



FOUNDATION P&V

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FOUNDATION P&V PRIZE for Research on Integration of Young People Excluded by Early School Leaving and Unemployment

CALL FOR ENTRIES - REGULATIONS

The Foundation P&V combats the exclusion of young people. Numerous researchers in Belgium and abroad have concluded that the lack of skills, qualifications and employment are significant sources of social exclusion and a cause of future marginalisation.

Early school leaving and a lack of qualifications generally result in precarious employment situations and long-term joblessness, as well as ever longer transitional periods between education and employment. This is a major social problem in Europe and Belgium, particularly in certain regions and major cities and among certain minority groups.

Accordingly, the Foundation P&V has launched a new multi-year Research/Action programme lasting several years and covering various stages:

1. The sharing of scientific knowledge and ideas on the causes of and possible solutions for the lack of skills and suitable attitudes, early school leaving, and unemployment among young people, in particular long-term youth unemployment.
2. An increase in this knowledge based on expert opinions and experience, plus the identification of policies and projects able to contribute effectively to solving the problems that will have been identified.
3. The promotion of these policies and sharing of the initiatives and projects thus established.

This call for entries is launched as part of the first stage of the programme. It concerns scientific contributions relating to knowledge of one or more of the following subjects:

1. Regarding the extent to which one or more of the aforementioned problems occur in Belgium or in one or several Belgian regions or (major) cities: who are the groups concerned and where are these problems particularly acute?
2. One or more causes of one or several of these phenomena, studied on the basis of data relating to Belgium and/or to comparable data for European countries or OECD members.
3. The effectiveness of the policies and projects relating to one or more of the problems established, intended for one or more target groups, based on scientific assessments made independently of their originators or coordinators.

A maximum of 12 articles shall be selected and rewarded with a prize of EUR 1 500 each. Their authors shall present their works in a conference to be organised on 7 and 8 February 2013 in Brussels and their articles shall form a joint publication with GPRC label (Guaranteed Peer Reviewed Content).

To provide clarification for the authors on the context of early school leaving and youth unemployment in Belgium, documents can be consulted on the Foundation website:
www.fondationpv.be.

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

1. Article Format and Page-setting

- The article shall be a maximum of 10 000 words.
- The page-setting shall be kept as simple as possible (no tabs, no multiple line breaks, etc.);
- The plan should be clearly visible (same format and clear numbering of every title level). The inclusion of subtitles is recommended, in the form of: 1. Title; 1.1. Subtitle, etc.

2. References

- References to sources must be written using the Harvard system: the author and year of publication are stated in the text between brackets (*name, 2007a*), while *et al.* is used for sources with three or more authors, with only the first written (*Smith et al., 1989*). They should be included in a complete list of references at the end of the article, in alphabetical order based on the first author. If several articles were published by the same authors in the same year, add the letters a, b, c and so on, after the year of publication: (*Smith & Jones, 1950a, 1950b*).
- The references must be stated following the examples below:
 - Books: Almond, G.A. & Verba, S. (1963). *The Civic Culture. Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company.
 - Published articles: Kreile, M. (1992). *The political economy of the new Germany*. In P.B. Strares (Ed.), *The New Germany and the New Europe* (pp. 55-92). Washington DC: Brookings Institution.
 - Journal articles: Coleman, J.S. (1968). The concept of equality of educational opportunity. *Harvard Educational Review* 38, 7–22.
 - Newspaper articles: Barber, L. (1993) The towering bureaucracy, *Financial Times*, 21 June.
 - Unpublished papers: Zito, A. (1994). *Epistemic communities in European policy-making*. Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.
 - Conference papers: Hughes, D. (2010). *Equity, social inclusion and education: Insights into the state of play in Europe (from the Eurydice Network)*. Paper presented at the EU Presidency Conference “Social Inclusion in and through Education”, Ghent, 28-29 September.

3. Illustrations

- Tables, photographs, diagrams, drawings, notes, illustrations, etc. are considered to form part of the article (maximum 10 000 words). Tables, photos, diagrams and so on count for 500 words each (that is, the equivalent of a half-page).
- They must be free of all reproduction rights. Copyright must be mentioned.
- Their format and location in the article should be clearly stated.
- The illustration must be of publication quality.

4. Article Structure

1. The title of the contribution
2. Three keywords
3. A brief abstract (200 words maximum, not included in the 10 000 words)
4. The body of the text
5. The bibliographic references and/or list of figures (if necessary).

5. Abstracts

Every article should be accompanied by two abstracts, presenting:

- The issue and hypotheses
- The method used
- The population group concerned, the sampling and how this has been done
- The main conclusions
- The scientific and social relevance.

Brief 200-word abstract

This brief abstract introduces the article and is not included in the 10 000 words.

Longer abstract of 500 words

This abstract is intended for the editor-in-chief and translation.

6. Languages

The articles can be written in English, French or Dutch, as preferred.

They shall be published in the language in which they are sent.

7. Anonymous version

The "double-blind" method will be used.

In addition to the original article, authors are requested to submit an anonymous version of their contribution, deleting any information in the text and notes that could identify the author(s). This version is intended for the readers and jury. Similarly, the author(s) shall not be provided with the names of the readers and the jury.

8. Review Board and Jury

- A review board shall be in charge of selecting the admissible articles.
- All the articles selected by the review board shall then be submitted to a select jury.
- The select jury shall be asked to choose the 12 best articles.
- The 12 best articles shall each receive a prize of EUR 1 500 and form part of a joint publication.
- The decisions of the jury shall be final.
- The jury's decisions will be announced by e-mail.

9. Miscellaneous

- The articles can be original articles, not yet published, or articles published after 1 January 2010 that can be republished.
- For articles written by several authors, the name of a contact person must be mentioned, along with how the prize should be shared between the individual authors if the jury selects the article.
- The articles selected shall not be revised but slight changes may be made.
- The winning authors transfer their reproduction rights to the Foundation P&V.

ADMISSIBILITY AND SELECTION CONDITIONS

Admissibility Conditions

- It must be submitted before 30 June 2012.
- Written in one of the three authorised languages: French, Dutch or English.
- Not exceed the limit of 10 000 words.
- Not have been published before 1 January 2010.
- Relate to Belgium or be comparable and relate to one or more European countries or OECD members.

Selection Conditions

- Concern a major issue relating to the subject of this call for entries.
- Relevance of the article to a policy aiming to reduce failure and early school leaving and to combat youth unemployment.
- Scientific quality of the work, rigour of the contribution and the research method.
- Use of empirical data.
- Usefulness in providing solutions and contributing to policy decisions.
- Its original and/or innovative nature.
- Its contribution to a well-informed debate and to clarification of certain stereotypes and preconceptions.
- The quality of the style and presentation and the readability of the text.

SUPPORT OF FOUNDATION P&V AND COMMITMENT OF PRIZEWINNERS

- The Foundation P&V shall assign each winner (maximum 12) a **prize of EUR 1,500**. In the event of a winning article having been written by several authors, this amount shall be divided between the different authors based on the distribution stated in the candidacy file.
- Moreover, the Foundation P&V shall publish the winning texts. On this occasion, it shall ensure that the text is visible and circulated among political decision-makers, the scientific world, associations, the media and the general public.
- The Foundation P&V undertakes to keep the author up-to-date about small corrections that may be made to the article.

6. How were you informed about this call?

- Email from the P&V Foundation
- Newsletter from the P&V Foundation
- Website of the P&V Foundation
- (Email from) a colleague, fellow researcher, other person:
- Newsletter from another organization,
- Website of another organization,
- Other:

7. An e-mail list of persons to be informed of the publication and conference (optional).

PARTICIPATION CALENDAR

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| ▪ January 2012: | launch of call for entries; |
| ▪ March 2012: | reminder of call; |
| ▪ May 2012: | reminder of call; |
| ▪ 30 June 2012: | article submission deadline; |
| ▪ October/November 2012: | announcement of results; |
| ▪ December 2012/January 2013: | publication; |
| ▪ 7 and 8 February 2013: | conference. |

INFORMATION

- All information on the project and the call for entries is available in three languages at the website www.fondationpv.be (Projects/Young people excluded).
- For any specific questions, you can contact the Foundation P&V, Saskia De Groof, at + 32 (0) 22 50 91 24 or saskia.de.groof@pv.be .