

**Call title: "The ocean of tomorrow"**

- **Call identifier:** FP7-OCEAN-2011
- **Date of publication:** 20 July 2010
- **Deadline:** 18 January 2011 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time<sup>1</sup>
- **Indicative budget<sup>2</sup>:** EUR 45 million from the 2011 budget of which:
  - EUR 14 million from Theme 2 – Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (KBBE)
  - EUR 5 million from Theme 5 – Energy
  - EUR 16 million from Theme 6 – Environment (including climate change)
  - EUR 10 million from Theme 7 – Transport (including Aeronautics)

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through this call for proposals may vary:

- 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.

- **Topics called**

The four topics of 'The ocean of tomorrow' call are implemented jointly by the Themes 2, 5, 6 and 7 mentioned above and have identical descriptions under each Theme.

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

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

<p align="center"><b>Theme / Activity / Area</b> implementing jointly 'The ocean of tomorrow' Location of the call and topics descriptions</p>	<p align="center"><b>Topics called</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Funding Scheme</b></p>
<p><b>Theme 2 – Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology</b> Area 2.1.5 Call "The ocean of tomorrow"– Joining research forces to meet challenges in ocean management</p> <p><b>Theme 5 – Energy</b> Area ENERGY.10.1 Call "The ocean of tomorrow" – Joining research forces to meet challenges in ocean management</p> <p><b>Theme 6 – Environment (including climate change)</b> Area 6.2.2.2 Call "The ocean of tomorrow" – Joining research forces to meet challenges in ocean management</p> <p><b>Theme 7 – Transport (including Aeronautics)</b> Activity 7.2.8 Call "The ocean of tomorrow" - Joining research forces to meet challenges in ocean management</p>	<p>OCEAN.2011-1 Multi-use offshore platforms</p>	<p>Collaborative Project</p> <p>Max requested EU contribution per proposal: EUR 14 000 000</p>
	<p>OCEAN.2011-2 Marine microbial diversity – new insights into marine ecosystems functioning and its biotechnological potential</p>	<p>Collaborative Project (large scale integrating project)</p> <p>Max requested EU contribution per proposal: EUR 9 000 000</p>
	<p>OCEAN.2011-3 Assessing and predicting the combined effects of natural and human-made pressures in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea in view of their better governance</p>	<p>Collaborative Project (large scale integrating project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international cooperation partner countries</p> <p>Max requested EU contribution per proposal: EUR 13 000 000</p>
	<p>OCEAN.2011-4 Knowledge-base and tools for regional networks of MPAs, integrated management of activities together with assessment of wind energy potential in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea</p>	<p>Collaborative Project (large scale integrating project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international cooperation partner countries</p> <p>Max requested EU contribution per proposal: EUR 9 000 000</p>

- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to 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 following additional eligibility criterion applies in this call:  
The requested EU contribution shall not exceed the indicative budget for the topic chosen (see table displayed above).
- Standard minimum number of participating legal entities for all funding schemes used in the call, in line with the Rules for Participation:

<b>Funding scheme</b>	<b>Minimum conditions</b>
Collaborative Project	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC

- **For the following topics, additional eligibility criteria apply, over and above the criteria stated above:**

<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>Particular requirements</b>
OCEAN.2011-3: Assessing and predicting the combined effects of natural and human-made pressures in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea in view of their better governance	SICA - Minimum number of participants: 3 from different Member States or Associated countries and 4 from different ICPC, among which at least 2 from the Mediterranean Partner Countries and at least 2 from the ICPC countries of the EU Black Sea Synergy <sup>3</sup> .
OCEAN.2011-4: Knowledge-base and tools for regional networks of MPAs, integrated management of activities together with assessment of wind energy potential in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea	

- 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 to 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 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).

The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

<sup>3</sup> COM (2007) 160: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

- The evaluation shall follow a single stage evaluation procedure. Proposals will be evaluated remotely with the consensus session being held in Brussels.
- The result of the evaluation will be one ranked list per topic. The number of proposals that can be funded per topic is limited as follows:

<b>Topic number</b>	<b>Indicative budget per topic</b>	<b>Maximum number of proposals</b>
OCEAN.2011-1	EUR 14 000 000	<b>Up to three projects</b> may be funded.
OCEAN.2011-2	EUR 9 000 000	<b>Up to one project</b> may be funded.
OCEAN.2011-3	EUR 13 000 000	<b>Up to one project</b> may be funded.
OCEAN.2011-4	EUR 9 000 000	<b>Up to one project</b> may be funded.

A reserve list of projects will be established to be used in case the negotiation for entering into a grant agreement fails.

***Evaluation criteria and threshold:***

Proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria: 1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact. For each criterion marks will be given, with the possibility of 0.5 point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

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

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 reflected in the evaluation:***

- The multi-disciplinary approach of the research undertaken is essential to address the topic. It will be considered during the evaluation of the criterion related to "S/T quality".
- The multi-sectoral composition of the partnership and the participation of industrial partners and relevant end-users, in particular SMEs, are essential for the implementation of the project. It will be considered during the evaluation of the criterion related to "Implementation".

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable**

- Evaluation results: four months after the relevant deadline mentioned above.
- Grant agreements signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to this call will come into force at the end of 2011.

- **Consortia agreements**

Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.

- **The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 to 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](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html) under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.