

Call title: Space Call 3

- Call identifier: FP7-SPACE-2010-1
- Date of publication: 30 July 2009
- Deadline¹: 8 December 2009, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- Indicative budget²: EUR 114 million
- Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
9.1.1 Space-based applications at the service of European Society / Integration, harmonisation, use and delivery of GMES data ³	SPA.2010.1.1-01 Stimulating the development of downstream GMES services	Collaborative Projects, Coordination and Support Action (supporting or coordinating)
	SPA.2010.1.1-04 Stimulating the development of services	Collaborative Projects, Coordination and Support Action (supporting or coordinating)
	SPA.2010.1.1-05 Contributing to the “S” in GMES – Developing pre-operational service capabilities for Maritime Surveillance	Collaborative Projects
	SPA.2010.1.1-06 Coordination of national activities for land monitoring	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating)
	SPA.2010.1.1-07 Fostering downstream activities and links with regions	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating)
9.2.1 Strengthening of Space foundations/ Research to support space science and exploration ⁴	SPA.2010.2.1-03 Exploitation of science and exploration data	Collaborative Projects, Coordination and Support Action (supporting or coordinating)
	SPA.2010.2.1-04 Space transportation for space exploration	Collaborative Projects

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

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority. 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 up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

³ For the Activity 9.1, five ranking lists will be established; one for each of the topics (SPA.2010.1.1-01, SPA.2010.1.1-04, SPA.2010.1.1-05, SPA.2010.1.1-06, and SPA.2010.1.1-07)

⁴ For the Activity 9.2, four ranking lists will be established. Two for the area 9.2.1: one ranking list for each topic SPA.2010.2.1-03 and SPA.2010.2.1-04. One ranking list will be established for the area 9.2.2. And one ranking list for the area 9.2.3 covering the two topics SPA.2010.2.3-01 and SPA.2010.2.3-02.

9.2.2 Strengthening of Space foundations / Research to support space transportation and key technologies ⁴	SPA.2010.2.2-01 Space technologies	Collaborative Projects
9.2.3 Strengthening of Space foundations / Reducing the vulnerability of space assets ⁴	SPA.2010.2.3-01 Security of space assets from space weather events	Collaborative Projects, Coordination and Support Action (supporting or coordinating)
	SPA.2010.2.3-02 Security of space assets from on-orbit collisions	Collaborative Projects, Coordination and Support Action (supporting or coordinating)
9.3.2 Cross-cutting activities ⁵ / International Cooperation	SPA.2010.3.2-01 EU-Russia Cooperation in GMES	Collaborative Projects with “Specific International Cooperation Actions” eligibility conditions
	SPA.2010.3.2-02 International Cooperation in GMES /Deforestation	Collaborative Projects with “Specific International Cooperation Actions” eligibility conditions
	SPA.2010.3.2-03 EU-South Africa Cooperation in GMES	Collaborative Projects with “Specific International Cooperation Actions” eligibility conditions
	SPA.2010.3.2-04 EU-Russia Cooperation for Strengthening Space Foundations	Collaborative Projects with “Specific International Cooperation Actions” eligibility conditions
9.3.5 Cross-cutting activities ⁵ / European Space Policy Support	SPA.2010.3.5-01 European Space Policy Studies	Coordination and Support Action (supporting or coordinating)

- Eligibility conditions:

- The general eligibility criteria for the different funding schemes 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.

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

⁵ For the activity 9.3, two separate ranking lists will be established: one for areas 9.3.2, and one for 9.3.5.

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.

- The following additional eligibility criteria and funding constraints apply in this call
- For Activity 9.1, Topics 1.1.01 and 1.1.04, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 2 500 000 for Collaborative Projects and EUR 500 000 for Coordination and Support Actions, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. CP and CSA will be ranked separately, and up to 12.5% of the budget of these two areas can be devoted to CSA.
- For Activity 9.1, Topic 1.1.05, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 4 000 000, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. Only CP are requested.
- For Activity 9.1, Topic 1.1.06, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 1 000 000, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. Only CSA are requested.
- For Activity 9.1, Topic 1.1.07, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 1 000 000, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. Only CSA are requested.
- For Activity 9.2, Topic 2.1.03, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 2 000 000 for Collaborative Projects and Coordination and Support Actions, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. CP and CSA will be ranked separately, and up to 25% of the budget of this area can be devoted to CSA.
- For Activity 9.2, Topics 2.1.04 and 2.2.01, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 2 000 000 for Collaborative Projects, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. Only CP are requested.
- For Activity 9.2, Topics 2.3.01 and 2.3.02, the maximum eligible EC contribution the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 2 000 000 for Collaborative Projects and EUR 500 000 for Coordination and Support Actions, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. CP and CSA will be ranked separately, and up to 20% of the budget of these two areas can be devoted to CSA.
- For Activity 9.3, Topics 3.2.01, 3.2.02, 3.2.03 and 3.2.04, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 500 000, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. Only SICA Collaborative Projects are requested.
- For Activity 9.3, Topic 3.5.01, the maximum eligible EC contribution is EUR 500 000, proposals requesting in excess will be ineligible. Only CSA are requested.
- 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.
- Participants may use flat rates to cover subsistence costs of travel in their FP7 Grants Agreements as outlined in Commission decision C(2009)1942.

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'.

- Evaluation procedure:

- The standard procedures set out in the FP7 Rules for submission of proposals, and the related evaluation, selection and award procedures, will apply
- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria, together with the selection and award criteria for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this Work Programme
- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- During final ranking, the procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores described in Annex 2 of the work programme will be modified as follows for the proposals in GMES area 9.1 only:
 - “The following approach will be applied successively for every group of ex aequo proposals requiring prioritisation, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:
 - (i) Proposals that address topics not otherwise covered by more highly-rated proposals, will be considered to have the highest priority.
 - (ii) These proposals will themselves be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the criterion **impact**. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on scores for the criterion **scientific and/or technological excellence**. If necessary, any further prioritisation will be based on other appropriate characteristics, to be decided by the panel, related to the contribution of the proposal to the European Research Area and/or general objectives mentioned in the work programme (e.g. presence of SMEs, international co-operation, public engagement).
 - (iii) The method described in (ii) will then be applied to the remaining ex aequos in the group.”
- CP and CSA will be ranked separately.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

This call in 2009 invites proposals to be funded in 2010. The evaluation is to commence within 2 months of the call deadline, with negotiations of successful proposals commensurate with the 2010 budget expected to commence in the first half of 2010.

Proposals recommended for funding, which cannot be financed from the available budget will be put in a reserve list after evaluation, to allow for later funding in case of availability of additional budget or failure to complete negotiation of a proposal recommended for funding.

- Implementation

Calls for proposals under this work programme Space will be implemented by the Research Executive Agency (REA) once this is operating autonomously according to the provisions of the Commission decision C/2008/3980 of 31/7/2008 “delegating powers to the Research Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to implementation of the Specific Community programmes People, Capacities and Cooperation in the field of research comprising , in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the Community budget”.

All activities under 9.1 to 9.3 are included in this delegation, only tender actions and pre-defined beneficiary actions (being in support of policy) are excluded from this delegation and will be managed by the Commission.

- Consortia agreements

The conclusion of a Consortium Agreement is required for any action under the space topic.

- The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.
- Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:
 - The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation. Please note, that for Coordination and Supporting Actions, different minimum participation rules apply depending on whether they are aiming at supporting or coordinating research activities and policies.
 - The forms of grant which will be offered and maximum reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation Work Programme.