

Call title: Energy Call for supporting integrated research programmes

- **Call identifier:** FP7-ENERGY-2013-IRP
- **Date of publication:** 10 July 2012
- **Deadline:** 8 January 2013 at 17.00.00, (Brussels local time)¹
- **Indicative budget** ²: EUR 37.5 million from the 2013 budget³

| Challenge | Activities/ Topics in this work programme | Indicative budget |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Integration of Research Programmes | <p>ENERGY.2013.10.1.5: Integrated research programme in the field of photovoltaics</p> <p>ENERGY.2013.10.1.6: Integrated research programme in the field of wind energy</p> <p>ENERGY.2013.10.1.7: Integrated research programme in the field of bioenergy</p> <p>ENERGY.2013.10.1.8: Integrated research programme on smart grids</p> <p>ENERGY.2013.10.1.9: Integrated research programme on electrochemical storage</p> <p>ENERGY.2013.10.1.10: Integrated Research Programme in the field of Concentrated Solar Power (CSP)</p> | EUR 35 million |
| Support to Platforms | <p>ENERGY.2013.2.1.2: Support to key activities of the European Photovoltaics Technology Platform (TP PV)</p> <p>ENERGY.2013.3.7.2: Support to key activities of the European Biofuels Technology Platform (EBTP)</p> <p>ENERGY.2013.10.1.4: Mobilising the research, innovation and educational capacities of Europe's universities</p> | EUR 2.5 million |

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

² Reserve lists per sub-area of the indicative budget table will be constituted if there are a sufficient number of good quality proposals. It will be used if extra budget becomes available.

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

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

- The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for each call; and
- Any repartition of the call sub-budgets may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

• **Topics called:**

| Activity/ Area | Topics called | Funding Schemes and eligibility criteria |
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| ACTIVITY 2: RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION | | |
| Area Energy 2.1: Photovoltaics | ENERGY.2013.2.1.2 <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Coordination and Support action (supporting action) <i>The maximum requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 500 000.</i> |
| ACTIVITY ENERGY.3: RENEWABLE FUEL PRODUCTION | | |
| Area Energy 3.7: Cross-Cutting Issues | ENERGY.2013.3.7.2 <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Coordination and support action (supporting action) <i>The maximum requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 500 000.</i> |
| ACTIVITY ENERGY.10: HORIZONTAL PROGRAMME ACTIONS | | |
| Area Energy.10.1: Integration of the European Energy Research Area | ENERGY.2013.10.1.4: <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Coordination and support action (supporting action) |
| | ENERGY.2013.10.1.5 <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Combination of Collaborative Project and Coordination and Support Action (CP-CSA) <i>(Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 10 Million)</i> |
| | ENERGY.2013.10.1.6 <i>(up to one project may be</i> | Combination of Collaborative Project and Coordination and |

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| | <i>funded)</i> | Support Action (CP-CSA) <i>(Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 10 Million)</i> |
| | ENERGY.2013.10.1.7 <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Combination of Collaborative Project and Coordination and Support Action (CP-CSA) <i>(Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 10 Million)</i> |
| | ENERGY.2013.10.1.8 <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Combination of Collaborative Project and Coordination and Support Action (CP-CSA) <i>(Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 10 Million)</i> |
| | ENERGY.2013.10.1.9 <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Combination of Collaborative Project and Coordination and Support Action (CP-CSA) <i>(Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 10 Million)</i> |
| | ENERGY.2013.10.1.10 <i>(up to one project may be funded)</i> | Combination of Collaborative Project and Coordination and Support Action (CP-CSA) <i>(Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 10 Million)</i> |

- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria for this call are set out in Annex 2 to the 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. They are summarised in the table below⁴:

⁴ 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

| 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. |
| Combination of Collaborative Project and Coordination and Support Action (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 Action (coordinating action) | 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 Action (supporting action) | At least 1 independent legal entity. |

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.

Additional eligibility criteria:

Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 10 Million for the following topics:

- ENERGY.2013.10.1.5
- ENERGY.2013.10.1.6
- ENERGY.2013.10.1.7
- ENERGY.2013.10.1.8
- ENERGY.2013.10.1.9
- ENERGY.2013.10.1.10

Requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 500 000 for the following topics:

- ENERGY.2013.2.1.2
- ENERGY.2013.3.7.2

• **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 electronic Submission Services of the Commission.

that it is established in a Member State or Associated country.

- The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.
- 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).
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- The evaluation for these topics shall follow a one stage procedure.

Evaluation criteria and thresholds

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 | 3/5 |
| Implementation | 3/5 |
| Impact | 3/5 |
| Overall threshold required | 10/15 |

The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores:

Ranked lists of proposals will be established for each section of the indicative budget table above. At the Panel stage, in contrast to Annex 2, proposals with equal overall scores will be prioritised according to their scores for the 'Impact' criterion. If they are still tied, they will be prioritised according to their scores for the 'Scientific and/or technological (S/T) excellence' criterion. If any proposals are still tied, then overall Work Programme coverage will be used to decide the priority order. Reserve lists per sub-area of the indicative budget table will be constituted if there are a sufficient number of good quality proposals. It will be used if extra budget becomes available.

- **Indicative evaluation timetable:**

- Evaluation: February 2013
- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within two months after the closure date.

- **Consortia agreements:** Required for all projects.

- **Forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates:**

Further information on the offered grants and reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation 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: http://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 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, and to make their best efforts to ensure open access to these articles within six months⁵.

⁵ Further information: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html, http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/open_access, http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/scientific_information/.