

Call Title: Theme 4 – NMP - Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies – Coordinated call EU-Mexico 2010

- **Call identifier:** *FP7-NMP-2010-EU-Mexico*

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Deadline¹: For Collaborative Projects - Small or medium-scale focused research projects– 15 December 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).

- **Indicative budget:** **EUR 6 Million** ² by EC- NMP Theme. The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call. A budget equivalent to EUR 5 million - is made available by CONACYT – the Mexican National Council on Science and Technology.

- **Topic called:**

Activity/Area	Topics	Funding Scheme
<i>Nanotechnologies and converging technologies</i>	NMP.2010.1.2-4 Adding Value to mining at the Nanostructure level	<i>Small or medium-scale focused research projects</i>

- **Eligibility conditions:**

The coordinated call on the topic above is launched by the EC (this call) and the Mexican National Council on Science and Technology according to each respective rules.

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.

Each proposal must describe in detail the work to be carried out by EU participants and the work to be done by the Mexicans.

In line with the Rules for Participation, the minimum conditions to participate are: at least three 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. At least three independent legal entities established in Mexico, one of which must be an enterprise, are requested from the Mexican side.

The maximum EC funding must not exceed EUR 2 million, including contributions to Latin American ICPC; Mexican participants will be funded by CONACYT. Proposals must be submitted by using the European Commission Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS) available on CORDIS at www.cordis.europa.eu.

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.

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

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority.

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

- **Evaluation procedure**

For this call the evaluation shall follow a single-stage evaluation procedure. The proposals will be evaluated by a panel including both European and Mexican experts.

- **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

A balanced effort between the European and Mexican participants as well as other Latin American participants represents an added value to the activities and this will be reflected in the evaluation under the criteria 'Impact' and 'Implementation'.

See also Annex 2: Eligibility and evaluation criteria for proposals

In contrast with Annex 2, at Panel stage, the priority order of the proposals with equal overall scores will be established in accordance with their scores for the S/T Quality criterion. If they are still tied, they will be prioritised according to their scores for the Impact criterion. If proposals are still tied, they will be prioritised on the basis of the work programme coverage.

- **Additional selection criterion**

In each project, the EU participants will be funded by the EC whilst the Mexican participants will be funded by CONACYT. Therefore, all participants in the same project are technically - not financially - joint and severally responsible for the execution of the project. Proposals will only be selected on the condition that the Mexican participants are also funded by CONACYT.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable**

Evaluation: Beginning of February 2010; Evaluation results: estimated to be available within three months after the call closure date. A reserve list of projects might be established.

- **Consortia agreements**

Participants are requested to conclude a consortium agreement.

- **Use of flat rates for 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'.