

Call title: Call for INFLUENZA

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Deadline¹: 29 October 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Indicative budget²: EUR 18 million from 2010 Budget of which:

- EUR 12 000 000 from Theme 1 - Health
- EUR 6 000 000 from Theme 2 - Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for 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.

The aim of this Call is to address research needs in human and animal influenza in view of the recent outbreak of a novel human influenza virus containing swine and avian gene sequences, and taking into account the existing portfolio of FP-funded influenza projects.

The topics of this call are implemented jointly by Theme 1 and Theme 2. When applying for this call, please choose the relevant topic codes below.

Topics called:

Theme/Activity	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Theme 1: HEALTH		
Activity 2.3.3: Potentially new and re-emerging epidemics	HEALTH.2010.2.3.3-4: Novel therapeutics against influenza.	<i>Collaborative project (Small or medium-scale focused research project³) EC contribution per project: max. EUR 6 000 000. One or more proposals can be selected.</i>

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

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

³ Please note that budget limits for "small or medium-scale" and "large scale integrating" collaborative projects may vary between themes.

Theme 2: FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY		
Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environment	KBBE.2010.1.3-05: Swine influenza surveillance network	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating action). EC contribution per project: max. EUR 1 000 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected.</i>
Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environment	KBBE.2010.1.3-06: Pathogenesis and transmission of influenza in pigs (CP-IP)	<i>Collaborative project (large scale integrating project⁴) EC contribution per project: max. EUR 5 000 000 Maximum one proposal can be selected.</i>

- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme, and in the guide for applicants for each funding scheme.
- Standard minimum number of participating legal entities for all funding schemes used in the call, in line with the Rules for Participation:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Projects	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC
Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC

In addition, specific eligibility criteria apply to this call as set out below:

- 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.
- Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable
- It is important to note that the upper and lower limits for the EU contribution given per topic in table listing the topics of this call fiche, will be applied as an additional eligibility criterion and that proposals which do not respect these limits will be considered as ineligible.

⁴ Please note that budget limits for "small or medium-scale" and "large scale integrating" collaborative projects may vary between themes.

Evaluation procedure

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in annex 2 of the work programme.
- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the guide for applicants for the appropriate funding scheme, 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 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).
- Independent external experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in annex 2 of the work programme. The priority lists will be prepared by external experts, per indicative sub-budget line as set out in this call fiche.

- **Evaluation criteria and thresholds:**

Proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria: 1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact. For each criterion marks will be given, with the possibility of 0.5 point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	3/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	10/15

The Commission ranked list of proposals to be retained for negotiation will be based on the priority list established by the panel of independent external experts taking into account the budget available (as indicated in this call for proposals). A number of proposals below the indicative budget cut-off line on the Commission ranked list may be kept on a reserve list to allow for eventualities such as the failure of negotiations on grant agreements, the withdrawal of proposals, budget savings agreed during negotiation, or the availability of additional budget from other sources.

- **Indicative timetable:** Evaluation results: three months after the relevant deadline mentioned above. Grant agreement signature: It is estimated that the first grant agreements related to this call will come into force at the mid of 2010.

- **Consortia agreements:** Consortium agreements are recommended but not required for projects in this call.
- **The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme. 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'.