

Call title: The role of universities in the process towards a knowledge-based society

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- Deadline¹: Tuesday 2 December 2009 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time.
- Indicative budget²: EUR 2.50 million³ from 2010 budget
- Topics called:

ACTIVITY/ AREA	TOPICS CALLED	Funding Schemes
ACTION LINE 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship		
ACTIVITY 5.1.4 The evolving role of universities (Indicative budget: EUR 2.50 million)		
Topic SiS-2010-1.4-2 The role of universities in the process towards a knowledge-based society		CSA (supporting)
TOTAL : EUR 2.50 million		

Eligibility conditions

The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of 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.

A summary of the minimum participation requirements for the funding schemes used in this call is given in the following table. These participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of the proposal.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Co-ordination and Support Actions (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity which is established in a Member State or Associated Country (see additional criterion, below)

The following additional eligibility criteria apply to this call:

Additional Eligibility Criteria	
Topic SiS-2010-1.4-2 The role of universities in the process towards a knowledge-based society	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a Member State or Associated Country, and no 2 of which are established in the same Member State or Associated Country. The maximum duration of the project will be of 2 years. The maximum requested EC contribution shall not exceed EUR 600 000 per project.

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

² The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

³ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority

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 of the work programme.
- 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).
- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described below.
- **The number of proposals that can be funded per topic is limited as follows:**

Topic SiS-2010-1.4-2 The role of universities in the process towards a knowledge-based society	It is envisaged that a maximum of 5 proposals will be funded
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Consortia agreements

Participants are recommended to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.

Indicative timetable

Evaluations are expected to be completed in the month of February 2010. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open in June 2010.

Selection of proposals

1. A ranking list, based on evaluation scores, will be established for the topic as indicated in the table above. Proposals will be selected within each ranking list according to their ranked order, and provided that the proposal has a score above threshold, until the available budget is committed.
2. In cases of equal score, the procedure described in Annex 2 will be followed
3. A reserve list will also be established for the ranking list: proposals with evaluation scores above threshold and for which budget is not immediately available (those ranked below the selection list) will be put in this reserve list: proposals will also be ranked in strict order of score (according to the procedure mentioned in point 2).

4. Any part of the budget of this call that will remain unspent will be transferred to the call FP7-SCIENCE-IN-SOCIETY-2010-1.

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'.