

FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Theme 4 – Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies

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- **Call identifier:** *FP7-NMP-2008-EU-India-2*
- **Date of publication:** 30 November 2007
Deadline: For collaborative projects - Small or medium-scale focused research projects - 24 April 2008 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 5 Million in 2008¹ by EC- NMP Theme (a similar budget for the call is expected from DST).²
- **Topic called:**

| Activity/ Area | Topic called | Funding Scheme |
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| Coordinated activities and international cooperation | NMP-2008-2.6-2 Computational material science | Small or medium scale focused research projects |

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable**

Evaluation: June 2008; Evaluation results: estimated to be available within two months after the closure date. A reserve list of projects might be established. Negotiations will be carried out in parallel by the EC and DST, in order to have a simultaneous start of the respective grant agreements.

- **Consortia agreements**

Participants in the EC project are required to conclude a consortium agreement with the participants in the coordinated project funded by the DST. A final draft has to be provided with the proposal.

- **Additional eligibility criteria**

The eligibility, selection and award criteria to be applied to this Coordinated call are given in Annex 2 of this work programme. Proposals which do not include coordination with an Indian project will be considered ineligible. Therefore, the EC project proposals must include detailed explanations about the proposal to be financed by the DST.

¹ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority.

² In addition, the final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

Project proposals will only be evaluated on the condition that the proposal related to their coordinated Indian project has also been presented for funding to the DST. For information the deadline for submission of Indian projects to DST is fixed at 24 April 2008 at 20.30.00 hrs (India local time).

In addition, for each project, the maximum EC funding requested must not exceed **EUR 1 million**.

- **Evaluation procedure**

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

- **Evaluation criteria and thresholds**

The evaluation criteria and subcriteria to be applied to this coordinated call are given in Annex 2 of this work programme.

The 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 | 4/5 |
| Implementation | 3/5 |
| Impact | 3/5 |
| Overall threshold required | 12/15 |

To ensure a project implementation that reflects a more genuine EU-India cooperation, in evaluation priority will be given to proposals showing a balanced effort between the two coordinated projects and where the research plan involves properly coordinated research activities between Europe and India. The proposals should also take into account the exchange of researchers.

- **Additional selection criterion**

Project proposals will only be selected on the condition that their coordinated Indian project is also selected for funding by the DST.

- Forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates for projects funded through the Cooperation work programme are given in Annex 3 of this work programme.