to an European Commission delegation office in a DEV country by a proposer based in that country, — or, by electronic submission, the details of which are given in the ‘Guide for proposers’. When packaging a proposal for electronic submission, two files are created. The first is a small validation file which provides basic information on the proposal and a unique identification code. This validation file must be sent by the European Commission before or on the deadline specified above. The second file contains the proposal and must be received unmodified, as verifiable from the unique identification code, not later than 48 hours after this deadline.

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Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on ‘confirming the international role of Community research’ (1998 to 2002)

INCO MED
(Shared-cost actions, concerted actions, thematic networks)

Call identifier: ICFP599A3PR01
(1999/C 85/04)


In conformity with Article 5 of the specific programme, a work programme (3), specifying detailed objectives and RTD priorities and an indicative timetable for their implementation, was drawn up by the European Commission to serve as the basis for implementing the specific programme. The objectives, priorities, indicative

(2) OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 78.
budget and types of indirect actions referred to in this notice correspond to those set out in the work programme.

2. This notice relates to proposals, specified under point 4, called by a fixed deadline, following which evaluation will take place, and following which no other proposal will be considered under this call notice.

Proposals are submitted in one step.

3. The specific programme is implemented notably through indirect RTD actions as provided for in Annexes II and IV of the fifth framework programme and in Annex III of the specific programme.

Evaluation and selection criteria and modalities relevant to this call are given in the fifth framework programme, the specific programme, Council Decision 1999/65/EC of 22 December 1998 concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results for the implementation of the fifth framework programme (') (hereinafter referred to as ‘the rules for participation and dissemination’), and the work programme.

Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the ‘Guide for proposers’, which can be obtained, along with the work programme and other information relating to this call, from the European Commission using one of the following addresses:

European Commission
DG XII-E-2
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels
E-mail: inco@dg12.cec.be
Web: http://www.cordis.lu/fp5/home.html

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme, according to the rules for participation and dissemination, are hereby invited to submit proposals that address the following parts of the work programme:

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MEDITERRANEAN PARTNER COUNTRIES

Algeria, Republic of Cyprus ('), Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta ('), Morocco, Palestine Authority, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey

**deadlines:**

18.6.1999 for domains (b.ii), (c), (d.ii)
15.9.1999 for domains (a), (b.ii), (d.ii)

**budget:**

EUR 14 million (18.6.1999)
EUR 7 million (15.9.1999)

**call identifier:** ICFP599A3PR01

**Objectives and approach**

The objectives are those of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and target long-range sustainable development around the Mediterranean Sea in the context of transboundary economic, environmental and socio-political problems. The approach is to concentrate on a set of five strategic areas, of specific relevance to the region, which are not addressed under the thematic programmes of the fifth framework programme or under the research for development part of this programme. These areas were selected through an extensive progress of Euro-Mediterranean dialogue. Complementarity between this programme, the thematic programmes and MEDA cooperation activities will be ensured.

(a) **Socio-economic modernisation**

(Priority to concerted actions investment and thematic networks; second deadline: 15.9.1999)

This component addresses investment in human and institutional capital as well as sound social and economic policies which are key to long-term economic growth and to a culture of technological innovation leading to entrepreneurial competitiveness in the context of the free trade zone. These actions will take into consideration the potential role of information and communication technologies in addressing the needs of society and of small and medium-sized enterprises. To this extent, research will focus on development of policy scenarios that increase the demand and supply for scientific knowledge, trained manpower and institutional linkages between societal partners in the educational, research and

(') In the case of a country becoming associated to the fifth framework programme, that status will take precedence.
economic fabrics; policy scenarios that promote the competitiveness of local products and generate employment, with emphasis on quality assurance and the use of international and European standards, as well as strategies and mechanisms to promote technological innovation based on regional and international cooperation between researchers, entrepreneurs, universities and the financial sector.

(b) Managing scarce regional water resources

*(Priority to shared-cost actions)*

This theme targets comprehensive crosssectoral policies and integrated approaches in the planning and management of water resources which are environmentally sound and implemented in a participatory mode. Special emphasis is laid on the transboundary character of water resources that needs addressing under a regional perspective. Two priorities have been identified:

(b.i) Comprehensive water policy and integrated planning

*(Second deadline: 15.9.1999)*

Improvement of water supply, planning and management with consideration of local environmental and socio-economic (including pricing) as well as institutional and cultural conditions, of intersectoral competition and of the potential to treat and reuse wastewater; methodologies for the analysis and management of transboundary water resources to support regional cooperation in its development and use; promotion of water treatment and reuse, including desalination, with emphasis on the use of renewable energies.

(b.ii) Efficiency in water use

*(First deadline: 18.6.1999)*

In the agricultural sector, through the development of sustainable irrigation technologies, reuse of drainage water, better knowledge of plant physiology in order to reduce water requirements; in the urban/industrial context (including tourism) through the development of water treatment and reuse technologies that take into account the diversity of industrial, runoff and domestic effluents.

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*(Shared-cost and concerted actions; first deadline: 18.6.1999)*

This component addresses new and traditional technologies and management systems for use in the restoration and conservation of historical monuments, objects and sites. Research proposals should take into account cost effectiveness, enhanced accessibility to the general public and potential use. Research will focus on identification, recovery, and improvement of traditional materials and construction processes, including present-day cost and applicability; identification of manufacturing technologies for a wide range of materials used in historic objects and analysis of their potential for future use; technologies and management approaches for restoration and conservation of historic and sites using old or new processes and materials;

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*(Priority to shared-cost actions)*

Research will address the new epidemiological and socio-economic reality which is emerging in the Mediterranean area and will target strategies to alleviate the burden of disease on society and to support economic activity. This activity will focus on epidemiological transition of predominant diseases or health problems, which special reference to:

(d.i) migratory flows, patterns of infectious diseases and effectiveness of health systems and policies *(first deadline: 18.6.1999)*;

(d.ii) research in support of regional infectious disease surveillance *(second deadline: 15.9.1999)*.

When submitting a proposal for an RTD project or a concerted action, proposers may include an application for a bursary for a young researcher from a developing country. Further information on this scheme is given in the 'Guide for proposers'.

5. Proposals must be sent before or on the deadline applicable to that type of indirect action.
— by post, preferably registered, as confirmed by the postmark, to:

European Commission
ORBN 8
Call 'INCO MED'
(call identifier)
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels,

— or, by courier (*) or hand-delivered, before or not later than 17.00 (Brussels local time), as confirmed by acknowledgement of receipt, to:

European Commission
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Call 'INCO MED'
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Square Frère Orban 8
B-1000 Brussels

or

to an European Commission delegation office in a Mediterranean partner country by a proposer based in that country,

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