Programme	Activities	Funding available and co-financing rate	Timescale
Erasmus+	The Erasmus+ programme aims to boost skills and employability, as well as modernising Education, Training, and Youth work, allowing more than four million Europeans to study, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad.	€14.7billion Meets up to 100% of project costs	February and March 2015 Further opportunities throughout the year
	Erasmus+ will support transnational partnerships among Education, Training, and Youth organisations to tackle skills gaps and build capacity.		
	It will also support national efforts to modernise Education, Training, and Youth systems. In the field of Sport, there will be support for grassroots projects and cross-border challenges such as combating violence and racism.		
	Projects include: staff exchanges, study visits, exchange of learners, training activities multi-agency partnerships, partnership projects with education providers and employers, capacity building activities meetings of young people and decision makers.		
ESF	The European Social Fund aims to improve employment opportunities in the European Union and so help people fulfil their potential by gaining better skills and better job prospects. It also aims to engage young people not in education, employment or training; and to ensure that employers have the skills needed to help their businesses grow. There are opportunities for VCSE organisations to deliver skills and employment support via the London Councils ESF programme, a global grants programme, and through a new Big Lottery Fund ESF programme, 80% of which will go to VCSE organisations.	£950million in London. Meets 100% of project costs	Programmes to be launched between January and June 2015
The Asylum and Migration fund	The programme support activities related to asylum, legal migration, integration and the return of irregularly staying non-EU nationals. Potential activities include projects for improving diversity management in neighbourhoods, ESOL courses for immigrants facing language barriers, exchanges, sharing best practice among European integration practitioners, intercultural training and dialogue, etc.	€3.8billion 50% - 90% of project costs will be covered.	Early 2015

Appendix B

Equality, rights and	Funds anti-discrimination projects including those aimed at preventing violence against women and children. Promotes the rights of disabled	€439million	Already lunched with calls for proposals January to June
Citizenship	people, gender equality, preventing and combating racism, xenophobia,	Meets 80% of project	2015
programme	homophobia and other forms of intolerance. Activities supported under	costs	
	this funding programme include cooperation, awareness raising and		
	dissemination activities, organisation of awareness-raising and information		
	campaigns, staff exchanges, workshops, seminars and research		
Employment	Activities to promote sustainable employment for vulnerable groups such	€850million	Calls for proposals
and Social	as young people, funding research studies, comparative analyses and		throughout 2015
Innovation	innovative solutions to unemployment and social exclusion.	Meets 80% of costs	
Programme			
Europe for	Aims to improve civic and democratic participation at EU level, with two	€185million across the	
Citizens	themes:	EU over seven years.	
	European remembrance (the programme funded the Imperial War		
	Museum's activities to commemorate World War 1)	Meets 70% - 90% of	
	Democratic engagement and civic participation, including supporting town twinning	project costs.	
	Potential for VCS engagement in projects, though not to lead projects.		