

Call identifier: FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2011-2

- **Date of publication:** 20 July 2010
- **Deadline¹:** 23 November 2010, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time.
- **Indicative budget²:** EUR 95 million³

Line of action/Activity	EUR million indicative
1.1 Support to existing research infrastructures	
1.1.2 ICT-based e-Infrastructures	70.00
1.2 Support to new research infrastructures	
1.2.3 Construction of new infrastructures (or major upgrades) - implementation phase	20.00
1.3 Support to policy development and programme implementation	5.00

- **Topics called**

Line of action/Activity	Topics called	Funding scheme(s)	EUR million indicative
1.1 Support to existing research infrastructures			
1.1.2 ICT-based e-Infrastructures	INFRA 2011 1.2.1: e-Science environments	Combination of Collaborative projects and Coordination and Support Actions (CP-CSA)	27.00
	INFRA 2011 1.2.2: Data infrastructures for e-Science		43.00
1.2 Support to new research infrastructures			

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

² The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call and any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

³ Under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority

1.2.3 Construction of new infrastructures (or major upgrades) - implementation phase	INFRA-2011-2.3.5: Second implementation phase of the European High Performance Computing (HPC) service PRACE	Combination of Collaborative projects and Coordination and Support Actions (CP-CSA)	20.00
1.3 Support for policy development and programme implementation			
1.3	INFRA-2011-3.4: Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures	Coordination and Support Actions (CSA-CA or CSA-SA)	4.0
	INFRA-2011-3.5: Trans-national cooperation among NCPs		1.0

- **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 and presented in the table below.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Combination of Collaborative projects and Coordination and Support Actions (CP-CSA)	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.
Coordination and Support Actions - coordinating action (CSA-CA)	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.
Coordination and Support Actions - supporting action (CSA-SA)	At least 1 independent legal entity.

- For activity 1.1.2 (ICT-based e-Infrastructures) proposals must address all the three categories of activities (*networking activities*, *service activities*, and *joint research activities*) of the I3 model as defined in Section VII.
- Specifically for topic 1.2.1 (e-Science environments), proposals will address at least two of the four sub-topics that are presented as bullet points in the description of the above topic under section 1.1.2 of this document.
- Specifically for proposals to 1.2.3 (Construction of new infrastructures – implementation phase), the following additional eligibility criteria apply: (a) existence in the proposal of the overall investment plans and budget for the entire Research Infrastructure as well as existence of a description of a set of activities that are fundable

by the EU; and (b) sufficient on-going financial commitment of Member States or other stakeholders for the whole Research Infrastructure (notably through letters of commitment by the relevant Ministries or national agencies).

- Specifically for topic 3.4 (Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures), the requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 0.5 million per proposal unless the proposal addresses domain b and/or point (i) of domain f in which case the requested contribution may be up to 1 million EUR (see description of topic 3.4 under section 1.3 of this document).
- 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.
- 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 is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- Specific selection and award criteria for activities 1.1.2 and 1.2.3 are set out in section VII.2 and VII.3, respectively, replacing those of annex 2 to the Capacities work programme.
- A one stage submission procedure will be followed.
- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described below. It will be applied successively for every group of ex aequo proposals requiring prioritisation, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:
 - (i) Proposals that address topics not otherwise covered by more highly-rated proposals, will be considered to have the highest priority.
 - (ii) These proposals will themselves be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the criterion *impact*. If necessary, any further prioritisation will be based on other appropriate characteristics, to be decided by the panel, related to the contribution of the proposal to the European Research Area and/or general objectives mentioned in the work programme.
 - (iii) The method described in (ii) will then be applied to the remaining ex aequos in the group.
- A reserve list may be produced of projects that pass the evaluation but fall below the available budget in case additional budget becomes available.

- **Indicative timetable**

- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some 4 months after the closure date;
- Grant Agreement signature: it is estimated that most of the grant agreements related to this call will come into force before the end of 2011.

- **Consortia agreements:** Participants in activities 1.1.2 and 1.2.3 are required to conclude a consortium agreement.
- **The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.
- **Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation** (not to be applied as formal eligibility criteria):
 - For the topic 3.5 (Trans-national co-operation among NCPs), project applicants are recommended to follow the "Guiding principles for setting up systems of NCPs for FP7"⁴.
 - In the context of developing synergies and complementarities between FP7 and cohesion policy, projects applicants are encouraged to check the operational programme for Structural Funds applicable in their regions and to contact the related managing authorities for complementary or alternative support (see: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/index_en.htm).
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** 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'.
- **Dissemination.** Grant agreements of projects financed under this call for proposals will include the special clause 39 on the "Open Access Pilot in FP7". Under this clause, beneficiaries are required to make their best efforts to ensure free access to peer-reviewed articles resulting from projects via an institutional or subject-based repository.

⁴ Accessible under the CORDIS FP7 website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html