

Call title: KBBE 2011: general call for proposals

- **Call identifier:** FP7-KBBE-2011-5
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- **Deadline¹:** 25 January 2011 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)
- **Indicative budget²:** EUR 240.27 million from 2011 Budget

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.

Activity	Indicative amount (EUR million)
Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments	93.11
Activity 2.2: Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being	70.08
Activity 2.3: Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes	70.58
Activity 2.4: Other activities	6.5

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes and additional eligibility criteria
Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments		
2.1.1	<i>KBBE.2011.1.1-01: Promoting conifer genomic resources</i>	- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000
2.1.1	<i>KBBE.2011.1.1-02: Integrated approach to studying effects of</i>	- Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs)

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

² Under the condition that the draft budget 2011 is adopted without modifications by the Budgetary Authority

	<i>combined biotic and abiotic stress in crop plants</i>	- Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 - 15% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.1	<i>KBBE.2011.1.1-03: Efficiency of ruminant digestive systems and reduction of the ecological footprint through a combination of systems biology, 'omics' and nutrition</i>	- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000
2.1.1	<i>KBBE.2011.1.1-04: Sustaining and managing forest tree genetic resources</i>	- Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-01: Sustainable management of agricultural soils in Europe for enhancing food and feed production and contributing to climate change mitigation</i>	- Collaborative Projects (small or medium-scale focused research project) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-02: Reducing mineral fertilisers and chemicals use in agriculture by recycling treated organic waste as compost and bio-char products</i>	- Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 - 20% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-03: Development of cover crop and mulch systems for sustainable crop production</i>	- Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 - 15% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-04: Translating knowledge on flowering time to improve breeding efficiency</i>	- Collaborative Projects (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -20% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-05: Root signalling, growth and development under abiotic stress conditions</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -10% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-06: Strategies to replace copper-based products as plant protection products in low input and organic farming systems</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -20% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-07: Preserving the multifunctionality of European Mountain forests</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -15% of EU contribution to SMEs

2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-09: Beyond Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) in fisheries: defining management targets and their consequences</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 5 000 000 - 15% of EU contribution to SMEs -The duration of the proposals submitted under this topic shall be 4 years
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-10: Socio-economic effects of the main management principles of the future Common Fishery Policy (CFP): impact of new policy framework and opportunities for the fishing sector to develop self- and co-management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 - 15% of EU contribution to SMEs - The duration of the proposals submitted under this topic shall be 3 years
2.1.2	<i>KBBE.2011.1.2-11: Aquaculture feeds and fish nutrition: paving the way to the development of efficient and tailored sustainable feeds for European farmed fish</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) - Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000 - 15% of EU contribution to SMEs - The duration of the proposals submitted under this topic shall not be less than 4 years
2.1.3	<i>KBBE.2011.1.3-01: New/next generation of researchers for Neglected Zoonoses at the animal-human interface – Mandatory ICPC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 2 000 000 -15% of EU contribution to SMEs -Minimum number of participants: 3 from different MS or AC and 3 from different ICPC (of which at least 2 from Africa)
2.1.3	<i>KBBE.2011.1.3-02: Development of field tests for rapid screening of pathologies as well as simple laboratories tests in animals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -50% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.3	<i>KBBE.2011.1.3-03: European interprofessional network addressing zoonotic diseases transmitted via companion animals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000
2.1.3	<i>KBBE.2011.1.3-04: Management and control of increased livestock helminths parasite infection risks due to global changes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -15% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.1.3	<i>KBBE.2011.1.3-06: Development of next generation European system for cattle evaluation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -“Research for the benefit of SMEs” -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000

		- <i>Minimum number of participants: 3 independent SME participants, established in 3 different Member States of Associated countries and 2 RTD performers³ (independent from any other participant).</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE.2011.1.4-02: Strengthening the impact of fisheries related research through dissemination, communication and technology transfer</i>	- <i>Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)</i> - <i>Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE.2011.1.4-03: Feasible and cost-effective crop-specific coexistence measures</i>	- <i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs)</i> - <i>Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000</i> - <i>15% of EU contribution to SMEs</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE.2011.1.4-04: The CAP and landscape management</i>	- <i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale - focused research project)</i> - <i>Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 500 000</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE.2011.1.4-05: Data network for better European organic market information</i>	- <i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs)</i> - <i>Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 500 000</i> - <i>15% of EU contribution to SMEs</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE.2011.1.4-06: Towards land management of tomorrow – Innovative forms of mixed farming for optimized use of energy and nutrients</i>	- <i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs)</i> - <i>Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000</i> - <i>25% of EU contribution to SMEs</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE.2011.1.4-07: Role of aquaculture in improving food security and eradicating poverty worldwide – Mandatory ICPC</i>	- <i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)</i> - <i>Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000</i> - <i>Minimum number of participants: 3 from different Member States or Associated countries and 3 from different ICPCs.</i> - <i>Eligible ICPCs for the implementation of the project: LIFDCs</i> <i>(http://www.fao.org/countryprofiles/lifdc.asp), ICPCs with high aquaculture contribution to their GDP, ICPCs with high numbers of small-</i>

³ As defined in Art. 2 (18) of Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and for the dissemination of research results.

		<i>scale aquaculture farmers operating, ICPCs with high international trade in fish products, in particular important exporters to EU. According to the partnership, a strong and clear synergy with relevant national and/or international initiatives may be required.</i>
Activity 2.2: Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being		
2.2.1	<i>KBBE.2011.2.1-01: Strategies for improving communication between social and consumer scientists, food technology developers and consumers</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000</i>
2.2.2	<i>KBBE.2011.2.2-01: Development of functional foods and ingredients</i>	<i>-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000 -35% of EU contribution to SMEs</i>
2.2.2	<i>KBBE.2011.2.2-02: New technologies and tools and their potential application to nutrition research</i>	<i>-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000</i>
2.2.2	<i>KBBE.2011.2.2-03: Long-term influence of early nutrition on health</i>	<i>-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 9 000 000</i>
2.2.2	<i>KBBE.2011.2.2 -04: Translation mechanisms for targeting interventions on micro-nutrients – Mandatory South Asia and South East Asia</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 2 000 000 -Minimum number of participants: 3 from different Member States or Associated countries and 3 from different ICPC from South Asia⁴ and South East Asia⁵.</i>
2.2.3	<i>KBBE.2011.2.3-01: Sustainable cleaning and disinfection technologies</i>	<i>-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -35% of EU contribution to SMEs</i>
2.2.3	<i>KBBE.2011.2.3-02: Food Factory of the Future – Design Study</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 2 000 000</i>
2.2.3	<i>KBBE.2011.2.3-03: Advanced and flexible technologies for active, intelligent and</i>	<i>-Collaborative Project (small or medium scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR</i>

⁴ South Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

⁵ South East Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam

	<i>sustainable food packaging</i>	3 000 000 -35% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.2.3	<i>KBBE.2011.2.3-04: Satiety control through food structures made by novel processing</i>	-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000 -35% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.2.3	<i>KBBE.2011.2.3 -05: Processed foods with lower salt, fat and sugar content</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -35% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.2.4	<i>KBBE.2011.2.4-01: Safety and quality of ready-to-eat foods</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -35% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.2.4	<i>KBBE.2011.2.4-02: Pan-European Total Diet Study</i>	-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000
2.2.5	<i>KBBE.2011.2.5-01: Environmental sustainability in the European food and drink chain</i>	Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 35% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.2.5	<i>KBBE.2011.2.5-02: Reducing post-harvest losses for increased food security - SICA</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for Specific Cooperation Actions dedicated to International Cooperation -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -Minimum number of participants: 3 from different Member States or Associated countries and 3 from different ICPC.
2.2.5	<i>KBBE.2011.2.5-03: Food science and the retail sector: a platform for preparing the effective integration of research findings within innovative concepts and applications</i>	-Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000
Activity 2.3: Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes		
2.3.1	<i>KBBE.2011.3.1-01: Plant photosynthetic efficiency: from a C3 to a C4 system</i>	-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 9 000 000 -25% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.3.1	<i>KBBE.2011.3.1-02: Perennial grasses: optimising biomass</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) for

	<i>production – SICA</i>	<i>Specific Cooperation Actions dedicated to International Cooperation</i> -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -SICA - Minimum number of participants: 2 from different Member States or Associated countries and 2 from different ICPCs. -25% of EU contribution to SMEs.
2.3.2	<i>KBBE.2011.3.2-01: Marine biotechnology ERA-NET preparatory action</i>	-Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000
2.3.3	<i>KBBE.2011.3.3-02: Biocatalysis for chiral compounds</i>	-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000 -25% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.3.3	<i>KBBE.2011.3.3-03: Cellular, metabolic and genetic engineering for novel compounds</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -25% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.3.4	<i>KBBE.2011.3.4-01: BioWASTE – Novel biotechnological approaches for transforming industrial and/or municipal biowaste into bioproducts – SICA</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) for Specific Cooperation Actions Dedicated to International Cooperation -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -SICA – Minimum number of participants: 2 from different Member States or Associated countries and 2 from different ICPCs -25% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.3.4	<i>KBBE.2011.3.4-02: Towards a sustainable bio-industry – Biotechnology for renewable chemicals and innovative downstream processes</i>	-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 9 000 000 -25% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.3.5	<i>KBBE.2011.3.5-01: GM crops in the EU – systematically assessing environmental and economic impacts</i>	-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000
2.3.6	<i>KBBE.2011.3.6-01: Increasing the accessibility, usability and predictive capacities of bioinformatics tools for biotechnology applications</i>	-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000 -25% of EU contribution to SMEs
2.3.6	<i>KBBE.2011.3.6-02: Supporting the development of Bioinformatics Infrastructures for the effective exploitation of</i>	-Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000

	<i>genomic data: Beyond health applications</i>	
2.3.6	<i>KBBE.2011.3.6-03: Towards standardisation in Synthetic Biology</i>	<i>-Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 6 000 000</i>
2.3.6	<i>KBBE.2011.3.6-04: Applying Synthetic Biology principles towards the cell factory notion in biotechnology</i>	<i>-Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 3 000 000</i>
2.3.6	<i>KBBE.2011.3.6-05: Ensuring the safety of Synthetic Biology applications</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000</i>
Activity 2.4: Other activities		
2.4.1	<i>KBBE.2011.4-01: Networking of KBBE relevant ERA-NETs</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 500 000</i>
2.4.2	<i>KBBE.2011.4-02: Support to European Commission (EC) activities related to international co-operation with Australia-Canada-New Zealand and with the USA</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 500 000 -The duration of the proposals submitted under this topic shall be minimum 3 years.</i>
2.4.3	<i>KBBE.2011.4-03: Communication of research results</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 2 000 000 -The duration of the proposals submitted under this topic shall be minimum 3 years.</i>
2.4.4	<i>KBBE.2011.4-04: Energy Efficiency in Agriculture</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 500 000</i>
2.4.4	<i>KBBE.2011.4-05: EU – India Partnering Initiative on biomass production and biowaste conversion through biotechnological approaches – Mandatory India</i>	<i>-Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000 -Minimum number of participants: 3 from different Member States or Associated Countries and 1 from India -The duration of the proposals submitted under this topic shall be up to 3 years.</i>
2.4.4	<i>KBBE.2011.4-06: Bio-Economy Promotion</i>	<i>- Coordination and Support Action (supporting action) -Max. requested EU contribution/proposal: EUR 1 000 000 - The duration of the proposals submitted under</i>

		<i>this topic shall be minimum 2 years.</i>
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- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to 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.
- Standard minimum number of participating legal entities for all funding schemes used in the call, in line with the Rules for Participation, apply to all topics, **unless indicated otherwise in the table above**:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Projects	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
Collaborative Project for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international cooperation partner countries	At least 4 independent legal entities. Of these, 2 must be established in different MS or AC. The other 2 must be established in different international cooperation partner countries (ICPC)
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
Coordination and Support Actions (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity
Research for the benefit of SMEs	At least 3 SME participants (from 3 different Member States or Associated countries) and 2 RTD performers ⁶ (independent from any other participant)

- 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 minimum number of eligible participants.

Evaluation procedure

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 to the work programme.

⁶ As defined in Art. 2 (18) of Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and for the dissemination of research results : " *'RTD performer'* means a legal entity carrying out research or technological development activities in funding schemes for the benefit of specific groups as identified in Annex III to Decision No 1982/2006/EC".

- 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 EPSS.
 - 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 work programme.

It is envisaged that **up to one project** may be retained for each topic, except for the topics indicated below:

Topic number	Topic title	Maximum number of proposals
KBBE.2011.1.2-01	Sustainable management of agricultural soils in Europe for enhancing food and feed production and contributing to climate change mitigation	Up to 2 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.1.2-02	Reducing mineral fertilisers and chemicals use in agriculture by recycling treated organic waste as compost and bio-char products	Up to 2 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.1.2-05	Root signalling, growth and development under abiotic stress conditions	Up to 2 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.1.4-06	Towards land management of tomorrow – Innovative forms of mixed farming for optimized use of energy and nutrients	Up to 2 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.2.3-03	Advanced and flexible technologies for active, intelligent and sustainable food packaging	Up to 3 projects may be funded.
KBBE.2011.2.3-05	Processed foods with lower salt, fat and sugar content	Up to 2 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.2.4-01	Safety and quality of ready-to-eat foods	Up to 3 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.2.5-01	Environmental sustainability in the European food and drink chain	Up to 2 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.2.5-02	Reducing post-harvest losses for increased food security — SICA	Up to 2 projects may be funded

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KBBE.2011.3.1-02	Perennial grasses: optimising biomass production – SICA	Up to 3 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.3.3-03	Cellular, metabolic and genetic engineering for novel compounds	Up to 2 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.3.4-01	BioWASTE – Novel biotechnological approaches for transforming industrial and/or municipal biowaste into bioproducts – SICA	Up to 3 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.3.6-01	Increasing the accessibility, usability and predictive capacities of bioinformatics tools for biotechnology applications	Up to 3 projects may be funded
KBBE.2011.3.6-04	Applying Synthetic Biology principles towards the cell factory notion in biotechnology	Up to 2 projects may be funded

- There may be competition between proposals submitted on different topics and proposals submitted on the same topic. This may result in some topics not being supported. A reserve list may be produced of projects that pass the evaluation but fall below the available budget in case additional budget becomes available.
- **Indicative timetable:** Evaluation results: three months after the relevant deadline mentioned above. Grant agreement signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to this call will come into force at the end of 2011.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants in Collaborative Projects (large scale integrating projects) are required to conclude a consortium agreement. For other projects consortia agreements are recommended.
- **The forms of grant 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 at the following website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.
- **Additional information concerning twinning of projects under Theme 2 and related programmes in third countries:** with a view to promoting international cooperation with third countries that have signed bilateral S&T agreements with the European Union, initiatives for collaboration between projects under Theme 2 of FP7 and related research programmes in these third countries will be encouraged on the basis of mutual benefit and reciprocity. The Commission reserves the right to ask the coordinators of FP7 projects, during the grant agreement negotiations, to include collaboration activities with projects financed by these third countries. The costs of these activities are expected to be

approximately 1% of the total European Union contribution to these projects. Parallel funding is expected from the related research programmes in the third countries for counterpart projects.

- For the topics which have a percentage of EU contribution going to SMEs as an eligibility criterion, the following aspects will be considered under the 'Implementation' criterion:
 - Proposals are expected to have a substantial involvement of SMEs;
 - The proposals will be selected for funding only if a percentage of EU contribution going to SMEs, as indicated in each topic and in the call fiche, is met. This will be checked definitively at the end of any negotiation.