

**FP7 Cooperation Work Programme, Joint Call: Theme 4 – Nanosciences,
Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies and
Theme 5 Energy**

Call Fiche

Call identifier: FP7-ENERGY-NMP-2008-1

Date of publication: 30 November 2007

Deadline: 26 February 2008 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget¹: EUR 25 million from the 2008 budget (of which EUR 10 million for Theme 4 – NMP and EUR 15 million from Theme 5 Energy)²

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
ACTIVITY ENERGY.10: HORIZONTAL PROGRAMME ACTIONS		
ENERGY.2008.10.1.2	Novel materials for energy applications (Joint Call NMP)	Collaborative Projects
ACTIVITY 4.2 MATERIALS		
NMP-2008-2.6-1	Novel materials for energy applications (Joint Call with Energy)	Collaborative Projects

Evaluation procedure:

The evaluation shall follow a two stages procedure. The first stage proposal, of a maximum of 10 A4 pages (font size 12, 2 cm margins) should focus on the S&T content and on clear identification of the intended results, their intended use and the expected impact (economic, social, environmental, etc.) and 2 additional pages to describe the consortium and the estimated financial resources involved.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of two evaluation criteria, i.e.: *scientific quality and expected impact*. Stage 1 proposals will be evaluated remotely. Stage 1 proposals shall be submitted at the closure date mentioned above.

Coordinators of retained proposals in stage 1 ("go" proposals) will be invited to submit a complete proposal that will be then evaluated against the entire set of evaluation criteria. The closure date of the second submission will be specified in the invitation to submit the complete proposal. The indicative closure date is 29.05.2008.

¹ A reserve list will be constituted if there are a sufficient number of good quality proposals. It will be used if extra budget becomes available.

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluation Stage 1 proposals: March/April 2008

Evaluation stage 2 proposals: June 2008. Evaluation results: estimated to be available within two months after the closure date. A reserve list of projects might be established.

Consortia agreements: Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement.

Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:

For this call, implemented via a two stage procedure, the following criteria and thresholds are applied:

Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 1 proposal:

Stage 1 proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following two criteria: **S/T quality and Impact**. For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be given, with the possibility of half-point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	4/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	8/10

Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 2 proposals:

Stage 2 proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria: **1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact**. For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be given, with the possibility of half-point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	4/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	4/5
Overall threshold required	12/15

Forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates for projects funded through the Cooperation work programme are given in Annex 3

The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation. They are summarised in the table below³:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative project	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.

Projects under this call shall have a maximum requested EC contribution of EUR 3 million. This is an eligibility criterion – proposals above this limit will not be evaluated.

³ 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.