

Call title: FET Open

- Call identifier: FP7-ICT-2009-C
- Date of publication: 19 November 2008
Date from which proposals are receivable: 1 January 2009.
- Deadline: 31 December 2010, at 17.00.00, Brussels, local time¹
- Indicative budget²: EUR 30³ million, which is expected to be committed for successful proposals from the cut-off dates up to and including 26/5/2009 (batch 5 to batch 6). A minimum of EUR 10 million and a maximum of EUR 20 million will be allocated per batch.
- Topics called:

Challenge	Objectives	Funding schemes ⁴
Future and emerging technologies	<u>ICT-2009.8.0 FET-Open: Challenging current thinking</u>	CP (STREP only) CSA

- Eligibility conditions:

Eligibility, evaluation, selection and award criteria: see Appendix 5 of the work programme for specific eligibility and evaluation criteria applicable to FET Open.

- Evaluation procedure:

- proposals for STREPs have to be submitted in two stages: first a *short*, strictly anonymous, proposal of maximum five pages (excluding a title page) is submitted describing the key objectives and motivation for the proposed work;
- *short* proposals may be submitted at any time from the opening of the call until the final closure date (currently 31/12/2010 – see footnote¹). They are evaluated anonymously as they come in with the help of remote evaluators;
- if the *short* proposal is successful, the proposers are invited to submit a *full* proposal by a specified cut-off date. This cut-off date is determined by the submission date of the *short* proposal, as indicated in the table below;
- *full* proposals are evaluated through a combination of remote evaluation and panels of experts that convene in Brussels; they are not evaluated anonymously.
- proposals for CAs are submitted in one stage and are not evaluated anonymously.

¹ It is planned that the call will subsequently be extended beyond 31/12/2010

² All budgetary figures given in this work programme are indicative. Following the evaluation of proposals, the final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for each call. Any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the value of the indicated budget for the call.

³ The amount for call 4, part of the amount for call 5, part of the FET Open call and the joint call ICT-Energy are from the 2009 budget under the condition that the appropriations foreseen in the preliminary draft budget for 2009 are adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority. The remaining amount for call 5, call 6 and FET-Open is expected to be added from the 2010 budget for which a new financing decision to cover the budget for that year will be requested at the appropriate time.

⁴ Each proposal should indicate the type of funding scheme used (IP or STREP for CP, where applicable; CA or SA for CSA, where applicable)

Batch	Short STREP proposal start date submission period	Short STREP proposal end date submission period	full STREP and CSA cut-off date (at 17:00 Brussels time)
5	7/5/2008	2/09/2008	20/01/2009
6	3/09/2008	6/01/2009	26/05/2009
7	7/01/2009	5/05/2009	22/09/2009
8	6/05/2009	8/09/2009	26/01/2010
9	9/09/2009	12/01/2010	6/07/2010
10	13/01/2010	11/05/2010	28/09/2010
11	12/5/2010	7/09/2010	25/01/2011
12	8/09/2010	4/01/2011	24/05/2011

FET-Open proposals submitted to batch 5 and FET-Open short STREP proposals submitted to batch 6 will be evaluated based on call text and eligibility, evaluation, selection and award criteria set-out in ICT work programme 2007/2008.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

- Evaluation results for *short* proposals: three months from proposal reception;
- Evaluation results for *full* proposals: three months from the cut-off or closure date.
- Consortia agreements: It is not mandatory that participants in RTD actions resulting from this call conclude a consortium agreement although such agreements are strongly recommended.