

Application period for discretionary government transfer for organisation of continuing training on international environmental law and green diplomacy

The application period will be open for universities and other organisers of continuing training until Friday 15 March at 16.00.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will grant a discretionary government transfer for the organisation of continuing training on international environmental law and green diplomacy in 2019-2021. EUR 270,000 has been reserved for the purpose.

The transfer is meant for the organisation of a continuing training course on international environmental law and green diplomacy in Finland or abroad.

The transfer will be granted for training designed for people who attend international negotiations related to environmental agreements (e.g. public officials, representatives of CSOs and researchers), which increases interaction between negotiators representing developing countries and industrialised countries.

One precondition for receiving the transfer is that the training supports developing countries' capacity focusing on their participation in negotiations concerning environmental agreements and implementation, monitoring and evaluation of agreements; another precondition is that at least half of the participants in the training course are from developing countries. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs encourages the use of training methods and materials that the developing country participants could use at home for training their colleagues and others.

The transfer will be granted to universities or other organisers of continuing training. The maximum amount of the transfer is EUR 270,000 and it will be granted to one operator for the organisation of three training courses in 2019-2021.

The transfer can cover at most 80 per cent of the total costs of the training. In the application, the applicant must specify how the rest of the funding will be arranged.

When the Ministry for Foreign Affairs makes its decision on the recipient of the transfer, it lays special emphasis on the following matters:

- The applicant's general expertise in environmental law and green diplomacy
- The applicant's previous experience of organising continuing training on environmental law and green diplomacy in Finland and/or abroad
- Clear definition of the continuing training, its target group, objectives and implementation
- The way in which the training plan presents the structures of the most central international agreements and

content issues, including environmental safety requirements, the relationship between climate change and conflicts and international environmental governance. Proposals concerning the theme of the training in light of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda)

- The size of the target group, including methods used to find and contact developing country participants and to market the course in developing countries (the 25–30 participants, of whom at least half should be from developing countries; women's participation is specifically appreciated)
- Plan concerning cooperation with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in the different stages of the course for the first year and a preliminary plan for the years 2020-2021

Applications must be submitted in writing. The application must include an informal description of the content of the continuing training in 2019 and a preliminary description of the content for 2020 and 2021 and a preliminary estimate of the total costs of the project broken down by cost item.

The application must include a clarification of the names of the persons authorised to sign for the applicant (Finnish Trade Register or similar) and information of how the applicant will finance the part of the overall costs arising from the training that will not be covered by the transfer.

The curricula vitae of the persons responsible for the continuing training (at least two persons holding a PhD or a higher degree) must be included.

The application together with its appendices must be sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs by Friday 15 March 2019 at 16.00 by post to the address below, and via email to kirjaamo.um(at)formin.fi, maria.forslund(at)formin.fi and keo-90(at)formin.fi. Applications that arrive after the due date will not be processed. The Ministry reserves about three weeks for the processing of the applications. The applicants will be informed of the Ministry's decision by email.

Address:

PO Box 23, 00023 Government

Registry: Visiting address: Government service point, Ritarikatu 2 b, service hours from 8.00 to 16.15.

On the envelope: Maria Forslund, Ulkoministeriö/ KEO-90

The Act on Discretionary Government Transfers (688/2001) will be observed in the granting, disbursement, use and monitoring of the use of the transfer. The decision on a discretionary government transfer will include more detailed conditions on the disbursement, use and monitoring of the use of the transfer.

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