

Call Title: Activities of International Cooperation - ACCESS4EU

- **Call identifier: FP7-INCO-2009-5**
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- **Deadline: 12 January 2009, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time**
- **Indicative budget^{1,2}: EUR 5.00 MILLION**

Activities called:

Activity/ Area	Funding Schemes
7.5. Supporting the EU access to third country programmes (ACCESS4EU)	Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)

Eligibility conditions

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

- The proposals must target only one of the following countries:
 - Australia,
 - Brazil,
 - Canada,
 - China,
 - India
 - Japan,
 - Mexico,
 - New Zealand,
 - Russia,
 - South Africa,
 - South Korea,
 - United States of America.
- The research and/or innovation programmes to be covered by the proposal must not be restricted to one thematic area but should cover the main research programmes of the countries concerned so as to benefit to the largest European scientific communities.
- The mobility programmes will not be covered by this call.

¹ An amount of EUR 5 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.

² 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.

Minimum number of participants³ as set out in the Rules for Participation:

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

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 are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Preference will be given to proposals involving the participation of research organisations, universities, national/regional agencies and/or industrial organisations of the Member States and/or Associated Countries.
- The participation of organisations from the target country is considered essential for collecting and analysing the information necessary for mapping the access opportunities in the third countries.

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.

³ 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.