

CALL TITLE: MARIE CURIE INITIAL TRAINING NETWORKS (ITN)

- **Call identifier:** FP7-PEOPLE-2012-ITN
- **Date of publication:** 20 July 2011
- **Deadline:** 12 January 2012 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time¹
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 423,23 million of the 2012 budget². The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of the call. Of this amount EUR 20 million are earmarked for European Industrial Doctorates.
- **Topics called:**

ACTION	Funding Schemes
<i>Marie Curie Initial Training Networks</i>	<i>Support for training and career development of researchers</i>

- **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.
 - Only information provided in Part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to the minimum number of eligible participants.
- **Additional eligibility criteria:**
 - This action addresses joint research training programmes in the form of either multi-ITNs, European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or Innovative Doctoral Programmes (IDP). The number of participating legal entities required in this action is summarised in the table below.

Type	Conditions
Multi-partner ITN (ITN)	At least three participants established in at least three different Member States or associated countries. Above this minimum, the participation of other third countries and of international organisations is possible under the conditions provided by the FP7 Rules for Participation.
European Industrial Doctorates (EID)	Two participants, one academic institution and one participant from the private sector, established in two different Member States or associated countries.
Innovative Doctoral Programmes (IDP)	A sole participant with a network of associated partners. The sole participant shall be established in a Member State or in an associated country.

- **Evaluation procedure:**
 - The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding actions are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.

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

² Under the condition that the draft budget for 2012 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

- 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 experts will be instructed 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 and right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
 - Associated partners must include a letter of commitment in the proposal to ensure their real and active participation in the proposed network. The experts will be instructed to disregard the contribution of any associated partners for which no such evidence of commitment is submitted.
 - A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
 - The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 of this work programme.
 - Proposals are allocated to one of the nine evaluation panels: eight Marie Curie evaluation panels³, and one 'European Industrial Doctorates' panel. For each panel a ranked list is established. The distribution of the indicative budget of the call over the research disciplines will be proportional to the number of eligible proposals received in each of the eight Marie Curie panels. For the 'European Industrial Doctorates' panel, an indicative budget of EUR 20 million is foreseen. If the budget allocated to any panel exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated⁴ in that panel, the excess budget will be reallocated to the other panels based on the distribution as above. Equally, if the allocated funding to a panel is insufficient to fund the highest ranked proposal in that panel, the necessary budget will be transferred from the other panels based on the distribution as above, in order to ensure that the highest ranked proposal can be funded.
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**
 - Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 4 months after the relevant deadline for submission.
 - Grant agreement signature: expected from within 9 months after the relevant deadline for submission.
 - **Consortia agreements:** Participants in EID resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement. Participants in ITN and IDP resulting from this call are NOT required to conclude a consortium agreement..
 - **Forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates:** The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to this work programme.

³ The Marie Curie evaluation panels are: Chemistry (CHE), Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC), Economic Sciences (ECO), Information Science and Engineering (ENG), Environment and Geosciences (ENV), Life Sciences (LIF), Mathematics (MAT), Physics (PHY).

⁴ Measured as proposals having passed all relevant evaluation thresholds.