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Two hundred and thirty-five projects from 28 participating countries (the 15 Member States, the 3 EEA countries and 10 candidate countries) have been selected this year to receive an EU grant to co-finance their activities under the Leonardo da Vinci programme. The programme promotes transnational projects based on cooperation between the various players in vocational training in an effort to increase mobility, to foster innovation and to improve the quality of training. The total amount awarded to co-finance the selected projects came to euro 81 million. More than 3500 proposals had been submitted. Under the successful initiatives supported by Leonardo da Vinci this year: the project "broadening access to learning, training and employment for deaf and disabled people" aims to provide deaf people with the skills to access education, training and work. This project, with partners from the UK, Germany and Spain, has developed innovative methods using the opportunities offered by new technologies.

**One other project, called Linguapeace and carried out by partners from the UK, the Netherlands, Bulgaria and Slovakia, addresses the needs of trainees, professional, military and police servicemen, who take part in peacemaking and peacekeeping operations under EU and UN mandates, to improve the linguistic skills needed to facilitate these international joint operations.**

Proposals can be sent in every year, in line with the time-table specified in the call for proposals. The next deadline for the submission of proposals is 19 January 2001. For advice on the set-up of a project proposal or placements and exchange programmes, the national agencies provide detailed information.

Contacts and general information on the following web site:  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/leonardo/leonardo2\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/leonardo/leonardo2_en.html)

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