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Workshop
Operating grants (Strand 2)
 Organisations active at the European level in the field of Culture

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What's Strand 2 ?

- Support for organisations active at European level in the field of Culture
- **Operating** grants vs. **Action** grants
- Support of **bodies** vs. Support of **projects**
- Duration: **financial year** (=12 months)
- Up to **80% covered** (but ceilings/budget)





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Annual grant / Partnership Agreement ?

- In 2010 - Possibility to request a long-term **partnership agreement** (2011-2013)
- **Three-year action plan** (objectives, priorities and expected results, strategy, actions)
- Each year detailed **annual work programme**






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3 categories & examples

AMBASSADOR:	ADVOCACY NETWORK:
<i>Fundacio Centre International de Musica Antiga</i>	<i>Réseau Européen de Musique Ancienne</i>
<i>The Chamber Orchestra of Europe</i>	<i>Europe Jazz Network</i>


STRUCTURED DIALOGUE PLATFORMS:
<i>European House for Culture</i>
<i>Platform for intercultural Europe</i>



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Some figures (2010)

Strand 2	€ 5,7 Mio (Culture : € 58 Mio)
- Annual	€ 1,53 Mio – 14 bodies
- Framework Partnership agreement	€ 4,16 Mio – 31 bodies



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Submission of application

Deadline for submission: **15/09/2010**


Duration: 12 months



→ Online submission of eForm + application package incl. Annexes sent by post


→ Submitted in one of the official languages of the EU



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Criteria : 3 types

Criteria	Application form
1. Eligibility criteria	Parts A & B
2. Selection criteria	Annexes
3. Award criteria	Part C




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1. Who is eligible to apply?

- **Common eligibility criteria** to all Strands of Culture Programme;
- **Specific eligibility criteria** for Strand 2





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1. Eligibility: Who may apply ?

- Public or private independent organisations
- With legal status
- Non-profit making
- Seat in an «eligible country»
- Legal mandate in the field of culture

NB. No public authorities, no natural persons





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Specific eligibility criteria – Strand 2

Specific conditions for each category:


	Number of countries	Years of existence
Ambassador	7	2
Network	15/10	1
Platform	15	0





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Which grant amounts ?

Category	Max. amount
Ambassadors	600.000 €
Networks + Platforms	120.000 €

Max. 80% of eligible costs covered 



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2. Selection criteria


Operational capacity:

- CVs
- Activity reports

Financial capacity:

- Capital and retained profits/losses





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3. Award criteria




- 1) European added value & dimension
- 2) Relevance to objectives of the Programme
- 3) Level of excellence of the work programme
- 4) Outputs of the activities
- 5) Communication of the results
- 6) Sustainability





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Highly weighted criteria

1) European added value & dimension	20%	
2) Relevance to objectives of the Programme	20%	
3) Level of excellence of the work programme	20%	




TOTAL: 60% of the score




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Other criteria

4) Outputs of the activities	15%	
5) Communication of the results	15%	
6) Sustainability	10%	

TOTAL: 40% of the score





Tips for a "good proposal"

- Activities involving a large number of countries
- Programme objectives covered
- Addressed to general public and/or specific groups
- Outputs
- Complete and detailed application





How to prepare a budget ?

Applicant organisations can choose between two systems:

- Detailed budget
- or
- Flat-rate calculation





Detailed budget


Activity	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1. Personnel	Person	100	1000	100000
2. Material	Item	500	200	100000
3. Transport	Day	200	500	100000
4. Other	Item	100	1000	100000
Total				400000

Flat rate calculation

Category	Value
I. EXPENSES	
TOTAL COSTS	400000
II. INCOME	
TOTAL INCOME	100000
III. INFORMATION ON SUB-CONTRACTING	
COST OF SUB-CONTRACTED ACTIVITIES	
IV. INTEREST	
GENERATED BY THE AGENCY'S PRE-FINANCING	
V. FLAT-RATE CO-FINANCING FORMULA	



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How to prepare a budget ?



1. Detailed budget

- Calculation of the grant based on a detailed budget
- Eligible and non-eligible figures must be clearly shown
- To include the costs of sub-contracted activities


2. Flat-rate calculation

- Calculation of the grant simplified
- Based on a fixed amount per staff
 - 2 parameters: country / staff (man-years)
 - Different rates per country
 - Type of staff accepted: on payroll + artists.

Persons employed: only for time spent in the implementation of the work programme
Artists: only for time covered by day allowances.





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How to prepare a budget ?

- Should be balanced (costs = income)
- Should be realistic
- Travel to third countries is limited (15% of total eligible costs)



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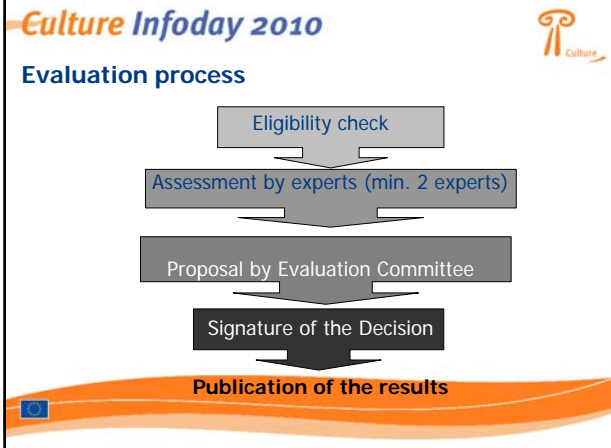
How to use the Flat-rate Calculator ?

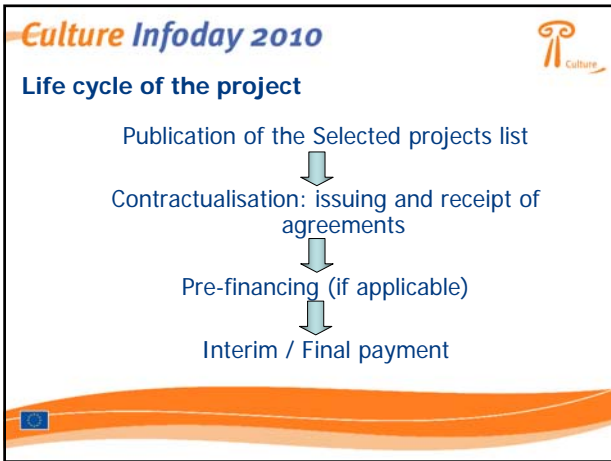
Example for Ambassador:

Country = Belgium → Rate = 38.627 €
 Expenses for 2009 = 200.000 €
 Est. Expenses for 2010 = 215.000 €
 Staff = 3 FT + 2 PT → 4 « man-years »
 3FT: 2FT (= 2 man-years) + 1FT working ½ year to the implementation of the work programme (= 0,5 man-years)
 2 PT: working ¼ year to the implementation of work programme (=2*0,25 -> 0,5 man-years)

38.627 x 4 = 154.508 €







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Any questions ?

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2. Contact the Cultural Contact Point of your country
http://ec.europa.eu/culture/annexes-culture/doc1232_en.htm
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