

CALL N° 11 - FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2013-1

- **Call identifier:** FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2013-1
- **Date of publication¹:** 10 July 2012
- **Deadline¹:** 5 December 2012 at 17:00, Brussels local time.
- **Indicative budget²:** EUR 39.00 million³

Line of action/Activity	Topics called	Funding schemes	EUR million indicative
1.2 Support to existing infrastructures			
1.1.2 ICT based e-Infrastructures	INFRA-2013-1.2.1: GÉANT	Combination of Collaborative projects and Coordination and Support Actions (CP-CSA)	39.00

- **Eligibility criteria:**

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

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.

- 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 criteria apply in this call:**
 - Proposals shall address all the three categories of activities (networking activities, service activities, joint research activities) of the I3 model as defined in Section VII.1.

¹ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication. Also, the Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² 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.

³ Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority.

- Proposals shall be submitted solely by legal entities operating the NRENs or legal entities created by the NRENs to contribute to the deployment of connectivity and services on a pan-European scale (e.g. DANTE, TERENA, NORDUnet).
- **Evaluation procedure:**
 - The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 of the work programme. However, specific selection and award criteria are set out in section VII.2 replacing those of Annex 2 to the Capacities 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).
 - A one stage submission procedure will be followed.
 - 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 the first grant agreements related to this call will come into force before the end of 2013.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants 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.
- **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 on the Participant Portal at: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents under 'Guidance documents for FP7/Financial issues/Flat rates for daily allowances'.
- **Dissemination.** Grant agreements of projects financed under topics INFRA-2013-1.2.1 of 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.