



## Lifelong Learning Programme



The Lifelong Learning programme is a European Commission programme which supports education and training across Europe. The programme provides funding for all stages of lifelong learning which includes activities in the workplace. Its total budget for the period 2007-13 is €7bn. For projects to be funded in 2009, the UK budget for Leonardo is €20.29m.

For the purposes of the small business sector, this briefing will focus exclusively on the Leonardo strand of the Lifelong Learning programme.

### *How can I access this programme?*

SMEs are advised to apply as a cluster or network for a mobility project under the Leonardo strand of the programme.

### *Leonardo Mobility Projects*

Leonardo is one of the programmes comprising the European Commission's Lifelong Learning programme. Its aim is to improve the skills of the workforce, either through work experience for trainees or employees or to increase the skills of staff through short job shadowing placements.

Some examples of past project successes include:

- Employees from SMEs in the UK exchanging ideas and best practice examples with SMEs in Malta and Hungary to develop and implement strategies to increase sustainable and ethical business practices
- SMEs and partners in a local college worked with European partners to exchange ideas on how to improve the employability of migrant workers across 5 nations by developing a 'Learning Language for work' resource package.

### *How much money is available?*

Funding is up to a maximum of €150,000 per project per year. The minimum level of match funding is 25%. If you apply in February 2009, your project will begin in October 2009 and may last up to 24 months.

### *Eligibility*

An eligible project consists of organisations from a minimum of two countries outside of the UK (e.g. UK – your organisation plus one partner in Portugal and another in Latvia)



### **Deadlines**

The deadline to apply for funding is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009

### **Where can I get more support and advice?**

Enterprise Europe Network London can support you throughout the application process. We provide tailored advice to make sure this is the appropriate funding stream for your project idea (if not, we will help you in identifying the right one). This service is provided free of charge.

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