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Social Polis – Call for educational resources

SOCIAL POLIS (7th Framework Programme) is now announcing **the CALL for EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES.**

All non-academic groups and organisations from NGO, community, private and policy sectors are invited to apply for a small grant (up to 4,000 €) to produce educational resources for popularizing the results of SOCIAL POLIS. Successful applicants will be invited to one of the Social Polis Events in Fall 2010 to present their work to the broader public.

The proposal might include:

- Innovative pedagogical tools
- Translated and popularized texts
- Audio-visual media
- Events and workshops

Contributions may focus on producing relevant and innovative tools for science communication that enable a process of mutual learning between the academic and non-academic spheres. The applicants are required to popularize the results of SOCIAL POLIS and make them relevant and useful for a broader public. Applicants may take the papers written on the existential fields (EFs), the final focussed research agenda (FRA), the already produced educational resources or the outcomes on questions of transdisciplinary research collaborations as starting point and inputs for their proposal. All these materials are available on the Social Polis website.

The contributions can be in English or any other European language. The proposal must be in English.

The proposals should also meet the following criteria:

- The educational resources must be targeted at a non-academic public
- The applicants for this grant should belong to the non-academic sphere (NGOs, activists, policy maker, private actors, etc.). Cooperation with academics is welcome and they can become co-submitters.
- The educational resources must include innovative tools for learning processes or science communication.
- The applicants should show the sustainability and long-term outcome of the proposal.
- Proposals should be properly budgeted with respect to their scale and ambitions; *the budget must not exceed 4,000 Euro.*
- Applicants must provide clear information on the envisaged usage, relevance and output for Social Polis (documents to be delivered to the Social Polis coordinator – with short description of their expected content, plans for dissemination, etc.). All outcomes of this contribution have to be delivered by **30 November 2010**.

Proposals should include the following:

- Name(s) and contact information for all applicants. In case of a partnership, partners and coordinatorship should be clearly identified;
- The title of the educational resource;
- The communication modes that will be applied (word, voice, image, ...);
- Abstract (500-600 words);
- A brief justification of the proposed topic and format (200 words);
- Plans for dissemination including actions and their timing (100 words);
- Short statement on the particular benefits of the proposed contribution for the dissemination and popularization strategy of Social Polis;
- A detailed budget (which must not exceed 4,000 €);
- Information on the addressed target groups.

For more information on this call for educational resources please contact us directly. Proposals are due **15th of July 2010**. They should be submitted electronically to Sarah Habersack at sarah.habersack@wu.ac.at. Unfortunately, no applications will be accepted after this date. Decisions will be taken until 22st of July 2010.

Social Polis has been extended for 12 months. The objective of this third year of the project is to strengthen the results of the two first years and further advance tackling the challenges of social cohesion in the city, especially focusing on:

- Creating a strong awareness of the importance of social cohesion in European cities by dissemination and popularization of the results of Social Polis on cities and social cohesion at different scales.
- Furthering the Social Polis Platform by evaluating and documenting methods of collaboration and creating actual spaces of encounter.

Social Polis Events:

- a. Local workshops: these events target the dissemination and popularization of the results of Social Polis for a broader public at the local and European level. Each workshop will cover a specific aspect of Social Polis and connect it to the interests and working realities of the participants.
- b. A European Learning Event: the biggest event of the third year of Social Polis aims at bringing together the Social Platform and representatives from European policy making for promoting a collective learning process in which the knowledge produced in Social Polis can be divulged and multiplied.

More detailed information on the events will be available on the Social Polis Website in due course!

Event	Date	Contact person	Location
Transdisciplinary research: lessons for social cohesion in the city	October 14 th and 15 th , 2010	Sarah Habersack sarah.habersack@wu.ac.at	Vienna
Educational resources for stakeholders in the city	18 th October 2010	Isabel André isabelandre@campus.ul.pt	Lisbon
Crisis, labour market and social cohesion in the city	November 5 th , 2010	Paola di Martino paola.dimartino@itersrl.org Sarah Habersack sarah.habersack@wu.ac.at	Naples
Urban Platform in cooperation with Citymine(d)	November 19 th and 20 th , 2010	Sarah Habersack sarah.habersack@wu.ac.at	Brussels
European Learning Event	November 18 th and 19 th , 2010	Sarah Habersack sarah.habersack@wu.ac.at	Leuven

Report: Local and transnational citizenship in Catalonia

On June 3, 2010 representatives from migrant associations, local governments and political parties participated in a workshop on local and transnational citizenship in Barcelona.

The main purpose of the workshop was to discuss preliminary findings and policy recommendations from the research project /Ciutadania local transnacional a Catalunya/. This project has compared different configurations of local citizenship in Barcelona, Lleida, Girona and Tarragona with a strong emphasis on the transnational dimension of both migrant practices and local government policies (codevelopment).

The participants gave very valuable feedback on the main conclusions and proposals. For instance, the fact that the philosophies and practices of incorporation differ greatly among the different Catalan provincial capitals means that the opportunities for political participation for migrant associations are very unequal across the four cities. Moreover, the participants confirmed that codevelopment policies work as an innovative form of local migrant incorporation. Therefore the collaboration with migrant associations on projects based in their countries of origin is a platform for these associations to become further involved in local politics in Catalonia. The participants were particularly eager to discuss a further dimension of the study related to the growing attention of political parties to migrant associations in the light of the coming Catalan elections.

The long and intense discussions have proved very valuable for the elaboration of the final report of the project. In turn, many of the participants welcomed the chance of exchanging opinions and consolidating their networks across associations, local governments and cities.

For more information on the project /Ciutadania local i transnacional a Catalunya: la participació i incorporació política dels migrants a Barcelona, Girona, Lleida i Tarragona/, please consult:
<http://pagines.uab.cat/translocalcat/>

Upcoming events

Date	Title
01 Sep 10 - 03 Sep 10	Annual Conference, Royal Geographical Society / Institute of British Geographers (RGS/IBG) - London
01 Sep 10 - 04 Sep 10	10th International Conference on Urban History (with call for paper), Ghent
01 Sep 10 - 03 Sep 10	The varieties of urban capitalism and the limits of neo-liberalism - London
11 Jul 10 - 17 Jul 10	XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology - Gothenburg, Sweden

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