

**Call title: Unlocking and developing the research potential of research entities established in the Western Balkan Countries' regions equivalent to convergence regions**

- Call identifier: *FP7-REGPOT-2010-5*
- Date of publication: *30 July 2009*
- Deadline: *15 October 2009 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time<sup>1</sup>*
- Indicative budget: *EUR 8 million<sup>2&3</sup>*
- Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
<i>REGPOT-2010-5. Unlocking and developing the research potential of research entities established in the Western Balkan Countries' regions equivalent to convergence regions</i>	<i>Any research topic covered by the EC FP7</i>	<i>CSA-SA (Support Action)</i>

- Eligibility Conditions:
  - The general eligibility criteria for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to 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.
  - 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, specialised Research Institutes or important size research laboratories with at least 10 permanent experienced researchers which is established in the Western Balkan Countries' regions equivalent to convergence regions. These research entities must not be a subsidiary or branch of another legal entity established in a different country. The projects must involve compulsory cooperation with at least 3 outstanding research 'partnering organisations' established in at least 3 different Member States or Associated Countries, other than that of the applicant.
  - Restrictions on participation: Applicants should be established in the Western Balkan Countries' regions equivalent to convergence regions. All regions of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYROM, Montenegro and Serbia are eligible for participation

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

<sup>2</sup> *Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority. The budget for this call is indicative. The final total budget awarded to this call may vary by up to 10 % of the total value of the call.*

<sup>3</sup> *This budget will be provided by third countries appropriations. It has no impact on the total budget dedicated to the Research Potential Programme under FP7.*

- The Community contribution envisaged for Coordination and Support Actions (Support Action (CSA-SA)) will be approximately from EUR 1 to 2 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.
  - The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure. A remote evaluation approach will be used.
  - 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.*
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- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.
- Use of flat rates for subsistence costs:

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](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html) under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.