

Call title: Energy Second Generation Biofuels - EU Brazil Coordinated Call

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Deadline: On 05 May 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time) and, for the coordinated project funded by the Brazilian authorities, on 05 May 2009 at 11.00.00 (Brazil local time) according to the respective requirements of the EC and the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT).

Indicative budget¹: EUR 4 million from the 2009 budget²

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.

A similar budget for the call is expected from the MCT and the National Council of State Research Foundations (CONFAP).

Topic called:

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
ACTIVITY ENERGY.3: RENEWABLE FUEL PRODUCTION		
AREA ENERGY.3.2: SECOND GENERATION FUEL FROM BIOMASS	ENERGY.2009.3.2.3 Second Generation Biofuels – EU-Brazil Coordinated Call	Collaborative Project

Eligibility conditions

- The eligibility criteria for this call are set out in Annex 2 to the work programme.

The minimum number of participating legal entities required for this call is summarised in the table below³:

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

¹ 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.

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

³ 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.

Proposals which do not include coordination with a Brazilian project will be considered ineligible. Therefore, the EC proposals must include a detailed explanation about the coordinated Brazilian proposal submitted in parallel to the MCT/CNPq.

Evaluation procedure

- The evaluation shall follow a single-step procedure.
- The proposals will be evaluated by a panel including both European and Brazilian experts.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- 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.

Evaluation criteria and thresholds

The evaluation criteria and subcriteria, together with the selection and award criteria, to be applied to this coordinated call are set out in Annex 2 to 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

Additional selection criterion

Proposals will be only selected on the condition that their corresponding coordinated Brazilian project is also selected for funding by the MCT.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluations are expected to be carried out in May and June 2009 (Remote phase May / June 2009, consensus phase June 2009). It is expected that the contract negotiations for the short listed proposals will open by end of July 2009. Negotiations will be carried out in parallel by the EC and MCT, 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 MCT.

The following points will be reflected in the evaluation

The active participation of relevant industrial partners is deemed as necessary for achieving the expected impact.

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

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.