

**Call title: FP7-AERONAUTICS and AIR TRANSPORT (AAT)-2013-RTD-HIGH SPEED (Coordinated call with Australia, Japan and the Russian Federation, and possibly other Third Countries, on civil high speed air transport research)**

- **Call identifier: FP7-AAT-2013-RTD-HIGH SPEED**
- **Date of publication:** 10 July 2012
- **Deadline<sup>1</sup>:** 29 March 2013 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)
- **Indicative budget<sup>2</sup>:** EUR 5.00 million  
The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call. In case the total budget could not be consumed, the remaining amount shall be transferred to the main call (Call identifier: FP7-AAT-2013-RTD-1).
  
- **Notes:**
  1. This coordinated call foresees to lead to the funding of a coherent research programme on Civil High Speed Aircraft, consisting of one project financed by the European Union and **at least two complementary projects** funded either by the Australian, Japanese or the Russian Federation authorities / funding organisations.
  2. Provided that the additional eligibility criterion stipulated in the call fiche is met (i.e. coordination of the EU proposal with at least two complementary proposals or projects from the following countries: Australia, Japan and the Russian Federation), the involvement of other Third Countries' additional participants is a priori not excluded, provided that such participation is justified and complies fully with the requirements of this call.
  3. In parallel to the present European call for proposals, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation are expected to publish in due time coordinated calls according to their own rules and procedures for the selection of complementary research projects which, once approved by the relevant authorities, will run in parallel to the European project in a harmonised and synchronised way. Likewise, Australia is expected to set up a complementary project according to its rules and procedures.
  4. The detailed information relative to these coordinated calls or projects is expected to be provided in due time on the relevant web site in each of the concerned Ministries or funding organisations of the Countries involved. Further details will be provided in the Guide for Applicants (specific part).
  5. The indicative EU budget of EUR 5 million will be used to fund one EU project according to the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) rules of participation. In addition to this public funding, a contribution is expected from the partners involved in this project according to the FP7 funding rules. Such contribution to the project could possibly bring another EUR 2.5 million leading to a total budget for the EU project of around EUR 7.5 million (see also items 6 and 7 below).
  6. The concerned funding authorities/organisations (public and /or private) of Australia, Japan, the Russian Federation and possibly of other Third Countries will dedicate as far

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

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

as possible to a complementary national project an equivalent amount of resources<sup>3</sup>, in order to have a balanced and synchronised effort from all parties involved.

7. In order to ensure that these projects from Australia, Japan, the Russian Federation and possibly from other Third Countries are technically complementary to form a coherent research programme and represent, as far as possible, a similar budget (around EUR 7.5 million, total cost for each project), in a spirit of balanced cooperation and efforts, the preparation of the project proposals needs clearly to be closely coordinated between the concerned stakeholders of the countries involved.
8. The EU proposal and more widely the coherent research programme resulting from this set of complementary research projects shall build upon and be complementary to, as far as possible, already running (or finished projects) and avoid duplication of research work.

- **Topics called:**

CHALLENGE / ACTIVITY / Topics	Funding Schemes & eligibility criteria
<b>ACTIVITY 7.1.6. PIONEERING THE AIR TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE</b>	
AAT.2013.8-2. International cooperation on civil high speed air transport research. <i>Up to 1 project is expected to be funded.</i>	Collaborative Project <i>The requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 5 000 000</i>

- **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.
- Table of standard minimum number of participating legal entities for the funding scheme used in the call, in line with the Rules for Participation:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Projects (CP)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a EU MS or AC, and no two of which are established in the same EU MS or AC.

<sup>3</sup> Under the condition that the corresponding annual budget or overall budget is adopted by the Australian, Japanese and the Russian Federation budget authorities/organisations, respectively.

- 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.

- **Additional eligibility criterion:**

A proposal submitted to the European Commission (EC) will be eligible only if it is coordinated with **at least two** complementary proposals either submitted in parallel or to be submitted afterwards to the corresponding funding authorities/organisations of Australia, Japan or the Russian Federation **or with at least two** complementary projects already selected for funding by these Third Countries to be synchronised in time with the EU project.

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 to the work programme.
- In addition, proposals should contain in their description of work (Part B) the following information which will be evaluated against criterion 1 (S/T excellence):
  1. the common objectives, the scope and content of the intended international cooperation;
  2. all activities that will be carried out by the participants in the EU proposal, including the work schedule, deliverables, milestones and budget;
  3. all activities that will be carried out in the Australian, Japanese, the Russian Federation or other Third Country proposal, including the work schedule, deliverables, milestones and budget;
  4. the interdependencies between the R&D activities carried out by the European and each of other countries' participants respectively, in terms of deliverables, milestones, etc.; and
  5. a formal signed commitment from the other complementary proposals or projects representatives that they will conclude between them a coordination agreement prior to the start of the research programme.

By and large, the Description of work (Part B) of the project proposal should constitute a coherent and ambitious research programme providing a complete overview of the research to be carried out in all complementary projects.

- The balancing between the EU total research effort and budget (EU funding + participant funding) and the total research effort and budget of the complementary projects will be evaluated against criterion 2 (quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management).
- 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 electronic Submission Services of the Commission.
- 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).
- The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure and may be carried out remotely.

- Proposals submitted to the present European call for proposals will be evaluated according to the FP7 rules by independent experts, as far as possible involving experts from the Third Countries taking part in this coordinated call.
  - The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 to the work programme.
  - In addition, the evaluation and selection of the complementary Australian, Japanese, the Russian Federation or other Third Country national project proposals, when applicable, will be carried out by the concerned authorities/organisations respectively, according to their own rules and procedures.
  - EU selected proposals will be funded only if their complementary Third Countries' proposals will also be successfully selected for funding in due time and forming altogether a coherent research programme.
- **Indicative timetable:**
    - Evaluations are expected to be carried out in April/May 2013.
    - It is expected that the negotiations for the selected proposals will open by May/June 2013.
    - Negotiations are expected to be carried out in parallel by the European Commission and the authorities/organisations concerned in Australia, Japan, the Russian Federation and other possible Third Countries in order to have, as far as possible, a simultaneous start of the respective grant agreement, tentatively by July-September 2013.
- **Consortia agreements:** participants in the EU collaborative project are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to the signature of the grant agreement.
- **Coordination agreements:** Participants in the EU collaborative project are required to conclude, prior to the signature of the EU Grant Agreement, a coordination agreement with the participants in the other complementary national projects which are part of this coherent research programme on Civil High Speed Aircraft.
- **The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered for EU participants are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs for EU participants:** 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 on the Participant Portal at: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7\\_documents](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents)

under 'Guidance documents for FP7/Financial issues/Flat rates for daily allowances'.