

Bilateral coordination for the enhancement and development of S&T Partnerships - Activity BILAT

- **Call identifier:** FP7-INCO-2012-2
- **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
7.2. Bilateral coordination for the enhancement and development of S&T Partnerships		
7.2.1 Area 1: Australia, Brazil, China, India, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, South-Korea, United States of America	Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	EUR 12 million
7.2.2 Area 2: Argentina, Chile, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Ukraine	Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	EUR 4 million

Eligibility conditions:

The general eligibility criteria 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 proposal must target only one country covered in the Areas of the call.
- The consortium must include participants from the country targeted in the proposal.
- 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.

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.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity

Evaluation procedure:

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- 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).
- One project per country will be funded, provided that it has passed thresholds of all evaluation criteria. Therefore, only the highest ranked project for a given country will be selected.
- The participation of one or more organisations from the third country concerned, which has received the necessary mandate from the national authorities, is considered essential for the project and will be reflected in the evaluation (impact criterion).
- For proposals targeting industrialised countries, matching funds from third country participants are expected and this will be reflected in the evaluation (impact criterion).
- The participation of organisations from Member States and/or Associated Countries in the proposals is encouraged and this will be reflected in the evaluation (impact criterion).

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 negotiations 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 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'.