

Annex 4 Proof of Concept Call for Proposals

Call Title: Call for proposals for *ERC Proof of Concept*

Call identifier: ERC-2011-PoC

Date of publication⁴⁹: 29 March 2011.

Electronic proposal submission deadlines⁵⁰:

First deadline: 15 June 2011 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Final deadline: 8 November 2011 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Indicative budget: EUR 10m from assigned revenues (approximately half of which will be for each of the two evaluation rounds following the deadlines above). The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

The Union financial contribution shall be in the form of a grant corresponding to 100% of the total eligible and approved direct costs, and a reimbursement of a flat-rate of 7% of the total eligible direct costs⁵¹ towards indirect costs.

Activity (Funding Scheme): European Research Council ERC Proof of Concept (Coordination and Support Action)

Minimum number of participants: At least one independent legal entity established in one of the Member States, or one of the associated countries (in the case of the participation of more than one legal entity the participants are not obliged to establish a consortium agreement).

Eligibility criteria: See section 5 of the work programme for the applicable eligibility criteria.

Evaluation procedure: A one-step submission and evaluation procedure will be used. The evaluation will be conducted by peer reviewers⁵². These experts may work remotely and may if necessary meet as an evaluation panel as set out in section 5.7.2 on the application of the evaluation criteria.

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Information on the modalities of the call and guidance to applicants on how to submit projects is available on:

<http://erc.europa.eu>

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/appmanager/participants/portal>

⁴⁹ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication

⁵⁰ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months

⁵¹ Excluding the direct costs for subcontracting and the costs of resources made available by third parties which are not used on the premises of the host institution.

⁵² According to section 3.1.6.3 of the ERC Rules for the submission of proposals.