

Call title: Reinforcing cooperation with Europe's neighbours in the context of the ERA – Activity ERA-WIDE

- Call identifier: FP7-INCO-2011-6
- Date of publication: 20/07/2010
- Deadline¹: 15/03/2011, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- Indicative budget^{2,3}: EUR 15.00 MILLION

Activities called:

Activity/ Area	Funding schemes	Indicative amount
<u>INCO-6 Reinforcing cooperation with Europe's neighbours in the context of the ERA</u>		
INCO.2011-6.1 Eastern Europe and South Caucasus: Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan	Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	EUR 6.00 million
INCO.2011-6.2 Mediterranean Countries: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, Palestinian-administered Areas, Lebanon, Syria	Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	EUR 9.00 million

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.

Minimum number of participants⁴ as set out in the Rules for Participation:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Coordination and Support Actions (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity

The following additional eligibility criteria apply in this call:

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

² An amount of EUR 15.00 million is given to this call budget from the 2011 budget. This is under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

³ - The budget for this call is indicative. The final total budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of proposals, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.
- All budgetary figures given in this call are indicative. The repartition of the sub-budgets awarded within this call, following the evaluation of proposals, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

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

- The proposal must target only one research centre of high level S&T capacities, which is located in an ENP country not associated to FP7 at the time of the publication of the call. The research centre is defined here as an existing working unit, either independent or functioning within a locally established research organisation of one of the countries concerned, having preferably distinct organisational and administrative boundaries. The centre should not be a subsidiary or branch of an organisation established in another country.
- The consortium must include the research centre that is targeted in the proposal. The consortium must however include one or more additional participants, in particular from the Member States and/or Associated Countries.
- The research centre targeted by the proposal must be the coordinator of the proposal.
- When multiple eligible proposals targeting the same research centre are submitted, only the eligible proposal, which has been submitted last, will be evaluated.
- Only one ERA-WIDE grant targeting the same research centre can be active at any time.
- 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 this work programme.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in annex 2 of the work programme. Additionally, the highest ranked proposal for a given target country should be considered for funding, subject to the result of the evaluation and availability of the budget. After allocating a budget to the best projects in this way, all remaining projects in each Area will be ranked together in one list according to the marks obtained during evaluation. The remaining budget will be allocated to the projects according to their position in this overall ranking without further concern for country coverage. The panel of experts evaluating the proposals will apply this rule when recommending a priority order for the proposals, in particular for proposals with the same score.
- 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.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.

Indicative timetable:

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the month of May 2011. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiation for the shortlisted proposals will start in September 2011.

Consortia agreements:

Consortia agreements are recommended but not mandatory for the action.

Forms of grants:

The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to this work programme.

Use of flat rates for 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 at the following website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.