

Transnational cooperation between regional research-driven clusters

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No further calls will be published in 2012 or 2013.
- Deadline: 31 January 2012 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time¹
- Indicative budget: *EUR 17.99 million for 2012*²
- Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
<i>REGIONS-2012-2013-1.</i> <u>Transnational cooperation between regional research-driven clusters</u>	In the 2012-2013 call, proposals should address either one or both of the following domains: a) RTD and innovation aspects of EU digital agenda b) Development of technologies and services relevant for the implementation of a 'resource efficient Europe'	CSA-CA <i>(Coordinating Action)</i>

- Eligibility conditions:

- The general eligibility criteria for the different funding schemes 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

- The minimum number of participants: Consortia of partners representing a minimum of three regional research-driven clusters from at least three different EU Member States and/or Associated Countries. Research-driven clusters must be composed of at least three types of legal entities (so called 'triple helix'), namely:

- legal entities conducting research (universities, research organisations and research for-profit bodies); national entities conducting research can be accepted if their organisational structure is broken down at regional level and if the regional structure involved is located in the same region as the other components of the cluster;
- business entities (large enterprises and SMEs as defined in the EC recommendation 2003/361/CE of 6 May 2003, OJ L 124/36, 20/05/2003) or their local groupings;
- regional/local authorities (local and regional government, regional development agencies); national entities can be accepted to represent regional authorities either in small Member States made up of only one NUTS II region (plus Slovenia which has two NUTS II regions), or if their organisational structure is broken down at regional

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

² On condition that the draft budget for 2012 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority. It is expected that this call budget will be increased significantly using 2013 appropriations, subject to the adoption of the 2013 budget by the European Parliament and the Council.

level and their regional representation is located in (or is effectively in charge of) the same region as the other components of the cluster; specialised regional entities, can be accepted if they are in charge of the design and/or the implementation of the relevant regional policy.

In any case each member of the cluster directly involved in the project's activities should be clearly identified in the proposal.

- Evaluation procedure:
 - The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
 - The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: *Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 4 months after the deadline; grant agreement signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to the call will come into force 9 months after the closure date.*
- Consortia agreements: *Participants are encouraged, but not required, to conclude a consortium agreement.*

The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme. The EU financial contribution may reach a maximum of 100 % of the total eligible costs.

- 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: ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/flat-rates-subsistence_en.pdf.