

Call title: Energy FET Call

- **Call identifier:** FP7-ENERGY-2010-FET
- **Date of publication:** 30 July 2009
- **Deadline:** 15th October 2009 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time¹
- **Indicative budget**²: EUR 18 million from the 2010 budget³

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.

- **Topics called:**

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
ACTIVITY ENERGY.10: HORIZONTAL PROGRAMME ACTIONS		
	ENERGY.2010.10.2-1: Future Emerging Technologies for Energy applications (FET)	Collaborative Project

Eligibility conditions:

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of 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.
- 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 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.

- The eligibility criteria apply to both first and second stage proposals.

At stage 2, 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.- The following additional eligibility criterion applies in this call: 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.

Evaluation procedure:

- The evaluation criteria are set out in annex 2 of the 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.

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.

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.

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 two stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.

Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 1 proposals:

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.

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	3/5
Impact	3/5

A list of proposals for 250% of the available budget will be invited to proceed to stage 2 provided they pass the minimum thresholds above. If there is a tie between the proposals with the lowest mark to enter the list of proposals to proceed to stage 2, all those proposals with the same mark will be added to the list.

They will be evaluated remotely with the consensus session being held in Brussels. 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 11.03.2010.

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

Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described below :

Proposals with equal overall scores will be prioritised according to their scores for the Quality criterion. If they are still tied, they will be prioritised according to their scores for the Impact criterion, and then by their scores for the Implementation criterion. If any proposals are still tied, then overall Work Programme coverage will be used to decide the priority order.

The following points will be considered in the evaluation

This is a pre-competitive topic where cooperation with top class research groups from Third Countries can boost the impact of the project. Projects will involve effective partnership, from

different scientific disciplines and/or different technological sectors, in order to work across traditional boundaries. They should demonstrate effective management and research flexibility.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluation Stage 1 proposals: November/December 2009.

Evaluation stage 2 proposals: March/April 2010.

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 strongly encouraged to conclude a consortium agreement.

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