

Call title: Sustainable automotive electrochemical storage

Call identifier: FP7-2011-GC-ELECTROCHEMICAL-STORAGE

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Deadline: 2 December 2010¹ at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).

Indicative budget^{2 3}: EUR 25.5 million from the 2011 budget of which:

- EUR 10 million from Theme 4 – Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies (NMP)
- EUR 5.5 million from Theme 6 – Environment (including Climate Change)
- EUR 10 million from Theme 7 – Transport (including Aeronautics).

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

In case the budget can not be consumed (totally or partially), the remaining budget will be returned to each FP7 theme according to its respective contribution.

Topics called

The topic on **Advanced eco-design and manufacturing processes for batteries and electrical components** is identical in each theme. Hence, each proposal must be submitted only **once** either to topic GC.NMP.2011-1 or to topic GC.ENV.2011-3.1.3-1 or topic GC.SST.2011-7.7, **but not to all**.

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes	Budget Million EUR
GC.NMP.2011-1	– Advanced eco-design and manufacturing processes for batteries and electrical components	<i>Collaborative projects (Large-scale projects)</i>	25.5
GC.ENV.2011-3.1.3-1			
GC.SST.2011-7.7			
GC.ENV.2011-3.1.3-2 ⁴	- Operational guidance for Life Cycle Assessment studies of the European Green Cars Initiative	<i>Coordination and support action (Supporting action)</i>	

• **Eligibility conditions:**

The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme, and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

¹ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² A single reserve list will be constituted if there are a sufficient number of good quality proposals. It will be used if extra budget becomes available.

³ Under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

⁴ Up to one project can be funded

Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants.

The minimum number of participating entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation: For Collaborative projects, the minimum condition shall be the participation of 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a Member State or Associated Country and no two of which are established in the same Member State or Associated Country

For Coordination and Support Actions, the minimum conditions shall be:

- Coordination and Support Actions – **coordinating actions**: at least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a Member State or Associated Country, and no 2 of which are established in the same Member State or Associated Country.
- Coordination and Support Actions – **supporting actions**: at least 1 independent legal entity.

- **Additional eligibility criterion:**

For the topic **Advanced eco-design and manufacturing processes for batteries and electrical components**, implemented via large scale collaborative projects: **the EU funding requested must be greater than EUR 4 million.**

For the topic: **Operational guidance for Life Cycle Assessment studies of the European Green Cars Initiative**, implemented via coordination and support action (supporting action): **the EU funding requested must not exceed EUR 500 000.**

- **Evaluation procedure:**

A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.

Proposals will be evaluated in a single-step procedure. Proposals could be evaluated remotely with the consensus sessions being held in Brussels.

For this call the following criteria and thresholds are applied: **1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact.** For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be given, with the possibility of half-point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	3/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	10/15

Further information on elements to be taken into account in the evaluation is given under the respective topic descriptions.

Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

Evaluation of proposals: January 2011. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will start as of March 2011.

- **Consortia agreements**

Consortia agreements are required for Collaborative projects.

- **Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:**

As a result of the evaluation, a single ranked list of proposals retained for funding will be drawn up as well as a single reserve list of proposals that may be funded in case budget becomes available during negotiations.

The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.

- **Use of flat rates for subsistence costs:**

In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available at the following website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.