

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — eParticipation 2006/1

(2006/C 176/14)

1. Objectives and description

eParticipation is a Preparatory Action which aims at harnessing the benefits of the use of Information and Communications Technologies for better legislative processes and better legislation at all levels of governmental decision making, and for an enhanced public participation in such processes.

Pursuant to the eParticipation Workprogramme 2006, the Commission hereby invites consortia to submit proposals.

2. Eligibility of consortia

The call is open to proposals from legal entities in the 25 EU Member States.

The minimum number of participants in a proposal is two independent, registered, legal entities.

3. Evaluation and selection

Proposals received will be evaluated by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts. The criteria used in the evaluation are defined in the eParticipation Workprogramme. Proposals that pass the evaluation will be ranked in terms of quality.

The evaluation process of applications for grants by the Commission is set out in the Financial Regulation applicable to the General Budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾.

4. Community support

The Community funding will not exceed 75 % of eligible costs incurred by each partner.

In all cases Community funding must not have the effect of creating a profit for a recipient.

5. Call budget

The total budget for this call for proposals is EUR 1.5 million.

6. Deadline and address for submission

The deadline for **receipt** of proposals by the Commission is **4 October 2006, 17.00 hours (Brussels local time)**.

Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be accepted for evaluation.

In the case of successive submission of the same proposal, the Commission will examine the last version received before the deadline.

Proposals are to be sent to the following address:

European Commission

For the attention of Mr Per Blixt

or

— BU31 07/87
B-1049 Brussels

or

— for delivery in person (hand delivery) or private/express courier service
1, rue de Genève
(tel: (32-2) 296 80 48)
B-1140 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 (OJ L 248, 16.09.2002, p. 1).

7. Time table

The Commission aims to inform proposers of the outcome of the evaluation and selection process within two months after the deadline for submission and to finalise negotiations with the selected proposers within four months after the deadline for submission. Execution of projects will start after the finalisation of negotiations.

8. Additional information

Detailed information on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the eParticipation Guide for proposers 2006. This document, along with the eParticipation Workprogramme 2006 and other information relating to this call and the evaluation process can be downloaded from the website indicated below.

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/egovernment_research/eparticipation/index_en.htm

All correspondence relating to this call must cite the call identifier **eParticipation 2006/1**.

All proposals received will be treated in strict confidence.
