

Call Title: Marie Curie Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes

- **Call identifier:** *FP7-PEOPLE- COFUND-2008*
- **Date of publication:** 19 November 2008
- **Deadline:** 19 February 2009 at 17:00:00 Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget:** *EUR 75 million* of the 2009 budget¹. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of this call.
- **Topics called:**

ACTION	Funding Schemes
<i>Marie Curie Co-funding of Regional, National, and International Programmes</i>	<i>Support for training and career development of researchers</i>

- **Eligibility criteria:**
 - Participants in the co-funding modality must be established in Member States or Associated Countries and are organisations falling under one of the following categories:
 - Public bodies, as defined in Article 2.13 of the Rules for Participation², responsible for funding and managing fellowship programmes, e.g. ministries, state committees for research, research academies, councils or agencies;
 - Other bodies, including research organisations, as defined in Article 2.7 of the Rules for Participation², that finance and manage fellowship programmes either with an official mandate or recognised by public authorities, such as agencies established by governments under private law with a public service mission, charities, etc.;

International organisations as defined in Article 2.10 and 11 of Rules for Participation² that run comparable schemes at European level as part of their mission.

- **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 shall follow a single evaluation following a single proposal submission.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
 - The distribution of the indicative budget of the call between panel (A) "Existing transnational fellowship programmes" and panel (B) "New fellowship programmes with transnational mobility" will be based on the requested Community contribution of the proposals positively evaluated. If the budget allocated to one of the panels exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated³ in that panel, the excess budget will be transferred to the other panel. Equally, if the allocated funding to one panel is insufficient to fund the highest ranked proposal in that panel, necessary budget will be transferred from the other panel in order to ensure that the highest ranked proposal can be funded.

¹ An amount of EUR 75 million has been allocated to this call budget from the 2009 budget. This is under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

² Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the 7th Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013) [Regulation N° 1906/2006/EC of 18.12.2006, OJ L 391 of 30.12.2006, page 1].

³ Measured as proposals having passed all relevant evaluation thresholds.

- For ex aequo proposals, they will be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the criterion "Relevance and Impact". When these scores are equal, priority will be based on scores for the criterion "Quality of the selection process for the fellows". When these scores are equal, priority will be based on scores for the criterion "Implementation – Management of the programme".
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**
 - Evaluation results: estimated to be available within 4 months following the relevant deadline for submission.
 - Contract signature: expected from within 6 months after the relevant deadline for submission.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants in actions resulting from this call are not required to conclude a consortium agreement.
The forms of grant and the maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in the core text (II.2.3) of the People work programme.