

EUROPEAN PROJECTS ASSOCIATION SERVICES PACK 2014

... for a better society

European Projects Association (EPA) is politically independent nonprofit organization focused on research and development, innovation and internationalization. The use of innovative information and communication technologies is a distinctive characteristic of this leading cooperation network dedicated to the European projects stakeholders. EPA supports the goals of organizations, experts and individuals with a complete set of ICT tools **on My Europa platform (www.my-europa.eu)** and services that foster development, effective implementation and efficient dissemination of EU projects. EPA is a recognized innovative actor at the European level as a point in which knowledge and experience meet to create an ideal multimedia environment for the development of European projects.

EPA acts through:

4 Multidisciplinary Councils

Regional and Local Council; Business and Economy Council; Academic and Research Council; Associations and Networks Council

Members can participate in one or more Councils according to their interest topics

2 Transversal Committees

South East Europe Committee; Information and Technology Committee

Committees are activated according to the topics relevant for the members, a member can propose to activate and form a new Committee.

5 Territorial Contact Points active in 2013

Belgium, Brussels Capital, Finnovaregio Foundation; Croatia, Region of Istria, Informo Association; Italy, Region of Lazio, Ken Parker Sistemi; Slovenia, Novo Mesto, University of Novo Mesto; United Kingdom, Caephilly, Nautilus

After one year of Membership every Organisation can apply to become an EPA Territorial Contact Point (TCP). A TCP applies EPA's methodology and values and can act on National (NCP), Regional (RCP) or Local (LCP) level. A TCP has the international structure and support of the Association for a potentially strong local growth. TCPs have 20% discount on the Organisation Membership fee and other benefits that you can consult on <http://europeanprojects.org/TCP>

The overall structure operates on the basis of **13 Working Groups on My Europa platform**. A member decides to participate in one or more Working Groups that correspond to their priorities or fields of interest. Information such as calls for proposals, partner searches, EU programmes and events are distributed through these working groups;



(1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods; (2) Economy, Finance and Tax; (3) Education, Training, Culture and Youth; (4) Employment and Social Affairs; (5) Energy and Natural Resources; (6) Enterprise and Industry; (7) Environment, Consumers and Health; (8) Information, Communication and Media; (9) External Relations and Foreign Affairs; (10) Justice, Fundamental Rights and Home Affairs; (11) Regions and Local Development; (12) Research, Innovation and Technology; (13) Transport, Tourism and Travel.



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1. EUROPEAN PROJECTS ACCELERATOR



The European Projects Accelerator is an innovative initiative that uses EU opportunities for business and territorial development dedicated to smart start-ups, SMEs, associations, networks, private and public organisations. The overall concept will support the development of entrepreneurial and territorial growth initiatives, combining: a strategic roadmap and support from a project idea to EU Funding; connection with the Brussels based European associations, networks, public and private organisations (more than 35.000 companies members of BECI - Brussels Enterprises Commerce and Industry, more than 400 regional and local representation offices to the EU and with more than 4800 experienced EU projects partners from all around the world); networking, lobbying, marketing and promotion; education and professional improvement; fully serviced and strategically located working environment. The Accelerator is powered by EPA through its NCP in Belgium, Finnovaregio Foundation in cooperation with [Halldis](#). The prestigious Halldis Lab is located at [Science 14 Atrium](#) building, in the heart of European quarter in Brussels. The EU Projects Accelerator includes the following services and benefits:

European Projects Help Desk (EN, FR, IT, ES, PL, GR, HR)

Roadmap to EU Funding 2014 – 2020 and general consulting on funding programmes

Project ideas screening and partner search

Partnership building and project development roundtables

Support and know-how in project proposal preparation (writing and implementation)

External assistance to proposal preparation

Project monitoring and evaluation: internal and external monitoring; ex ante and ex post evaluation

Project management (external or as project partner)



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Liaison Office in Brussels

Tailor-made meetings with the EU institutional representatives, international organisations, associations and networks, national, regional and local representations based in Brussels. Organization of thematic study visits for regional and local delegations or business delegations to Brussels and Belgium. Dedicated partner search service for projects of high value, partnership building and project development roundtables.



Professional Improvement Programme

The aim of the programme is to offer a selected number of students and graduates the opportunity to improve their knowledge of European funding and project development. Participants in the programme are placed either at EPA Headquarters in Brussels, its Territorial Contact Points (TCPs) or partner organisations. The programme is open to universities and organizations that would like to become our partners. (www.europeanprojects.org/EducationAndTraining/PIP)

Extra Benefits for all EPA Members



Lobbying & Advocacy – first consultation free of charge



10% discount on office space, single workstation, meeting rooms at Science 14 Atrium powered by [Halldis](#)

You will benefit from special rate when renting an office space at [Science 14 Atrium](#), Rue de la Science 14b, Brussels (www.science14.com) with access 24/7 via smartcard, including telephone services; state-of-the-art internet technology; soundproof booths for private calls; access to shared break-areas; reception assistance; conference and meeting rooms.



10% discount on Transport services from and to the Brussels airports



10% discount on Photographic and video services



10% discount on IT services



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2. FULL ACCESS TO EUROPEAN PROJECTS INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM MY-EUROPA.EU AND NEWS-EUROPA.EU



Partners' Network and Experts' Community

Partners' Network and Experts' Community is a growing pool of different organizations, project managers, researchers and individuals interested in EU projects, programmes and policies. The Community currently hosts more than 4800 members. It enables a quicker partner search.

Projects Database

Currently more than 400 EU projects in 13 different categories are uploaded on My Europa platform. Projects Database expands on daily basis. We differentiate between project Ideas, Ongoing projects, and Concluded projects. This database functions simultaneously as your partner search, space for the dissemination of your project activities and your on-line library to best practices in European Projects.

EU Funding Opportunities Database (2014-2020)

The database contains the information on EU funding opportunities in the 2014-2020 programming period. It gives a detailed overview of more than 40 available funding programmes with highlighted summary documents of the Programmes, their general and specific objectives, eligibility criteria, supported actions, implementation criteria and budget provisions. The legal basis, official websites of the Programmes and relevant press releases are also available.

e-Learning Courses on European Projects Development - eAcademy

The eAcademy is the eLearning tool or an online database of courses in EU project management. The courses are developed by the European Academy for Education and Social Research (EPA Patron) in the framework of the Master in Technologies for the Development of European Projects. Users of eAcademy can follow video lessons, access reading material and test the acquired knowledge and skills on the platform.



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Calls, News, Events, Scholarships, Trainings, Internship, Placement Opportunities and Jobs Alerts

You can explore, search or promote information on calls, events, scholarships, trainings, internship opportunities and jobs in the field of EU projects and EU affairs

Project planning, management and reporting system

The platform hosts a project management system with cloud computing tools for European project planning and implementation. EPA members can create a project and outline all the phases in a roadmap, involve the partners, upload files to work on, set milestones, assign tasks, organize schedules or events and meetings, and interact with the team on all the daily activities of project planning and implementation at any given time. The reporting system and the activities stream strengthens teamwork, and the EPA member has a transparent overview of the work in progress from the starting date to the deadline.

3. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR EUROPEAN PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT

European Academy for Education and Social Research – Patron of European Projects Association



The European Projects Academy was established by EPA in collaboration with European Academy for Education and Social Research (EPA Patron) in 2011 with the aim to provide training courses on EU funds management (Master in Technologies for the Development of European Projects) including the use of My Europa web platform as lifelong eLearning lab



The Master in Technologies for the Development of European Projects (www.academy-europa.eu/master-brochure.html) combines class lectures on EU funds management, networking session with EU affairs advisors in Brussels and individual work on My Europa platform (www.my-europa.eu) that allow students to develop projects starting from their ideas. By using My Europa platform ICT tools, the master aims to create a new generation of professionals able to use the EU funds more efficiently, enhancing the absorption capacity of the stakeholders and lowering the overall costs of the entire process. After completing the Master you can apply for the Professional Improvement Programme and spend three to six months working in Brussels or in the EU countries where EPA has its TCPs. www.europeanprojects.org/EducationAndTraining/PIP

Beside the **discount** on the training courses, tailor made courses (*live, in house and eLearning*) can be organized on demand.



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4. EUROPEAN PROJECTS DISSEMINATION PACKAGE



My Europa is a networking community platform with more than 4800 members interested in European Projects. An excellent space for targeted advertising!



Europa News is an information centre collecting news from EU related websites that constantly monitors the updates of institutional webpages, news portals and alternative sources of information. Here you can publish your articles, create your blogs and disseminated your information.



Through EPA publish with The Parliament Magazine! It comes out every fortnight, with a focus on 'politics, policy and people', is essential reading for anyone interested in the EU and its decision making process.



Through EPA publish with TheParliament.com - political news and EU information website offers real time news and analysis of the key issues and debates within the EU institutions while also providing a comprehensive agenda of what is happening each day in the institutions to a unique audience of European political stakeholders.



Through EPA participate in Parliament Magazine roundtable events that allow for focused, informed debate on the main issues surrounding the chosen topic of discussion.



Through EPA get a discount on your profile in EPAD - an indispensable professional tool for anyone waiting to contact top EU decision makers. It contains key contacts from the parliament, commission, and council, as well as stakeholders, including trade associations, corporations, consultancies, NGOs and media organisations.



Through EPA get a **FREE** dissemination consultation reviewing existing strategies, advising on possible opportunities for development and support.



Publish with the Research Media ltd – International Innovation dedicated to the delivery of science, technology and research dissemination services.



Through EPA get **10% discount** on graphic design and project dissemination services



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EUROPEAN PROJECTS AWARDS

EPA Campaign 'What are you doing ...for a better society?'

What are you doing ...for a better society? is an **awareness raising campaign** on positive impacts that European projects, art and research results financed by the European Union have on the European society and identity.



The campaign aims to **encourage a growing participation** of the **European Civil Society** in the **initiatives** that are **innovative and beneficial** for specific **communities, territories or sectors**.

Awareness is raised with activities that **enhance visibility of good practices in European projects** (project ideas, ongoing or finished projects), **inspiring art initiatives** and **innovative research outputs** that we reward and disseminate on the largest possible scale.

The competition is open to ideas, ongoing and concluded projects, expressive arts and research papers in 13 different categories on **My Europa platform**. The finalists are chosen by the **popular vote** of the entire MyEuropa community (currently with 4800 members) and the **jury of European Projects Experts**. This allows EPA to reach its goal of engaging the widest possible participation of the European society.

www.europeanprojects.org/forABetterSocietyCampaign



European Projects Association **launched** the campaign in **2012** in partnership with the European Academy for Education and Social Research and the **European Economic and Social Committee**. The competition was open to all the 13 categories. The first **European Projects Awards** took place on 28 November 2012 and were chaired by the **Vice President of the EESC Anna Maria Darmanin**.



WORLD RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION CONGRESS
PIONEERS IN HEALTHCARE

The **second edition** of the campaign was carried out in partnership with the **Research Media** – Europe's leading portal for scientific dissemination in preparation for the **World Innovation and Research Congress**. The competition was open to two categories **Environment, Consumers and Health** and **Research Innovation and Technology**. The second Projects Awards took place in the occasion of World Innovation and Research Congress in Brussels on 6 June 2013.



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In the **third edition** the campaign focused on the results of the **Instrument for the Pre-Accession (IPA)**. A distinctive feature of this Projects Awards were the **6 Ad Personam nominations for Outstanding Achievements in Regional and Local Development**. Projects Awards took place in the occasion of the **EPA Conference 2013 on Perspectives of territorial cooperation 2014-2020 - Expectations after Croatian Accession**. This edition was realized in cooperation with the **European Parliament** and chaired by Croatian **MEP Marino Baldini** on 7 October 2013.



In its first edition the campaign collected more than 150 examples of good practices in European Projects, today our virtual library of good practices in the European Union counts **over 450 project ideas searching for partners and funding, ongoing and concluded projects** and it is constantly growing. **The Viral Movement** was launched at the time of the first campaign to embrace the importance of visual contribution in expressing opinions of artists with regards to the European and global issues.

Do you know of a project that deserves more visibility and higher recognition because it had/has a positive effect on the community? European Projects Association invites you to nominate good practices and be the active part of the civil society in Europe. Contact us on info@europeanprojects.org.

Get involved in the Campaign “*WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...for a better society*”:

- Participate in the nomination and the voting of meritable projects and actors
- Promote the best initiatives through articles and interviews
- Get visibility sponsoring the campaign

All EPA activities are organized and carried out under the flag of its Patron:

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Become a Patron of European Projects Association



A patron of European Projects Association benefits from all the services mentioned in the above and **can nominate a person into the Association's General Assembly**. A patron pays the annual fee equal to 33.570,00 Euros or provides a member of his staff to the Association. (www.europeanprojects.org/patrons)

Become an EPA Territorial Contact Point and benefit from a 20% discount on the Organisation Premium Membership:



An Organisation Member can apply to become a territorial contact point of EPA (national, regional or local) already after the first year of membership.

An EPA Territorial Contact Point (TCP) is an organization involved in European projects that works as a liaison office between the EPA Board and potential or existing EPA's stakeholders in a specific area. A TCP applies EPA's methodology and values. Your immediate benefit is the 20% discount on the Organisation Membership fee and 25% commission on every new Member you recruit. More importantly your benefit is the international structure of EPA that will enhance your visibility, enlarge your professional network and help you grow locally.

Furthermore, a TCP has the right to:

- Access to 3 **Expert Accounts**;
- A **dedicated blog** on Europa News;
- The right to **host European Projects Academy trainings and Master courses**;
- The opportunity to host the **Professional Improvement Program – PIP**;
- **Staff Capacity Building** through the Life Long Learning approach of EPA (European Projects Academy, e-Academy and PIP);
- Use of organization Logo, methodology and values;
- Targeted Social Advertising Banner on the EPA web pages promoting the TCP website;

For more information on benefits and responsibilities of a Patron and a Territorial Contact Points please write to info@europeanprojects.org



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More information and Membership Pack available on: www.europeanprojects.org/member



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