

EU Co-Financing of NGOs: Analysis of Spending under Budget Line 21-02-03

During 2005, there were calls for proposals under the NGO co-financing line (21-02-03, ex B7-6000) for ordinary NGO programmes (PVD), for Development Education (ED) and for the Block Grants (BG).

The following are the figures communicated, in March 2007, by the European Commission with regard to the number of successful and unsuccessful applications.

1) Overview: approval rates and total amounts

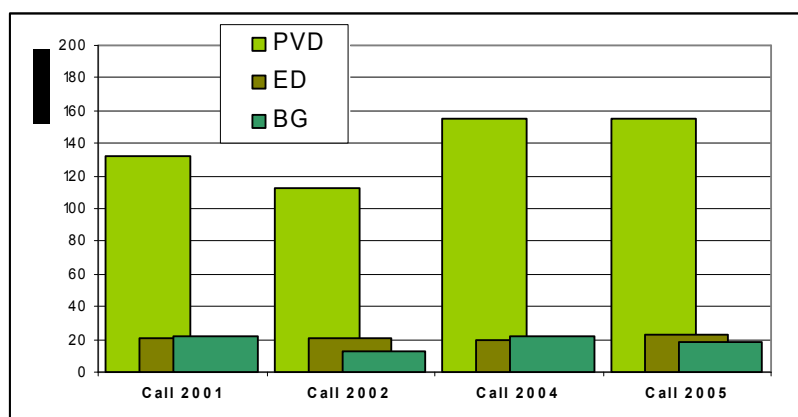
The number of contracts resulting from the 2005 call is slightly down from last year. As the total number of applications is not known, it is not clear if approval rates are in line with previous years.

| | PVD | | | BG | | | ED | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| | Applications | Contracts | % | Applications | Contracts | % | Applications | Contracts | % |
| Call 2001 | 950 | 191 | 20% | | 22 | | 245 | 46 | 19% |
| Call 2002 | 1054 | 177 | 17% | 91 | 16 | 18% | 253 | 41 | 16% |
| Call 2004 | 1043 | 242 | 23% | 103 | 34 | 33% | 201 | 41 | 20% |
| Call 2005 | | 224 | | | 24 | | | 37 | |

Since enlargement, the amount of money going to NGO programmes (PVD) has stabilised at €155 million (some additional €3.8 million going to ring-fenced programmes such as Trialog, Concord and EU Presidency projects).

The amount for Block Grants is slightly down, and for DevEd slightly up.

| | PVD | BG | ED | Total |
|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Call 2001 | 132,285,137 | 21,724,675 | 20,328,579 | 174,338,391 |
| Call 2002 | 112,977,254 | 12,938,163 | 20,688,467 | 146,603,884 |
| Call 2004 | 155,222,854 | 21,794,301 | 19,938,133 | 196,955,288 |
| Call 2005 | 155,498,305 | 18,120,387 | 22,656,647 | 196,275,339 |



2) EU NGO co-financing: by member state (PVD)

In the 2005 round, there were five contracts for Irish-based NGOs (plus one where the consortium was led by an Irish NGO). This is a marked increase on previous years, where Irish NGOs received very little funding from the EU. NGOs from France, the UK and Italy continue to account for the bulk of contracts.

| | 2005 | | 2004 | | 2002 | | 2001 | |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Contracts | % | Contracts | % | Contracts | % | Contracts | % |
| Germany | 22 | 10% | 21 | 9% | 24 | 14% | 13 | 6% |
| Austria | 3 | 1% | 6 | 2% | 7 | 4% | 7 | 3% |
| Belgium | 8 | 4% | 12 | 5% | 12 | 7% | 9 | 4% |
| CONSORTIUM | 21 | 9% | 34 | 14% | 0 | 0% | 44 | 22% |
| Denmark | 6 | 3% | 4 | 2% | 2 | 1% | | |
| Spain | 7 | 3% | 17 | 7% | 17 | 10% | 20 | 10% |
| Finland | 3 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 0 | 0% | | |
| France | 56 | 25% | 33 | 14% | 35 | 20% | 30 | 15% |
| Greece | 0 | 0% | 1 | 0% | 1 | 1% | | |
| IRELAND | 5 | 2% | 1 | 0% | 2 | 1% | | |
| Italy | 24 | 11% | 24 | 10% | 22 | 12% | 31 | 15% |
| Luxemburg | 0 | 0% | 2 | 1% | 0 | 0% | | |
| NEW MEMBER STATES | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | - | - | - | - |
| Netherlands | 14 | 6% | 13 | 5% | 6 | 3% | 9 | 4% |
| Portugal | 2 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 5 | 3% | | |
| UK | 53 | 24% | 69 | 29% | 44 | 25% | 39 | 19% |
| Sweden | 0 | 0% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | | |
| TOTAL | 224 | 100% | 242 | 100% | 177 | 100% | 202 | 98% |

In money terms: Irish NGOs received €3.5 million from the EU under the co-financing scheme, or 2.3% of the total funds available. This is a significant increase on previous years.

| | 2005 | | 2004 | 2002 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| | €uro | % | % | % |
| Germany | 15,130,769 | 9.7% | 8% | 11% |
| Austria | 1,854,261 | 1.2% | 2% | 3% |
| Belgium | 5,018,608 | 3.2% | 3% | 3% |
| CONSORTIUM | 21,300,320 | 13.7% | 21% | 20% |
| Denmark | 4,284,240 | 2.8% | 2% | 1% |
| Spain | 4,984,069 | 3.2% | 6% | 5% |
| Finland | 2,157,836 | 1.4% | 1% | 0% |
| France | 32,586,067 | 21.0% | 11% | 17% |
| Greece | 0 | 0.0% | 0% | 0% |
| IRELAND | 3,586,612 | 2.3% | 0% | 1% |
| Italy | 14,820,140 | 9.5% | 10% | 9% |
| Luxemburg | 0 | 0.0% | 0% | 0% |
| NEW MEMBER STATES | 0 | 0.0% | - | - |
| Netherlands | 10,755,041 | 6.9% | 6% | 4% |
| Portugal | 900,935 | 0.6% | 1% | 3% |
| UK | 38,119,408 | 24.5% | 28% | 21% |
| Sweden | 0 | 0.0% | 0% | 0% |
| TOTAL | 155,498,306 | | | |

Irish NGOs do not benefit from the **Block Grants** scheme (0% of funding). Italian NGOs are particularly strongly represented under this mechanism (25% of contracts, and 24% of funding available), as are French and UK NGOs.

There were also no contracts for Irish NGOs in the 2005 Call for Proposals for **Development Education** (0% of funding), even though in previous years Irish NGOs received € 500,000 per year under this heading.

3) Number of NGOs applying

The 224 contracts under the 2005 Call for Proposals went to a total of 131 NGOs. The majority of NGOs (81) received one contract each, but there was a significant number of organisations that received multiple contracts: One NGO (from France) signed 6 contracts with the Commission, and two NGOs had seven or more contracts.

Over the years, there is a slight rise in the number of NGOs that have multiple contracts.

Répartition du nombre d'ONG par nombre de contrats obtenus sur l'AP PVD de 2001 à 2005

| AP 2005 (2005) | | AP 2004 (2004) | | AP 2002 (2003) | | AP 2001 (2002) | |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Nombre d'ONG | Avec Nb de contrats | Nombre d'ONG | Avec Nb de contrats | Nombre d'ONG | Avec Nb de contrats | Nombre d'ONG | Avec Nb de contrats |
| 81 | 1 | 88 | 1 | 97 | 1 | 87 | 1 |
| 27 | 2 | 32 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 29 | 2 |
| 15 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 2 | > 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 7 |
| 131 | 224 | 142 | 237 | 130 | 177 | 128 | 191 |

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