

ATLM Award

Aim:

We are looking for project proposals for projects that are to start summer 2009 and end summer 2010, and which have the aim of promoting assistive technologies in labour market integration of people with disabilities. The successful applicant will receive an award of € 30.000,- which is intended to contribute to the funding of the proposed activities. The award was developed by Diakonie Austria together with ERSTE Foundation and is entirely sponsored by ERSTE Foundation.

Criteria:

Successful project proposals fulfill the following criteria: networking; cross-regional; diverse levels of society involved; promotion, examination or improvement of AT.

1) *Networking:*

main applicant + 2 more groups (organisations, institutions, companies); i.e. minimum 3 groups involved

2) *Cross-regional:*

minimum 2 different countries involved; main applicant should be from one of the following: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

3) *Diverse levels of society:*

minimum 2 different levels of society involved: government bodies, companies, NGO's, the civil society, research institutions, interest groups, etc. Please note that only non-profit organisations may apply as main applicants.

4) The project should

EITHER

further the use, promotion or adoption

of AT to benefit of people with disabilities: e.g. contribution to the creation or creation of a workplace; distribution of information on AT for people with disabilities; training; development of a network for exchange of information etc.

OR

Examination of the usability of an AT application

OR

Improvement of an existing service

- 5) *Focus on needs & opinion of people with disabilities*
i.e. direct involvement of people with disabilities either through surveying (interviewing) for their opinion or through direct participation in the project
- 6) *Contain public relations efforts*

Award Procedure:

- Deadline for submitting a concept note is 5 January.
- by mid-January 2009 three projects will be selected for further elaboration; They will receive a project development grant of € 3.500,-.
- Deadline for detailed proposals is March 20th, 2009.
- by the end of April a jury will identify the winning project; the winner (main applicant) will receive € 30.000,-.
- Project start should be no later than September 2009, project end no later than the beginning of October 2010.
- The project outcomes shall be presented at the next ATLM conference, in 2010.

Guideline for concept notes:

Please, provide

- 1) Name, address, area of activity & expertise of main applicant & 2 other applicants (contact details of all applicants including their websites, if applicable)
- 2) Aims and proposed activities, detailing how all 6 criteria are met, role of each applicant (please, do not exceed 500 words)
- 3) provisional project schedule
- 4) provisional budget (rough estimate)

Concept notes to be sent to:

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