

FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Theme 5 Energy

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Call Title: Energy FET Call

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Deadline: 26 February 2008 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time

Indicative budget¹: EUR 15 million from the 2008 budget

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.2008.10.1.1: Future Emerging Technologies (FET)	Collaborative Project

Evaluation procedure:

The evaluation shall follow a two stages procedure. The first stage proposal, of a maximum of 10 A4 pages (font size 12, 2 cm margins) should focus on the S&T content and on clear identification of the intended results, their intended use and the expected impact (economic, social, environmental, etc.) and 2 additional pages to describe the consortium and the estimated financial resources involved. This is an eligibility criterion – proposals above this limit will not be evaluated.

First stage proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their *scientific quality*. 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 29.05.2008.

- The evaluation criteria and subcriteria, together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- At the Panel stage, 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

¹ A reserve list will be constituted if there are a sufficient number of good quality proposals. It will be used if extra budget becomes available.

Implementation criterion. If any proposals are still tied, then overall Work Programme coverage will be used to decide the priority order.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

Evaluation Stage 1 proposals: March/April 2008

Evaluation stage 2 proposals: June 2008. 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.

Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:

For this call, implemented via a two stage procedure, the following criteria and thresholds are applied:

Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 1 proposals:

Stage 1 proposals are evaluated on the basis of their **S/T quality**

A list of proposals for 250% of the available budget will be invited to proceed to stage 2. 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.

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

Forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates for projects funded through the Cooperation work programme are given in Annex 3

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 below²:

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.

In order to maximise the industrial relevance and the impact of the research effort, the active participation of High Technology SMEs represents an added value. This will be reflected in the evaluation.

² 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.