
**ANDALUSIAN OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME. EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND 2007 -2013.
Regional Minister for Employment. Regional Government of Andalusia.**

PRIORITY AXIS 4 - TRANSNATIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION

CONTEXT and GLOBAL OBJECTIVE:

According to the revised Lisbon strategy which emphasises the need to strengthen ownership of the reform agenda at national, regional and local level, under the financing period 2007-2013, the ESF through their Operational Programmes constitutes an instrument to support the promotion of interregional and transnational cooperation among member States and regions. In this context, based on the experience acquired through the Community Initiative EQUAL, this principle of transnational cooperation can be boosted in the ESF programming through a range of approaches, such as a cross-cutting approach, a priority axis or a comprehensive approach (a combination of both).

In line with this, under the umbrella of the Andalusian ESF OP 2007-2013, the Regional Government of Andalusia decided to encourage interregional and transnational cooperation through a *priority axis*. In concrete, it corresponds to axis IV of the OP referred.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Exchanging of knowledge, information and experiences and sharing of good practices among member States and regions in order to improve the labour market dynamic.
- Learning from other experiences with the aim of achieving a more inclusive society. In this regard, special attention to disadvantaged people will be placed.
- Looking for and researching innovative methods together towards common solutions with the goal to respond to new social and economic challenges and to tackle labour market discrimination and inequality.

IMPLEMENTATION

This priority axis is directly managed by the Andalusian Employment Service. This organisation belongs to the Regional Minister for Employment of the Regional Government of Andalusia.

ALLOCATED BUDGET (for the global period)

64.400.000 million EUR (ESF: 51.500.000 million EUR / Regional Government of Andalusia: 12.900.000 million EUR)

FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Programme's name: EUROEMPLOYMENT programme (original name: EUROEMPLOE)

Publication date: October 22nd, 2009 (BOJA. Official Journal of the Regional Government of Andalusia)

Deadline for submitting proposals: December 23rd, 2009 (2 months)

Total allocated budget: 18.484.300,80 million EUR (80% ESF and 20% Regional Government of Andalusia)

2 types of projects will be financed:

- 1) Transnational projects. It refers to projects composed of one Andalusian entity and at least two partners coming from one or various member States different to the Spanish one.
- 2) Interregional projects. It refers to project composed of one Andalusian entity and at least two partners coming from different Spanish regions.

With regard to this, in general the call for proposals supports and finances the activities mentioned as follows: study visits, comparative analysis, development of innovative products together, exchange of information, materials and experiences, establishing or participating in transnational or interregional networks, professional mobility, practical training periods, transference's actions and mainstreaming, and conferences, seminars and meetings directed at disseminating results.

Maximum duration of a project: 2 years.

Maximum allocated budget per project: it depends on the project's typology:

Transnational projects: up to 200.000 EUR

Interregional projects: up to 150.000 EUR

Besides, those projects which integrate in their project proposals professional training periods or professional mobility directed at beneficiaries could reach up to 300.000, whether they are transnational or interregional.

In the same way, it's essential to underline that exclusively it will be financed the expenses on behalf of the Andalusian entities. This is to say that interregional and transnational partners ought to have their own source of funding, in case they have to do any expenses directly related to a project under the EUROEMPLOYMENT framework.

Transversal principles of the projects:

Projects should meet the following criteria: innovation, horizontal and vertical transference*, gender mainstreaming, promotion of ICTs, respect for the environment; stimulating social inclusion, complementary approach to existing employment programmes and territorial approach.

Other relevant aspects:

A letter of commitment has to be signed between the Andalusian entity and its partners when submitting the project proposals. Nevertheless, those projects pre-selected will have the chance to concrete more in depth their work programme and cooperation with partners for a period of three months after the call.

In the available guide on Internet (see website below) for submitting projects proposals directed to potential applicants, the transnational toolkit is mentioned for searching transnational partners.

For clarification purposes, a timetable of the call for proposals is displayed below:

EUROEMPLOYMENT Programme calendar				
Deadline for submitting project proposals	Pre-selection of projects	Concretion of work programme and partners	Final selection of projects	Implementation of projects (including dissemination)
23.12.2009	24.02.2010	24.05.2010	24.06.2010	24.06.2012

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* Horizontal transference is at a small scale. In particular, it refers to transfer products, methods, materials, processes, experiences or positive results from projects to another territory, sector, population group or entity. While vertical transference refers to transfer all this possibilities from projects to employment policies. In other words, it means transference at a broader scale.