

Call title: ENVIRONMENT 2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO

- **Call identifier:** FP7-ENV-2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO
- **Date of publication:** 10 July 2012
- **Deadline:** 4 April 2013¹ at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget²:** EUR 40 million

Table 1. Indicative budget breakdown by challenge/activity:

Challenge/activity	Indicative budget (EUR million)
6.1 Coping with climate change	n/a
6.2 Sustainable use and management of land and seas	n/a
6.3 Improving resource efficiency	40
6.4 Protecting citizens from environmental hazards	n/a
6.5 Mobilising environmental knowledge for policy, industry and society	n/a

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.

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

² Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

• **Topics called for the FP7-ENV-2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO-call:**

<i>Challenge</i>	<i>Topics called</i>	<i>Funding Schemes and eligibility criteria</i>
<i>Challenge 6.3 Improving resource efficiency</i>	<i>ENV.2013.WATER INNO&DEMO-1 Water innovation demonstration projects One or more proposals can be selected.</i>	<i>SME-targeted Collaborative Project The requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000. Projects will only be selected for funding on the condition that the estimate EU contribution going to SMEs is 30 % or more of the total estimated EU contribution for the project as a whole. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the grant agreement. Proposals not fulfilling this criterion will not be funded.</i>
	<i>ENV.2013.WATER INNO&DEMO-2 Ensuring the integration of water and innovation demonstration projects and support to trans-national networks of procurers Up to one proposal can be selected for each sub-topic.</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating action) The requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000.</i>

• **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.
- Table of standard minimum number of participating legal entities for all funding schemes used in the call, in line with the Rules for Participation and in the below format:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Project/SME-targeted Collaborative Project	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC
Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC

- 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 following additional eligibility conditions apply in this call:

- It is important to note that the upper limits for requested EU contribution given per topic will be applied as an additional eligibility criterion and those proposals which do not respect these limits will be considered as ineligible.
- For topic ENV.2013.WATER INNO&DEMO-1, the following additional eligibility criterion will be applied: Projects will only be selected for funding on the condition that the estimate EU contribution going to SMEs is 30 % or more of the total estimated EU contribution for the project as a whole. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the grant agreement. Proposals not fulfilling this criterion will not be funded.

• Evaluation procedure:

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in annex 2 of the work programme.
- Proposal page limits: 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 electronic Submission Services of the Commission..

The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in annex 2 of the Cooperation work programme.
- A ranked list will be drawn up for each indicative budget shown in the call fiche.

- The evaluation shall follow a one stage evaluation procedure. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria: **1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact.** For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be given, with the possibility of 0.5 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	10/15

- **Indicative timetable:** Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the months of April and May 2013. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for short-listed proposals will begin in June 2013.
- **Consortia agreements** In line with the Rules for Participation and the Model Grant Agreement, participants in Collaborative Projects are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.
- **The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover 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 on the Participant Portal at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents under 'Guidance documents for FP7/Financial issues/Flat rates for daily allowances'.
- **Dissemination:** Grant agreements of projects financed under this call for proposals will include the special clause 39 on the 'Open access pilot in FP7'. This includes the obligation on beneficiaries to ensure free access to peer-reviewed articles resulting from projects via an institutional or subject-based repository.