

# FP7 Capacities Work Programme: Part 1 – Research Infrastructures

## Call Fiche

### Call identifier: FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2008-1

- Date of publication: 30 November 2007
- Deadline: 29 February 2008, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time.
- **Indicative budget<sup>1</sup>**: EUR 90.08 million<sup>2</sup>
- Topics called

| Line of action/Activity  | Topics called   | Funding scheme(s)   | EUR million indicative |
|--|---|---|------------------------|
| 1.1 Support to existing research infrastructures   |   |   |                        |
| 1.1.1 Integrating Activities   | INFRA-2008-1.1.1: Bottom-up approach: Integrating Activities in all scientific and technological fields.              | Combination of Collaborative projects and Coordination and support actions (CP/CSA) | 81.08                  |
|  | INFRA-2008-1.1.2: Targeted approach: Integrating Activities to support the specific needs of thematic priority areas. |   |                        |
| 1.3 Support to policy development and programme implementation   |   |   |                        |
| INFRA-2008-3.1: ERA-NET <sup>3</sup> supporting cooperation for research infrastructures in all S&T fields (in coordination and accordance with the terms of call FP7-ERANET-2008-RTD) |   | Coordination and support actions (CSA-CA)   | 4.00                   |
| INFRA-2008-3.2: Studies, conferences and coordination actions supporting policy development, including international cooperation, in all S&T fields.                                   |   | Coordination and support actions (CSA)  | 5.00                   |

<sup>1</sup> 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. All budgetary figures given in this call are also indicative. 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.

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority. An amount from the 2009 budget is expected to be added to this call for which a new financing decision to cover the budget for that year will be requested at the appropriate time.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

- Evaluation procedure:
  - The general eligibility, selection and award criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
  - Specific selection and award criteria for topics 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 are set out in section V.5.3 replacing those of annex 2 to the Capacities work programme.
  - A one stage submission procedure will be followed.
  - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:
  - Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some 4 months after the closure date;
  - Contract signature: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force before the end of 2008.
- Consortia agreements: Participants in topics 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 are required to conclude a consortium agreement.
- 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 activity 1.1.1 (Integrating Activities) the project duration would be up to 48 months maximum. The requested EC contribution is expected to be in the range EUR 3 000 000 to 10 000 000. A higher EC contribution is possible only in well justified cases (e.g. facilities serving very large communities of users). In any case it is not foreseen that the EC contribution would be more than EUR 15 000 000.
  - For the topic "3.1 ERA-NET", the project duration is expected to be 24 to 36 months with a requested EC contribution in the range EUR 1 000 000 to 2 000 000.
  - 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 2008 "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 4/5 instead of 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 (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?
- For the topic "3.2 Studies, conferences...", the project duration is expected to be 12 to 24 months with a requested EC contribution in the range of EUR 200 000 to 1 000 000.
- A reserve list may be produced of projects that pass the evaluation but fall below the available budget in case additional budget becomes available.
  - The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.
  - In case the budget of EUR 4 000 000 for the topic "INFRA-2008-3.1: ERA-NET" and of EUR 5 000 000 for the topic "INFRA-2008-3.2: Studies, conferences and coordination actions..." ...can not be consumed (totally or partially) the corresponding budget will be transferred to the Activity "1.1.1 Integrating Activities".