***CORRIGENDUM to the "Europe for Citizens" Programme Guide***

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

### I.4 priorities of the "Europe for Citizens" Programme

**Permanent priorities (page 6 and 7) are replaced by:**

**Priorities**

The priorities for 2012 shall focus on two broad and fundamental axes:

- On one hand, the promotion of European citizenship and democracy, comprising the development of understanding of the EU, its values and what it brings to citizens daily lives;

- and on the other hand, feeding the direct and current interest of citizens into the European political agenda.

**Priority One – Citizens and the EU: values, democratic life and institutional issues**

The active involvement of citizens in dialogue and reflection on the EU, its policy objectives and its values are crucial in fostering a sense of ownership and of European identity amongst citizens. The Europe for Citizens Programme is an important tool in this respect and can make a valuable contribution to increase awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the values and principles enshrined in the EU Treaties.

The Treaty also puts the role of the EU in the world on a new footing and introduces important changes in the functioning of the EU institutions, inter-institutional relations and interaction between the European institutions, national parliaments and citizens. The Europe for Citizens Programme represents an important means of empowering citizens to play a full part in the democratic life of the EU. Fostering participation through volunteering in particular, promoting equal opportunities for all, intercultural dialogue and contributing to an inclusive society are issues of fundamental importance to active citizenship, including as regards participation in political life.

**Priority Two - Citizens' interests and EU policies**

Citizens' engagement with issues which constitute the European Union's political priorities is a key element of civic participation. The Europe for Citizens Programme represents a valuable tool for raising awareness amongst citizens and encouraging them to share their views on the political programme and concrete actions proposed by the European Institutions and to influence what the agenda should comprise (agenda setting) and how the agenda should be taken forward. Particular attention should be given to the perspective of citizens and organised civil society on the skills needed to contribute to and benefit from a knowledge-based and sustainable economy and on the ways to ensure it goes hand in hand with social cohesion.

In 2012 further efforts should then be put into raising awareness, reflection and debate on the relevance and implications of EU policies on citizens' daily lives and in removing the remaining obstacles that EU citizens still face. Topics under debate should also link to the

issues in the European agenda, including economic governance, young people's role in the labour market and society, climate change, sustainable energy, flexicurity, transport, innovation and other flagship initiatives and objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy. Projects shall facilitate the exchange of views with and presentation of results to the appropriate decision-makers on ongoing European policies and their impact on local situations as well as on local issues with an European dimension. A focus should also be on projects which are related to the objectives of the European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity.

**III.2 Financial and contractual conditions (specific to Project grants)**

**Flat-rate financing (page 32)**

*The existing text is replaced by the follow one:*

If the real number of eligible participants and days are lower than those anticipated in the project proposal the reduction of the grant will be calculated on the basis of the fixed "tranches" of participants (see ANNEX III for Action 1.1 Town Twinning page 66 of the Programme Guide, ANNEX IV for Action 1 Measure 1.2 Networks of twinned towns, Action 2 Measure 3 Support to projects initiated by civil society organisations, Action 4 Active European Remembrance page 5 of the corrigendum).

**Action 1 – Active Citizens for Europe**

***A.1.3 Type of organisation (page 37)***

*The following organisation is added*

- *Non profit organisations representing local authorities.*

**IV.2.3 Calculation of the grant** (**page 38**)

*The existing text is replaced by the follow one:*

Taking into account the results of statistical analysis of 2008 and 2009 project, the flat rate system was simplified. The daily rates for different countries previously used for calculation of the grant, are cancelled. The new flat rate system is based on number of total participants (local and international) - fixed per "tranches" - and number of days. The same parameters are valid for all participating to programme countries.

The grant is calculated on the basis of flat-rate financing. The calculation of the total grant requested is obtained by combining:

A. the total amounts requested **for each event**;

B. the amount requested **for communication tools**, if any;

C. the amount requested **for coordination costs**, if any.

(For the flat rates applying within this Measure please see ANNEX IV, page 5 of the corrigendum).

**Action 2 – Active Civil Society in Europe**

## IV.5.2.1 Eligibility criteria (page 45)

The following text is added

Organisations of a general European interest which have been selected to receive an operating grant in 2012 under action 2.1 or 2.2 are not eligible for funding under this measure in 2012.

**Flat-rate financing (page 46)**

*The existing text is replaced by the follow one:*

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> (For the flat rates applying within this Measure please see ANNEX IV, page 5 of the corrigendum).

**Action 4 – Active European Remembrance**

***A.1.3 Type of organisation (page 48)***

*The following organisations are added*

- Foundations;
- Research/educational institutions.

**B.2 Budget (page 49)**

*The existing text is replaced by the follow one:*

> The project proposals must respect the criterion related to the minimum eligible grant to be awarded per project.
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> Minimum eligible grant for a project: 10 000 EUR
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> Maximum eligible grant for a project: **100 000 EUR**

**B.4 Eligibility period/project duration**

*The existing text is replaced by the follow one:*

The project must start within the relevant eligibility period, which depends on the deadline of the Measure within which the application is submitted (see Chapter I.8, p.12)

Maximum project duration is **18 months.**

**Flat-rate financing (page 49-50)**

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**Budget based financing (page 50)**

*The existing text is replaced by the follow one:*

The grant may not exceed a maximum rate of **70% of eligible costs** of the action concerned. Accordingly, at least 30% of the total estimated eligible expenses must come from sources other than the EU budget. Under no circumstances will the amount awarded exceed the amount applied for.

***ANNEX IV and V (page 67 and 68) are replaced by the following***

**New ANNEX IV**

**FLAT RATES applying under**

**Action 1 Measure 1.2 "Networks of Twinned Towns"**

**Action 2 Measure 3 "Projects Initiated by CSOs" and**

**Action 4 "Active European Remembrance"**

| **FLAT RATE A: Participants per event** | | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Number of days** | **Number of days** |
| **Number of participants** | **< 3** | **≥ 3** |
| **>190** | 25000 | 25000 |
| **176/190** | 23000 | |
| **161/175** | 21000 | |
| **146/160** | 19000 | |
| **131/145** | 17000 | |
| **116/130** | 15000 | |
| **101/115** | 13000 | |
| **86/100** | 11000 | 21000 |
| **71/85** | 9000 | 17000 |
| **56/70** | 7000 | 13000 |
| **41/55** | 5000 | 9000 |
| **25/40** | 4000 | 5000 |

| FLAT RATE B: Communication tools | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Number of tools** | **< 12 months** | **≥ 12 months** |
| **1** | **1500** | **3000** |
| **2** | **3000** | **6000** |
| **3** | **4500** | **9000** |
| **> 3** | **5000** | **10000** |

| FLAT RATE C: Coordination costs | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Number of partners** | **< 12 months** | **≥ 12 months** |
| **2-3** | **1500** | **3000** |
| **4-5** | **2500** | **5000** |
| **6-7** | **3500** | **7000** |
| **8-9** | **4500** | **9000** |
| **10-11** | **5500** | **11000** |
| **12-13** | **6500** | **13000** |
| **> 13** | **7500** | **15000** |

**Example:**

For a 12 month 'Civil Society' project including 2 events gathering 50 and 85 participants respectively, with duration of two days each, involving 4 partners and using 2 communication tools, the grant is calculated in the following way:

Participants (A): 5 000 + 9 000

Coordination (B) : 6 000

Communication (C) : 5 000

Total : 25 000€