

Call title: ICT – EU Russia Coordinated Call

- Call identifier: FP7-ICT-2011-EU-Russia
- Date of publication: 20 July, 2010.
- Deadline: 14 September 2010 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)¹ and for the coordinated projects funded by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia on 8 September, 2010 at 18.00.00 (Moscow local time) according to the respective requirements of the EU and the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia.
- Indicative budget²: EUR 4 million³. A budget of app. EUR 2 million for the call is expected from the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia.

All budgetary figures given in this work programme are indicative. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of proposals, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

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

- Topics called:

Topic called	Topics	Funding Scheme
Objective ICT-2009.10.2 EU-Russia Research and Development cooperation	(a) Programming Models and Runtime Support	Small or medium scale focused research projects (STREPs)
	(b) Performance Analysis Tools for High-Performance Computing	
	(c) Optimisation, Scalability and Porting of Codes	

- Eligibility conditions:

The 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.

The minimum number of participating legal entities required for this call is summarised in the table below⁴:

¹ At the time of publication of the call, the Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² A 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

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Projects STREPs	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC , and no two of which are established in the same MS or AC.

- Additional eligibility criterion:

Proposals which do not include coordination with a Russian project will be considered ineligible. Therefore, the EU project proposals must include detailed explanations about the coordinated Russian proposal submitted in parallel to the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia. Proposals will only be evaluated on the condition that the proposal related to their coordinated Russian project has also been presented for funding to the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia.

In addition, for each Small or medium scale focused research project, the project duration shall not exceed 24 months and the maximum EU funding requested must not exceed **EUR 1.500.000**.

- Evaluation procedure:
 - The evaluation shall follow a single-step procedure.
 - The proposals will be evaluated by a panel including both European and Russian experts.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- Evaluation criteria and thresholds:

The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria to be applied to this coordinated call are given in Annex 2 of this work programme.

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 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

- The following points will be reflected in the evaluation:

The financial resources mobilised within a project will be assessed during the evaluation against the real work to be carried out in the project.

In order to ensure a more genuine EU-Russia cooperation, a balanced effort between the two coordinated projects and a research plan properly involving coordinated research activities between Europe and Russia, represent an added value to the activities and this will be reflected in the evaluation under the criteria 'Impact' and 'Implementation'.

⁴ MS = Member States of the EU; AC = Associated Country. Where the minimum conditions for an indirect action are satisfied by a number of legal entities, which together form one legal entity, the latter may be the sole participant, provided that it is established in a Member State or Associated country.

At Panel stage, the priority order of the proposals with equal overall scores will be established in accordance with work programme coverage. If they are still tied, they will be prioritised according to their scores for the Impact criterion. If they are still tied, they will be prioritised according to their scores for the S/T Quality criterion.

- Additional selection criterion:

Proposals will only be selected on the condition that their corresponding coordinated Russian project will be funded by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia.

Up to one proposal per topic will be funded under this call: That is one proposal for each one of the three topics (A, B, C) implemented via Small or medium scale focused research projects (STREPs).

- Submission conditions:

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.

In terms of reciprocity, non confidential abstracts of EU retained proposals will be made available to the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluations are expected to be carried out in the second half of September, 2010; Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 6 weeks after the closure date. Negotiations will be carried out in parallel by the EU and the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia, in order to have a simultaneous start of the respective grant agreements. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the short-listed proposals will start as of October 2010 and that all projects will start work on 1 January 2011.

- Consortium agreements:

Participants in all EU actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to the grant agreement.

- Coordination agreements:

Participants in the EU Collaborative Projects are required to conclude a coordination agreement with the participants in the coordinated project funded by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia. A final draft of these agreements has to be provided with the proposal.

- Other points:

The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered for projects funded through the Cooperation Programme are specified in Annex 3 to this work programme.