New calls for proposals in the field of health launched by the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers

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On 3 March 2011 the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) launched the calls for proposals for joint actions, operating grants, projects and conferences based on the 2011 Work Plan of the Health Programme adopted on 22 February 2011.

More information is available on the website of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/index.html>

These calls for proposals are open to all legally established organisations such as non-governmental organisations, public sector bodies, public administrations, universities, higher education establishments, etc. established in one of the 27 EU countries or in EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway) or in Croatia.

The deadline for submitting applications is **27 May 2011**.

For receiving a European grant, projects generally have to contribute at least to one of the three main objectives of the Health Programme (2008-2013): to improve citizens' health security, to promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities, to generate and disseminate health information and knowledge.

The 2011 work plan gives more emphasis and resources to a focused cooperation with the European Union (EU) Member States. The amount of EUR 17,040,000 will be dedicated to the funding of five joint actions: (i) health technology assessment, (ii) e-health, (iii) organ transplantation, (iv) patient safety, and (v) rare diseases.

Normally, for projects and grants, up to 60% of the eligible costs can be covered by the EU contribution and at least 40% of project costs must be funded from partners' sources. In cases of exceptional utility, the EU contribution can go up to 80% of the eligible costs. In case of joint actions, the EU contribution cannot exceed 50%, excepting cases of exceptional utility where it can go up to 70%. Exceptional utility may occur when activities have a very significant European added value in the areas indicated in the work plan. Conferences will be eligible for co-financing by the EU of up to EUR 100,000 with a maximum 50% of the total budget of the conference.