

Bi-regional coordination of S&T cooperation including priority setting and definition of S&T cooperation policies - Activity INCO-NET

- **Call identifier:** FP7-INCO-2012-1
- **Date of publication:** 20 July 2011
- **Deadline¹:** 15 November 2011, at 17 h 00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget^{2,3}:** EUR 16 million

Activities called:

Activity/ Area	Funding Schemes	Indicative amount
7.1.Bi-regional coordination of S&T cooperation including priority setting and definition of S&T cooperation policies		
7.1.1. Sub-Saharan Africa	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 4 million
7.1.2. Latin America and Caribbean Region	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 4 million
7.1.3. Mediterranean Region	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 4 million
7.1.4. South-East Asian Region	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 4 million

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.

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.

The additional eligibility criteria that apply to this call are:

- The proposals must target only one Area covered by the call.
- The proposals must include participants from the third countries of the targeted regions.
- The proposals must cover more than one thematic area of the Cooperation Programme.

Minimum number of participants⁴ as set out in the Rules for Participation:

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

² Under the condition that the draft budget 2012 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

³ The budget for this call is indicative. The final total budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of 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 by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no two of which are established in the same MS or AC.

Evaluation procedure:

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS. The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits. The minimum font size is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- The following scheme for selection of projects will be applied. The highest ranked proposal per region of the work programme will be funded, provided that it has passed thresholds of all evaluation criteria. If budget is remaining, this will be allocated to the other proposals according to the following criteria: the best proposal(s) in the overall ranking (considering all regions together) will be selected, if it can convincingly address a different set of societal challenges than the ones tackled by the highest ranked proposal for the concerned region. In such case, a clustering of projects targeting the same region will be done thus avoiding duplication of activities and fragmentation of effort.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the month of February 2012. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiation for the shortlisted proposals will start in May 2012.

Consortia agreements

Consortia agreements are recommended but not mandatory for the action.

Forms of grants:

The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to this work programme.

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

⁴ MS = Member States of the EU; AC = Associated Country. Where the minimum conditions for an indirect action are satisfied by a number of legal entities, which together form one legal entity, the latter may be the sole participant, provided that it is established in a Member State or Associated country.

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'.