

Call title: Joint Call ICT & Security 1 (FP7-ICT-SEC-2007-1)

- Call identifier: FP7-ICT-SEC-2007-1
- Date of publication: 3 August 2007
- Deadline: 29 November 2007, at 17.00 h Brussels local time
- Indicative budget: The indicative call budget is foreseen to be 40 M€ provided by the ICT theme (20 M€) for actions addressing the specific focus 1 and by the Security theme (20 M€) for actions addressing the specific focus 2.

Out of the Security theme's budget (20 M€), an indicative 1 M€ is available for international co-operation.

- Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
<i>ICT THEME</i>		
<i>Pervasive and Trusted Network and Service Infrastructures / Critical Infrastructure Protection</i>	ICT-SEC-2007.1.7: Technology building blocks for creating, monitoring and managing secure, resilient and always available information infrastructures that link critical infrastructures	<i>Collaborative project and Coordination and support action</i>

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<i>SECURITY THEME</i>		
<i>Security systems integration, inter-connectivity and interoperability</i>	Topic ICT-SEC-2007-1.0-01 Risk assessment and contingency planning for interconnected transport or energy networks	<i>Collaborative project and Coordination and support action</i>
	Topic ICT-SEC-2007-1.0-02 Modelling and simulation for training	<i>Collaborative project</i>
	Topic ICT-SEC-2007-1.0-03 Optimised situational awareness through intelligent surveillance of interconnected transport or energy infrastructures	
	Topic ICT-SEC-2007-1.0-04 ICT support for first responders in crises occurring in critical infrastructures	

- **Evaluation procedure:**

A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.

Proposals will be evaluated in a single-step procedure.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** Evaluations of proposals are expected to be carried out during the month of January 2008. It is expected that the contract negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open from March to July 2008.
- **Consortia agreements** are required for *all* actions.

- **Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:**

The minimum number of participating entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation: For Collaborative projects, the minimum condition shall be the participation of 3 legal entities, each of which is established in a Member State or Associated Country and no two of which are established in the same Member State or Associated Country. For Coordination and Supporting Actions aiming at *supporting* research activities and policies the minimum condition shall be the participation of one legal entity. For Coordination and Supporting Actions aiming at *coordinating* research activities and policies the minimum condition shall be the participation of three legal entities, each of which is established in a Member State or Associated Country, and no two of which are established in the same Member State or Associated Country.

Proposers should indicate in which of the two specific foci of the call their proposal best fits. There will be a joint evaluation of proposals submitted under the two specific foci. During the evaluation, evaluators could move, in a transparent manner, proposals from one specific focus to the other, if they consider that a proposal would fit better there and that this would be to the benefit of the proposers.

Proposals must not contain any classified information (note that the proposed action itself *can* involve classified information).

If classified inputs are required to carry out a proposed action or the output of the action needs to be classified, proposers have to ensure *and provide evidence* of the clearance of all relevant persons and facilities. Consortia have to clarify issues such as e.g. access to classified information or export or transfer control with the national authorities of their Member States / Associated Countries prior to submitting the proposal. Proposals need to provide a *security aspect letter*, indicating the levels of classification required. Appropriate arrangements have to be included in the consortium agreement.

Proposers addressing topics of the specific focus 2 and claiming that their proposal should receive Community funding up to 75% should demonstrate in the proposal that the required conditions (very limited market size and a risk of "market failure", the need for accelerated equipment development in response to new threats) apply. The final decision will be based on the recommendations of the relevant evaluation panel.

Consortia are strongly encouraged to actively involve SMEs and end users. Their presence in the consortia will be judged under the evaluation criterion 'Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management' with a view to meeting the main objectives of the theme.

The evaluation panel will comprise end users as well.

The general eligibility criteria as well as evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds) for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.

Positively evaluated proposals involving sensitive and classified information, those involving international co-operation as well as those collaborative projects where 75% funding for all participants is foreseen will be flagged to the members of the Security Programme Committee configuration and dealt with according to its Rules for Procedure.

As a result of the evaluation, a ranked list of proposals retained for funding will be drawn up as well as a reserve list of proposals that may be funded in case budget becomes available during negotiations.

The forms of grants which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.