

Call title: Unlocking and developing the research potential of research entities in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions

- **Call identifier:** *FP7-REGPOT-2009-1*
- Date of publication: *24 October 2008*
- Deadline: *13 February 2009, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time*
- Indicative budget: *EUR 30 million from 2009 budget¹*
- Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
<i>REGPOT-2008-1. Unlocking and developing the research potential of research entities in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions</i>	<i>Any research topic covered by the EC FP7.</i>	<i>CSA-SA (Supporting Action)</i>

- Eligibility Conditions:
 - General eligibility criteria as mentioned in annex 2 will apply.
 - Particular requirements for participation: *The projects must be proposed by a single public or private research entity of significant size such as University Departments, Faculties or specialised Research Institutes which is established in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions. These research entities must not be a subsidiary or branch of another legal entity established in a different country.*
 - Restrictions on participation: EU Convergence regions and Outermost regions. Subject to international instruments associating third countries to the 7th EC Framework Programme, other regions may become eligible for participation; the modalities for the identification of eligible regions would be defined in these international instruments. All regions of Turkey, Serbia, Croatia and FYROM are eligible for participation.
 - The Community contribution envisaged for Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Action) will be up to EUR 4 million.
- 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 to this work programme.

¹ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modifications 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.*

- The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: it is estimated that *evaluation results will be available within 4 months after the closure dates; grant agreement signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to a call will come into force 9 months after the closure dates.*
- Consortia agreements: *No consortium-agreement is required for this call.*
- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities Work Programme.