



**CALL FOR PARTNERS IN THE FRAME OF EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS FUND
FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT, ACTIVE YOUTH – Call no. 2017-1**

“Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați, public institution based in Domnească Street, no. 47, Galați, Romania, represented by Professor PhD Iulian Gabriel Bîrsan, as Rector, is announcing the organizing of a private partner selection procedure, in order to elaborate and submit a project application in the frame of EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment, Call no. 2017-1 – Active Youth.

General information:

Unemployment, especially among young people, is one of the enduring negative consequences of the financial crisis in Europe. Despite positive tendencies in employment rates, youth unemployment in EU Member States is still over 18% on average. So combatting youth unemployment and addressing the needs of NEETs has become one of the highest priorities of the European agenda.

This call for transnational projects addressing youth unemployment has three principal support areas:

- a) Innovation and exploration**
- b) Transfer of know-how and good practice**
- c) Analysis and research**

Each of these support areas are described below. All support areas imply networking and close cooperation with entities in other eligible countries, including expertise partners established in a Donor State, in a non-eligible EU Member State or an international organisation if relevant. Support areas may be combined.

Innovation and exploration

Under this area the Fund seeks projects that focus on new, experimental solutions to combat unemployment among the target groups and increase the number of sustainable jobs for young people. The support area implies the pioneering of solutions and the application of unconventional practices. The applicants under this support area must substantiate in the concept note that their ideas are new to their field, sector, target group or countries involved. Project consortia that would like to transfer or test known practices developed by others, should apply for funding under the support area below (“Transfer of know-how and good practice”).

Transfer of know-how and good practice

Under this support area the Fund seeks projects that focus on transferring know-how and good practice on youth employment initiatives across European countries, with the ultimate goal of creating more quality jobs and lower unemployment rates among youths within the target groups listed above.

However, to ensure successful transfers, projects that seek to replicate or copy good practice must include in the concept notes analyses of the specific context, conditions and structures of the original practices, as well as suggestions on how these will transfer to a new context. Below four activities are listed. These may serve as inspiration for applicants, or examples of knowhow and good practice that may be transferred or developed further by transnational project consortia.

Analysis and research

The EU Member States have over the last years allocated significant sums to new initiatives addressing young unemployed people and NEETs. There is however a lack of studies evaluating these new initiatives as well as a need to build the capacity of national research agencies and institutions to perform impact studies. Since many EU Member States have adopted similar initiatives the Fund will support transnational research networks that share learning (ideas, theories, practices and experiences) on how to evaluate and perform impact studies of initiatives aiming to address youth employment in the eligible countries. The inclusion of

expertise partners from other EU Member States, Donor States and international organisations should be considered. The Fund also welcomes joint applications from cooperating research institutions planning to increase their capacity by supporting PhD candidates within the field of impact studies.

Target groups:

The target group of the Fund is young people between 15 and 29, with a special focus on the 25-29-year-old. Projects developing solutions for:

- the long-term unemployed;
- discouraged people who have stopped looking for work,
- inactive women caring for children or incapacitated adults,
- ethnic minorities including Roma,
- asylum-seekers,
- the low-skilled,
- people with mental health issues and
- the disabled are of particular interest to the Fund.

Project duration min. 24-30 months.

Proposed budget – 5 million euros.

Criteria for the selection of eligible project partners:

Projects shall involve entities from at least two countries, including at least one Beneficiary State¹. Each project must include one lead partner and at least one beneficiary partner.

Eligible beneficiary partner: any eligible entity established in a Beneficiary State, Ireland, Italy or Spain;

Eligible project partners may be entities, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and nongovernmental organisations, established as legal persons, including but not limited to:

- Municipalities, organisations owned or partly owned by municipalities, associations of municipalities;
- Regions, organisations owned or partly owned by regions; associations of regions;
- Organisational units of central government, organisations partly funded by central government units, state enterprises, state organisations;
- Public and private education and research institutions;
- Civil society organisations, non-profit organisations, social enterprises, interest associations of legal persons, foundations and endowment funds;
- Commercial companies;
- Cooperatives (manufacturing, housing, consumer);
- Business support organisations (incubators, start-up centres, etc.); and
- Social partners (trade unions, sector associations, employer associations, chambers of commerce and industry).

The project partner's selection will be based on the following documents:

- Partner's file – Annex 1 (signed by the legal representative);
- Letter of intention – Annex 2 (signed by the legal representative);
- Acts of establishment and functioning (copy);
- Proof of relevant experience (financing contracts, partnership agreements) (copy).

¹ Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus, Malta and Portugal.

Attention! The documents must be completed in English and in accordance with the template.

All interested candidates will send the documents at "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, 47th Domnească Street, Galați, Romania, starting from the publication day till **18th July 2017**.

The final result of the selection will be published on the University's website on **21st July 2017**.

Added information can be obtained by e-mail: rectorat@ugal.ro.

PARTNER'S FILE

Name	
Registration number	
Year of establishment	
Contact information (address, tel., fax, e-mail)	
Contact person (name, position)	
Principal support areas in which the partner wants to be involved	
Description of experience and expertise (financing contracts, projects)	
Human resources	
Material resources	
Financial resources	

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Date:

Legal representative:

Signature:

LETTER OF INTENTION

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Taking into consideration “Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati announcement regarding the organizing of a private partner selection procedure, in order to elaborate and submit a project application in the frame of EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment, Call no. 2017-1 – Active Youth, expresses its intention to participate as a project partner, by contributing to the following **principal support areas**:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

.....has the necessary experience and expertise for the project theme and can contribute to the fulfilment of the proposed results by:

(short description of the partner, experience and expertise, available human/material/financial resources).

Date:

Legal representative:

Signature: