

**Call title: Supporting the coordination of national and regional policies and activities of Member States and Associated countries in the field of international cooperation – Activity ERA-NET**

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- Indicative budget<sup>2,3</sup>: EUR 6.00 MILLION

**Activities called:**

<b>Activity/ Area</b>	<b>Funding Schemes</b>	<b>Indicative amount</b>
INCO-3 Supporting the coordination of national and regional policies and activities of Member States and Associated countries in the field of international cooperation		
INCO.2010-3.1 Africa	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 2.00 million
INCO.2010-3.2 Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, USA	Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	EUR 4.00 million

**Eligibility conditions:**

The general eligibility criteria 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.

Minimum number of participants<sup>4</sup> as set out in the Rules for Participation:

<b>Funding scheme</b>	<b>Minimum conditions</b>
Coordination and Support Action (coordinating)	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.

**Specific Eligibility Criteria:**

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

<sup>2</sup> An amount of EUR 6.00 million is given to this call budget from the 2010 budget. This is under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

<sup>3</sup> - 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.

<sup>4</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.

The aim of ERA-NET actions is to network research programmes carried out at national or regional level, with a view to their mutual opening and the development and implementation of joint activities. Such programmes shall have all of the following characteristics:

- Be strategically planned (i.e. be composed of a number of research projects focused on a defined subject area or set of problems, that are scheduled to run for a set period of time and that have a co-ordinated management).
- Be carried out at national or regional level.
- Be either financed or managed directly by national or regional public bodies, or by structures (e.g. agencies) closely related to, or mandated by, public authorities.

The minimum number of participants in an ERA-NET consortium is **3 *independent legal entities*** which finance or manage publicly funded national or regional programmes. **Each of these must be established in a different Member State or Associated Country.**

Partners for ERA-NET actions eligible to satisfy the above condition are:

- Programme owners: typically national ministries/regional authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing research programmes carried out at national or regional level.
- Programme 'managers' (such as research councils or funding agencies) or other national or regional organisations that *implement* research programmes under the supervision of the programme owners.
- Programme owners (typically national ministries/regional authorities) which do not have a running or fully fledged research programme at the moment of submitting an ERA-NET proposal, but which are planning, and have committed, to set up such a programme, are also eligible if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination. As such, countries or regions which have less diverse research programmes (in particular new Member States and candidate Associated Countries) will find their involvement in the ERA-NET scheme greatly facilitated.

Please note that research organisations or universities which are not programme owners or managers are not eligible partners for ERA-NET actions.

In addition, other private legal entities (e.g. charities) which manage research programmes may enter the consortium if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination.

Sole participants (as referred to in Article 10 of the Rules for Participation) may be eligible if the above-mentioned specific criteria for eligible ERA-NET partners are respected. A sole participant shall explicitly indicate which of its 'members' forming a sole legal entity is either a programme owner or programme manager in the proposed action and indicate for these members, the respective national/regional programmes which are at the disposal of the proposed ERA-NET action.

**Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, 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 is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in annex 2 of the work programme.

**Indicative timetable:**

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the month February 2010. It is expected that the contract negotiation for the shortlisted proposals will start in May 2010.

**Consortia agreements:**

Consortia agreements are recommended but not mandatory for the ERA-NET actions.

**Forms of grants:**

The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to this 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'.