

## The thematic guides

15 comprehensive thematic guides (on education and youth, culture and media, employment and social affairs, research and development, industry and enterprises, external relations and development, commerce, energy, environment, transport, public health and consumer protection, justice and home affairs, information technology, agriculture and fisheries) will be produced in English and in Greek.

Each guide will comprise:

- information on the structure and functioning of the EU,
- presentation of the Europe for Citizens programme and how a project idea could be formulated and financed from the programme
- a complete listing of all other European programmes that could finance a project within the thematic area in question (e.g. education and youth),
- a detailed methodology on how to prepare and submit a project.

With this methodology, when a project idea comes up concerning e.g. youth activities, the interested party will be able with the help of the thematic guide "Education and youth" to find out all possible solutions for submitting a proposal either through the Europe for Citizens programme if this is possible, or through other EU programmes.

All information guides will be in a form of a CD Rom, in order for them to be able to be used in any PC, even without an internet connection.

A total of 1500 CD Roms of the comprehensive guides in Greek (50 copies of each of the 15 guides) and in English (50 copies of each of the 15 guides) will be produced.



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## First training session to be held in Cyprus

The first training session of the Pro-I3T project will take place in Nicosia (Cyprus) on September 11, 2012.

Participants will be trained upon the use of the information tools of Pro-I3T (in Greek) as well as online partner search tools and the application procedures for the Europe for Citizens programme. Best practices from various European Regions will also be presented.

The purpose of the training session is to inform elected local representatives and municipal staff on the European financial instruments available for the financing of their activities.

Furthermore, the event aims to train, the participants on the preparation, implementation and follow-up of EU funding programs.

The workshop will involve Municipal and Regional officers from various European countries, who will present relevant material from previous experiences and good

practices, as well as useful guidelines for municipalities wishing to submit project proposals.

The workshop will be divided into two parts. The first part will be open to the participation of elected representatives from the Municipalities of Cyprus. The second part will be more technical and will mainly target Municipal officers.

During the training session, the participants will also receive the 15 thematic guides that are currently being drafted in the framework of the project (see left).

The whole training session will take the form of an "Assembly of European Regions (AER) training academy". This training method has been repeatedly implemented by the AER, a fact that guarantees the quality of the event.

The event will also be under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union, a fact that will offer the highest possible visibility. More information is available in the Pro-I3T website.

## Proi3t.eu

The proi3t.eu website is now up and running, giving you access to all our news and documents.

In a few months, the website will also comprise the content of the 15 thematic guides (on education and youth, culture and media, employment and social affairs, research and development, industry and enterprises, external relations and development, commerce, energy, environment, transport, public health and consumer protection, justice and home affairs, information technology, agriculture and fisheries) in Greek and in English, so as to make it available to the totality of the local authorities of the European Union.

For more information, please visit: [www.proi3t.eu](http://www.proi3t.eu)

## Upcoming Activities and Events

### • August - October 2012:

Drafting of the Thematic Guides.

### • 11 September 2012:

First training session in Nicosia (Cyprus). Participants will be trained upon the use of the information tools of Pro-I3T as well as online partner search tools and the application procedures for the Europe for Citizens programme. Best practices from various European Regions will also be presented.

### • 23 October 2012:

Second training session in Brussels (Belgium). Participants will be taught how to work with European programmes (especially the Europe for Citizens programme), will explore the possibilities for twinnings among their members and with Municipalities from the rest of the EU, as well as discuss challenges and potentials of the future programming period.

## Project Partners:

### Union of Cyprus Municipalities

The Union of Cyprus Municipalities is the main association of Local Authorities in Cyprus. Its core functions are to contribute to the development of local government autonomy, as well as to act as spokesman of local government interests vis-a-vis the central government and other national institutions. It also takes an active stand in the relations between Cyprus and the European Union.

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### Assembly of European Regions

With more than 250 regions from 35 countries as members, the AER is the largest interregional organisation in Europe. It promotes the role that regions play vis-à-vis the citizens, the nation state and the EU, and supports regions in their role in connecting citizens with the EU. AER's overall aims are to: Organise dialogue, consultation & cooperation between all regions of Europe and promote regionalisation in Europe, encourage subsidiarity and regions' involvement in constructing Europe.

[www.aer.eu](http://www.aer.eu)

## The "Europe for Citizens" programme

The aim of the "Europe for Citizens" programme is to bring Europe closer to its citizens and to enable them to participate fully in the European construction. Through this programme, citizens have the opportunity to be involved in transnational exchanges and cooperation activities, contributing to developing a sense of belonging to common European ideals and encouraging the process of European integration.

The programme supports a wide range of activities and organisations promoting "active European citizenship", especially the involvement of citizens and civil society organisations in the process of European integration. It has a total budget of EUR 215 millions starts on 1 January 2007 and ends on 31 December 2013. More information can be found at:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.php)