Call title: ENERGY - EU India Call

• Call identifier: FP7-ENERGY-2010-INDIA

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- **Deadline:** On 30th November 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)¹ and, for the coordinated project funded by the Indian authorities, on 30th November 2009 at 17.00.00 (Indian time), according to the respective requirements of the EC and the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- **Indicative budget**²: EUR 5 million from the 2010 budget ³.
- All budgetary figures given in this work programme are indicative. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.
- An equivalent budget for the call is expected from the Indian DST.

Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes	
ACTIVITY ENERGY.2: RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION			
AREA	ENERGY.2010.2.1-2: Development of	Collaborative Project	
ENERGY.2.1:	novel materials, device structures and		
PHOTOVOLTAICS	fabrication methods suitable for thin		
	film solar cells and TCOs including		
	organic photovoltaics. EU - India Call		
	ENERGY.2010.2.1-3: Development of	Collaborative Project	
	new concentrator modules and field	-	
	performance evaluation of		
	Concentrated PV systems - EU-India		
	Call		
AREA	ENERGY.2010.2.5-3: Small scale	Collaborative Project	
ENERGY.2.5:	steam engine powered by Linear		
CONCENTRATED	Fresnel Reflector (LFR) system-		
SOLAR POWER	Development of prototype - EU-India		
	Call		

Eligibility conditions

- The eligibility criteria for this call are set out in Annex 2 to the work programme. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

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

² A reserve list will be constituted if there is a sufficient number of good quality proposals. It will be used if extra budget becomes available.

³ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

- The minimum number of participating legal entities required for this call is summarised in the table below⁴:

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.

Additional eligibility criterion

Proposals which do not include coordination with an Indian project will be considered ineligible. Therefore, the EC proposals must identify and include a detailed explanation of the coordinated Indian proposal submitted in parallel to DST.

- 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.

Evaluation procedure

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in annex 2 of the work programme 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 0.5 point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	3/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	10/15

- 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 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).

- A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals is described below:

At the Panel stage, proposals with equal overall scores will be prioritised according to their scores for the S/T Quality criterion. If they are still tied, they will be prioritised according to their scores for the Impact criterion.

The following points will be considered in the evaluation

The active participation of relevant industrial partners and industrial research centres as well as the exchange of researchers between European Indian participants are deemed necessary for achieving the expected impact.

⁴ 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.

To ensure a project implementation that reflects a genuine EU-India cooperation, priority in evaluation will be given to proposals involving properly coordinated research activities between Europe and India in the research plan of the two coordinated projects.

The proposals will be evaluated by a panel including both European and Indian experts.

• Additional selection criterion

Proposals will be selected on the condition that their corresponding coordinated Indian project is also selected for funding by the DST.

• Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluations are expected to be carried out in January 2010 (Individual, consensus and panel phase of the evaluation will all be carried out within one week in Brussels). It is expected that the negotiations for the short listed proposals will open by April 2010. Negotiations will be carried out in parallel by the EC and DST in order to have a simultaneous start of the respective grant agreements.

• Consortium agreements:

Participants in the EC Collaborative Project are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.

• Coordination agreements:

Participants in the EC Collaborative Project are required to conclude a coordination agreement with the participants in the coordinated project funded by the DST.

• Other points

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

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 under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.

Up to three projects will be supported under this call.