

CALL FOR MEMBERS OUT OF THE BOX INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM

Deadline: 1/010/2014, 12h C.E.T.

WHY OUT OF THE BOX PLATFORM?

The seemingly ever-lasting recession of European economies has shaken the very foundations of many European societies. The sheer rate of unemployment in Europe and the omnipresent environmental crisis coupled with the often frustratingly slow process of decision making in the EU, requires civil society actors to step in and fill the void.

Civil society needs to find its own voice in the midst of the current debate on economic crisis. It needs to formulate its own policies and to come up with fresh ideas and work together with EU institutions and political leaders. We need new ideas in education and community work, creative cross-sectorial cooperation among different actors and strong networking coalitions to turn these dire economic challenges into possibilities through social innovative initiatives. New innovative solutions to our old problems will aim at benefiting wide range of citizens, particularly vulnerable groups and those affected by the economic crisis.

PRIORITIES

EUROPE of SOLIDARITY– Vigorously addressing negative tendencies caused by economic crisis such as youth unemployment or increasing xenophobia towards ethnic minorities;

EUROPE of MODERN EDUCATION– Creating tools and policies in Education & Learning to advocate for a knowledge-based society;

EUROPE of PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS– Empowering business models with a social component and cross-sectorial cooperation for innovative policy solutions;

OBJECTIVES

- Increase networking and cooperation amongst diverse stakeholders - civil society, SMEs, local authorities - from European countries;
- Build the ownership within the platform and act together through the joint policy initiatives and European projects;
- Fostering the advocacy and lobby initiatives at EU institutions for greater cross-sectorial cooperation for more educated and innovative Europe;

CRITERIA

- Be an independent, legally established NGO, Cooperation, Company, Educational Institution, Public Body or Political Association;
- Have Special focus on polices, education, IT, development, or European matters in general;
- Have a background and/or experience in European policy and projects;
- Have an interest and motivation for being an member of the platform;
- Be an active member of the platform and contribute to its development;

To become a Member check the following steps:

1. Check if your organization profile matches the criteria required;
2. Be committed to the objectives and principles of the platform;
3. Complete the application form and send it to the Out of the Box International

Application Form

ORGANISATION:	ADDRESS OF THE ORGANISATION:		
POSTAL CODE:	CITY:	COUNTRY:	
ORGANISATION TELEPHONE/FAX:	EMAIL:		
CONTACT PERSON:	EMAIL:	SKYPE:	MOBILE PHONE:
MISSION/VISION:			
ACTIVITIES:			

1. Short description of your organization (Maximum 100 characters)

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2. What is your organizational experience in the field of policy, building, education or European matters in generally?

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3. What is your motivation and interest in joining Out of the Box Platform?

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4. What is your expectation from the platform?

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5. What could be your contributions to the platform?

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Please send your application to: info@outofthebox-international.org
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