

Call Fiche: Call 5 (call identifier: FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2009-1)

- Date of publication: 09 December 2008
- Deadline¹: 17 March 2009, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time.
- **Indicative budget**¹: EUR 9.60 million²
- Topics called

Line of action/Activity	Topics called	Funding scheme(s)	EUR million indicative
1.1 Support to existing research infrastructures			
1.1.2 ICT based e-Infrastructures	INFRA-2009-1.2.3: Scientific Information Repository supporting the European FP7 Research Programme	Combination Collaborative projects and Coordination and Support Actions (CP-CSA-INFRA)	4.00
1.3 Support to policy development and programme implementation	INFRA-2009-3.1: ERA-NET ³ supporting cooperation for research infrastructures in all S&T fields	Coordination and Support Actions (CSA-CA)	1.60
	INFRA-2009-3.3: Studies, conferences and coordination actions supporting policy development in the context of international cooperation for e-Infrastructures	Coordination and Support Actions (CSA-CA or CSA-SA)	4.00

- Evaluation procedure:
 - The general eligibility, selection and award criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
 - A one stage submission procedure will be followed, with possible hearings.
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.

¹ 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. The repartition of the sub-budgets awarded within this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

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

³ Complete and detailed information on funding scheme, special eligibility criteria and expected impact of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus can be found in Annex IV of the Cooperation work programme.

- Indicative evaluation and grant agreement timetable:
 - Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some 4 months after the closure date.
 - Grant agreement signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to this call will come into force during the second half of 2009.
- Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:
 - The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation.
 - For the topic '3.1 ERA-NET', the project duration is expected to be 24 to 36 months.
 - ERA-NETs are aimed at developing and strengthening the cooperation and coordination of national and/or regional and programmes for research infrastructures. Activities eligible for funding should correspond to: (1) information exchange, (2) Definition and preparation of joint activities and (3) Implementation of joint activities (for more details on these activities please look at Annex 4 of the 'Cooperation' work programme).

Eligible partners are only programme owners, which are typically national/regional ministries/governments responsible for defining, financing or managing research programme and programme managers such as research councils or funding agencies. For the evaluation of ERA-NET the general criteria and thresholds applicable to Coordination and Support Actions given in Annex 2 are supplemented by the following sub-criteria and thresholds:

1. Scientific and/or technological excellence - Quality of coordination (Threshold 3/5)

- The management should be supported by a suitable governance structure involving the participating organisations at an appropriate level.

2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management (Threshold 3/5)

- In reference to the applicable work programme, does the proposed ERA-NET / ERA-NET Plus action pool the necessary resources between national programmes and the Community and does it represent the most appropriate type of public funding for this pre-defined area?

3. Potential impact (Threshold 3/5)

- The participants should be the key actors within their national or regional research systems.
- The ERA-NET activities should lay the foundations for a durable cooperation between the partners involved. Is there a clearly identified and agreed European added value through a variable geometry approach?
- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.
- Reserve lists may be produced of projects that pass the evaluation but fall below the available budget in case additional budget becomes available.
- In case the budget of EUR 1 600 000 for the topic 'INFRA-2009-3.1: ERA-NET' can not be consumed (totally or partially) the corresponding budget will be transferred to the Activity 'INFRA-2009-3.3: Studies, conferences and coordination actions'.