

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

- **Call identifier: FP7-INCO-2013-1**
- **Date of publication: 10.07.2012**
- **Deadline<sup>1</sup>: 18.12.2012 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time**
- **Indicative budget<sup>2</sup>: EUR 12.3 MILLION**

**Activities called:**

<b>Activity/ Area</b>	<b>Funding Schemes</b>	<b>Indicative amount</b>
7.1. Bi-regional coordination of S&T cooperation including priority setting and definition of S&T cooperation policies		EUR 12.3 million
7.1.1. Arab Gulf Countries	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 2.0 million
7.1.2. Central Asia	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 2.0 million
7.1.3. Danube Region	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 2.0 million
7.1.4. Eastern Partnership	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 3.0 million
7.1.5. Pacific region, including Overseas Countries and Territories	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 3.0 million
7.1.6. Southern Asian countries	Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	EUR 0.3 million

**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.

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

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority

- The budget for this call is indicative. The final total budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of proposals, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.
- All budgetary figures given in this call are indicative. The repartition of the sub-budgets awarded within this call, following the evaluation of proposals, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

Minimum number of participants<sup>3</sup> as set out in the Rules for Participation:

<b>Funding scheme</b>	<b>Minimum conditions</b>
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.
Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity

### **Additional Eligibility Criteria:**

The additional eligibility criteria that apply to this call are:

- Proposals addressing research focused on a single societal challenge from those defined in the Commission proposal for Horizon 2020<sup>4</sup> will be declared ineligible.
- The proposals must target only one Area covered by the call.
- In addition to the minimum number of participants as set out in the Rules for participation, proposals must include at least one participant from the region targeted by the INCO-NET action.

### **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 for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Preference will be given to INCO-NET actions involving the participation of a significant number of third countries of the region targeted by the INCO-NET action. A high coverage of the region will be considered essential to guarantee the success of these actions.
- Preference will also be given to INCO-NET actions involving the participation of a significant number of Member States and/or Associated countries and including plans to widen dissemination activities to Member States and/or Associated countries activities not represented in the action consortium.
- As it is important to have as many regions covered as possible, the following scheme for selection of actions 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 could 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, coordination of actions targeting the same region will be ensured thus avoiding duplication of activities and fragmentation of effort.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Societal challenges defined in the Commission proposal "Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation", COM(2011) 808.

**Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the month of March 2013. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiation for the shortlisted proposals will start in May 2013.

**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.