

Call title: FET Open

- Call identifier: FP7-ICT-2011-C
- Date of publication¹: 20 July 2010
- Date from which proposals are receivable: 4 August 2010
- Deadline²: 31 December 2012, at 17:00:00, Brussels, local time³
- Indicative budget⁴: EUR 46 million⁵, which is expected to be committed for successful proposals from the cut-off dates up to and including 10-04-2012 (batch 9 to batch 13). A minimum of EUR 10 million and a maximum of EUR 25 million will be allocated per batch.

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

- Topics called:

Challenge	Objectives	Funding schemes ⁶
Future and emerging technologies	ICT-2011.9.1 FET-Open: Challenging current thinking	CP (STREP only), CSA
	ICT-2011.9.2 High_Tech Research Intensive SMEs in FET research	CP (STREP only)
	ICT-2011.9.3 FET Young Explorers	CP (STREP only)
	ICT-2011.9.4 International Co-operation in FET research	Additional funding to existing grants (IP/STREP)

- Eligibility conditions:
Eligibility, evaluation, selection and award criteria: see Appendix 5 of the work programme for specific eligibility and evaluation criteria applicable to FET Open.
- Evaluation procedure:
 - For objectives ICT-2011.9.1: Challenging current Thinking, ICT-2011.9.2: High-Tech Research Intensive SMEs in FET research, ICT-2011.9.3: FET Young Explorers:
 - ▶ Proposals for STREP have to be submitted in two stages: first a *short*, strictly anonymous, proposal of maximum five pages (excluding a title page) is submitted describing the key objectives and motivation for the proposed work;

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 It is planned that the call will subsequently be extended beyond 31/12/2012

⁴ 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

⁵ The budget amount for part of the FET Open Call (EUR 46 million) is from the 2011 budget, under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority. The remaining amount for FET-Open is expected to be added from the 2012 budget for which a new financing decision to cover the budget of that year will be requested at the appropriate time.

⁶ Each proposal should indicate the type of funding scheme used (IP or STREP for CP, where applicable; CA or SA for CSA, where applicable)

- ▶ *Short* proposals may be submitted at any time from the opening of the call until 11/09/2012 (*short* proposal end date submission period as indicated in the table below). They are evaluated anonymously as they come in with the help of remote evaluators;
 - ▶ Evaluation Summary Reports will be sent to all proposers after the first stage evaluation;
 - ▶ If the *short* proposal is successful, the proposers are invited to submit a *full* proposal by a specified cut-off date. This cut-off date is determined by the submission date of the *short* proposal, as indicated in the table below;
 - ▶ *Full* proposals are evaluated through a combination of remote evaluation and panels of experts that convene in Brussels; they are not evaluated anonymously.
 - ▶ Proposals for CSA are submitted in one stage and are not evaluated anonymously. They are continuously receivable until 12 March 2013.
- For objectives ICT-2011.9.4: International cooperation on FET research:
- ▶ Proposals for additional funding to existing grant for on-going FET⁷ IP and STREP are submitted in one stage and are not evaluated anonymously
 - ▶ Proposals are evaluated through a combination of remote evaluation and panels of experts that convene in Brussels
 - ▶ Proposals are continuously receivable until 12 March 2013.

Batch	Short STREP proposals start date submission period	Short STREP proposals end date submission period	full STREP and CSA cut-off date (at 17:00 Brussels time)
9	09-09-2009	12-01-2010	06-07-2010
10	13-01-2010	03-08-2010	07-12-2010
11	04-08-2010	30-11-2010	17-05-2011
12	01-12-2010	03-05-2011	25-10-2011
13	04-05-2011	25-10-2011	10-04-2012
14	26-10-2011	10-04-2012	25-09-2012
15	11-04-2012	11-09-2012	12-03-2013

FET-Open proposals submitted up to batch 10 will be evaluated based on call text and eligibility, evaluation, selection and award criteria set-out in ICT Work Programme 2009/2010.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:
 - Evaluation results for *short* proposals: three months from proposal reception;
 - Evaluation results for *full* proposals: three months from the cut-off or closure date.
- Consortia agreements:

It is not mandatory that participants in RTD actions resulting from this call conclude a consortium agreement although such agreements are strongly recommended.

⁷ Projects selected under the FET objectives of the FP7 ICT Workprogrammes.