MARIE CURIE INITIAL TRAINING NETWORKS (ITN)

- **Call identifier**: *FP7-PEOPLE-2010-ITN*
- **Date of publication**: 08 September 2009
- **Deadline**: 22 December 2009 at 17:00:00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget:** *EUR 243.79 million* of the 2010 budget.[1] The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of the call.
- **Topics called**:

ACTION	Funding Schemes
Marie Curie Initial Training Networks	*Support for training and career development of researchers*

- **Eligibility conditions**

  – The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of 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.

  – This action addresses joint research training networks in the form of either multi- or mono-partner ITNs. The number of participating legal entities required in this action is summarised in the table below. For further details concerning these conditions, as well as the additional criteria relating to the eligibility of researchers recruited under an ITN project, you must refer to the core text of the work programme.

Type	Conditions
Multi-partner ITN	At least three participants established in at least three different Member States or Associated countries. Above this minimum, the participation of "third countries"[2] and of international organisations is foreseen under the conditions provided by the Rules for Participation.[3]
Mono-partner ITN	Mono-partner ITNs include a single participant and a network of associated partners. The single participant shall be established in a Member State or Associated country.

- **Evaluation procedure**:

  – The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in annex 2 of this work programme.

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[1] Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

[2] Third Countries are countries which are neither EU Member States nor countries associated to FP7 (Associated countries).

[3] Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the 7th Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013) [Regulation N° 1906/2006/EC of 18.12.2006, OJ L 391 of 30.12.2006, page 1].

– 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 experts will be instructed to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

– The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

– Associated partners must include a letter of commitment in the proposal to ensure their real and active participation in the proposed network. The experts will be instructed to disregard the contribution of any associated partners for which no such evidence of commitment is submitted.

– A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.

– Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

– Proposals may be evaluated remotely.

– The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in annex 2 of this work programme.

– Proposals are allocated to one of 8 scientific panels.[4] For each panel a ranked list is established. The distribution of the indicative budget of the call over the scientific disciplines will be proportional to the number of eligible proposals received in each panel. If the budget allocated to a panel exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated[5] in that panel, the excess budget will be reallocated to the other panels based on the distribution as above. Equally, if the allocated funding to a panel is insufficient to fund the highest ranked proposal in that panel, the necessary budget will be transferred from the other panels based on the distribution as above, in order to ensure that the highest ranked proposal can be funded.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable**:
  – Evaluation results are estimated to be available 4 months after the relevant deadline for submission.

  – Grant agreement signature: expected from within 9 months after the relevant deadline for submission.

- **Consortia agreements:** Participants in actions resulting from this call are not required to conclude a consortium agreement.

- **Forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates:** The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 of this work programme.

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[4] The Marie Curie scientific panels are: Chemistry **CHE**, Social and Human Sciences **SOC**, Economic Sciences **ECO**, Information Science and Engineering **ENG**, Environment and Geosciences **ENV**, Life Sciences **LIF**, Mathematics **MAT**, Physics **PHY**.

[5] Measured as proposals having passed all relevant evaluation thresholds.