

FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Annex 4 – General Activities

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- **Indicative budget and Topics**^{1,2,3}

An overall budget of up to EUR 29.3 million (inclusive of theme-linked, horizontal or indirectly linked activities) is foreseen for the co-ordinated ERA-NET call. It will cover two types of activities/topics.

1. A total of EUR 16.8 million, provided jointly by all Themes of the Cooperation Programme, is foreseen for actions of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes, to be apportioned between ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus proposals of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes (EUR 16.1 million) and for Conferences/Support Actions (EUR 0.7 million).

Table 1: Actions of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes and Budget
A4.2.2.1 ERA-NET actions	Topic ERANET.2008.1 ERA-NET proposals of a horizontal nature (i.e. cutting across several themes in the Cooperation Specific Programme or Parts in Capacities), or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes.	Coordination and Support Actions (Coordinating)
A4.2.2.2 ERA-NET Plus actions	Topic ERANET.2008.2 ERA-NET Plus proposals of a horizontal nature (i.e. cutting across several themes in the Cooperation Specific Programme or Parts in	EUR 16.1 million ¹⁵

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

² An amount from the 2009 budget is expected to be added to this call for which a new financing decision to cover the budget for that year will be requested at the appropriate time.

³ The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call. All budgetary figures given are also indicative. The repartition of the sub-budgets awarded within this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call

	Capacities), or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes.	
A4.2.3.2 Conferences and other support actions	Topic ERANET.2008.4 Support actions reviewing co-ordination and integration of research programmes being of a horizontal nature (i.e. cutting across several themes in the Cooperation Specific Programme or Parts in Capacities), or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes	Coordination and support actions (Supporting) EUR 0.7 million ¹⁵

2. A sum of up to EUR 12.5 million,^{4,5} provided by the Theme concerned, is foreseen in this co-ordinated call for ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus actions identified by Cooperation Themes in this work programme.

Table2 – Overview of Activities and Topics which are part of the FP7-ERANET-2008 –RTD co-ordinated call.

THEME/Activity	Topic identifier	TITLE	Budget (EUR million)
COOPERATION SPECIFIC PROGRAMME			
2. FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY			
2.1.4 - Socio-economic research and support to policies	KBBE-2008 1.4.10	Agriculture and sustainable development in a rural development context.	1.0 ¹⁸
4. NMP 4.2.6 Coordinated activities and international cooperation	NMP-2008 2.6-4	ERA-NET Plus on Materials Research	0.0 ¹⁹
4.4 Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP-2008 .4.0-13	ERA –NET on Nano-Medicine	0.0 ¹⁹
4.4 Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP-2008 .4.0-14	ERANET on trans-national cooperation for new innovative products in the forest-based value chains	
4.4 Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP-2008 .4.0-15	ERA-NET on implementing micro- and nano-manufacturing technologies within Member States industry	

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7. TRANSPORT (Including Aeronautics)			
7.1.7. Cross-cutting activities	AAT-2008 7.10	Co-ordination of national research programmes for further developing the European Research Area in the field of Aeronautics and Air Transport	0.0 ¹⁹
7.2.6 Cross-cutting activities	SST-2008.6.8	ERA-NET Road II	1.5 ¹⁸
8. SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES			
8.8. Strategic Activities	SSH-2008 8.6	ERA-NET Plus actions in Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities	10.0 ¹⁸

- Evaluation procedure :
 - The general evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds) 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 in September 2008
 - Opening of negotiations in November 2008
 - Selections from January 2009
 - Contracts from February 2009
- Consortia agreements:

Consortia Agreements are recommended, particularly for ERANET Plus actions.
- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme. For ERA-NET Plus actions, the maximum reimbursement rate for activities relating to the funding of selected trans-national projects is 33%.
- 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.
 - See parts on eligibility of participants in the description of the activity.
 - For the evaluation of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus proposals, the general criteria and thresholds applicable to Coordination and Support Actions given in Annex 2, are complemented as follows:

1. Scientific and/or technological excellence - Quality of coordination (Threshold 4/5 instead of 3/5)

- The management should be supported by a suitable governance structure involving the participating organisations at an appropriate level.

2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation (Threshold 3/5)

- In reference to the applicable work programme, does the proposed ERA-NET / ERA-NET Plus action pool the necessary resources between national programmes and the Community and does it represent the most appropriate type of public funding for this pre-defined area?

3. Potential impact (Threshold 3/5)

- The participants should be the key actors within their national or regional research systems.
- The ERA-NET activities should lay the foundations for a durable cooperation between the partners involved.
- Is there a clearly identified and agreed European added value through a variable geometry approach?

A reserve list may be produced of proposals that pass the evaluation, but fall below the available budget, in case any additional budget becomes available