-area-eea-financial-mechanism-2009-2014.aspx](http://www.dgs.pt/acss-eea-grants/publicacoes/regulation-of-the-implementation-of-the-european-economic-area-eea-financial-mechanism-2009-2014.aspx)

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