

Call title: "Future Internet"-2012

Public-Private Partnership "Future Internet"

- Call identifier: FP7-2012-ICT-FI
- Date of publication¹: 17 May 2012
- Deadline²: 24 October 2012 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)
- Indicative budget^{3,4}: EUR 80 million

See indicative budget breakdown in section 7 of the ICT work programme.

- Topics called:

Challenge	Objectives	Funding schemes
Challenge 1: Pervasive and Trusted Network and Service Infrastructures	FI.ICT-2011.1.8 Use Case scenarios and early trials (Phase 2)	IP
	FI.ICT-2011.1.9 Capacity Building and Infrastructure Support (Phase 2)	IP

- Eligibility conditions:

The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of 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.

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.

¹ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication.

² The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months

³ The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary:

- The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for each call; and
- Any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call

⁴ Under condition that the draft budget for 2012 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

The minimum number of participating entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation. See Appendix 1 of the ICT work programme for further details on the minimum number of participants.

- Evaluation procedure:
 - A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
 - The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to the Cooperation work programme.

Proposal submission must be made by means of the European Commission's Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS) on or before the published deadline. 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.

- Particular requirements for prioritisation of proposals with the same score⁵:

The procedure for prioritising proposals which have been awarded the same score (ex aequos) within a ranked list is described below. It will be applied successively for every group of ex aequo proposals requiring prioritisation, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:

(i) Proposals that address topics not otherwise covered by more highly-rated proposals, will be considered to have the highest priority.

(ii) These proposals will themselves be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the criterion impact. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on the scores for the criterion scientific and/or technological excellence. If necessary, any further prioritisation will be based on other appropriate characteristics, to be decided by the panel, related to the contribution of the proposal to the European Research Area and/or general objectives mentioned in the work programme.

(iii) The method described in (ii) will then be applied to the remaining ex aequos in the group.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will start as of January 2013.
- Consortia agreements: Participants in all actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement. Special clause 41 'Complementary Grant Agreements' and the provisions therein will be applicable to all projects selected under this call.
- The forms of grant which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.

⁵ For this call, the procedure detailed below replaces the procedure foreseen in Annex 2 for the handling of tied scores.