

## **Call title: Activities of International Cooperation - INCO-NET**

- **Call identifier: FP7-INCO-2009-1**
- **Date of publication: 03 September 2008**
- **Deadline: 12 January 2009, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time**
- **Indicative budget<sup>1,2</sup>: EUR 7.90 MILLION**

### **Activities called:**

| <b>Activity/ Area</b>   | <b>Funding Schemes</b>                                | <b>Indicative amount</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| 7.1.Bi-regional coordination of S&T cooperation including priority setting and definition of S&T cooperation policies |   |                          |
| 7.1.1 Arabic Gulf Countries region  | Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) | EUR 2.00 million         |
| 7.1.2 Caribbean region  | Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) | EUR 1.50 million         |
| 7.1.3 Central America region  | Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) | EUR 1.50 million         |
| 7.1.4 Pacific region  | Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) | EUR 1.40 million         |
| 7.1.5 South Caucasus and Central Asia region  | Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) | EUR 1.50 million         |

### **Eligibility conditions**

The general eligibility criteria for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme. The additional eligibility criteria that apply to this call are:

- Proposals addressing a specific research area will be declared ineligible.
- The proposals must target only one single Area covered by the call.

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<sup>1</sup> An amount of EUR 7.90 million is given to this call budget from the 2009 budget. This is under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

<sup>2</sup> - 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.

Minimum number of participants<sup>3</sup> as set out in the Rules for Participation:

| <b>Funding scheme</b>                                 | <b>Minimum conditions</b>  |
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| 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. |

**Evaluation procedure:**

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Preference will be given to INCO-NET actions involving the participation of a significant number of third countries of the region targeted by the INCO-NET action. A high coverage of the region will be considered essential to guarantee the success of these actions.

**Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the month of February 2009. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiation for the shortlisted proposals will start in May 2009.

**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.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

