

Call title: ICT – EU Japan Coordinated Call

- Call identifier: FP7-ICT-2013-EU-Japan
- Date of publication: 2 October, 2012.
- Deadline: 29 November 2012 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)¹ and for the coordinated projects funded by the Japanese authorities (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, MIC, and the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology, NICT) on 29 November 2012 at 17.00.00 (Tokyo local time) according to the respective requirements of the EU and Japan.
- Indicative budget²: EUR 9 million³ (a similar budget for the call is expected from MIC and NICT).

All budgetary figures given in this work programme are indicative. The final EU 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
ICT-2013.10.1 EU-Japan Research and Development cooperation	a): Optical communications	Small or medium scale focused research projects (STREPs)
	b) Wireless communications	
	c) Cybersecurity for improved resilience against cyber threats	
	d) Extending the cloud paradigm to the Internet of Things – Connected object and sensor clouds within the service perspective	
	e) Federation of testbeds: Control, tools and experiments	
	f) Green & content centric networks	

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

² 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

³ Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

- 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:

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 submitted to this call which do not include coordination with a Japanese proposal will be considered ineligible.

- Evaluation procedure:

- The evaluation shall follow a single-step procedure.
- The proposals will be evaluated by a panel including both European and Japanese 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 scores
S/T quality	3/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	3/5
Overall required score	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-Japan cooperation, a balanced effort between the two coordinated projects and a research plan properly involving coordinated research activities

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.

between Europe and Japan, represent an added value to the activities and this will be reflected in the evaluation under the criteria 'Impact' and 'Implementation'.

At Panel stage, the priority order of the proposals with equal overall scores will be established.

- Additional selection criterion:

Proposals will only be selected on the condition that their corresponding coordinated Japanese project will be funded by MIC or NICT.

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

- Submission conditions:

Proposal submission must be made by means of the electronic Submission Services of the Commission 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.

In terms of reciprocity, EU retained proposals will be made available to MIC/NICT and vice versa.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluations are expected to be carried out in January 2013; Evaluation results: estimated to be available within 10-12 weeks after the closure date. Negotiations will be carried out in parallel by the EU and MIC or NICT, 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 February 2013 and that all projects will start work early in April 2013.

- 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 MIC or NICT. 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.