

The Commission will assess the application according to the conditions and criteria laid down in the present communication and further detailed in the information pack, with the assistance of independent experts as necessary.

Information given to the Community relating to a proposal application or the contract will be treated in confidence.

The Commission will inform the applicants in due course of the outcome of their applications.

In certain cases the Commission may direct proposals to other more appropriate support schemes, such as other Community programmes or initiatives.

All correspondence concerning this call should be sent to:

European Commission, Directorate-General XIII, 'Telecommunications, Information Market and Exploitation of Research', DG XIII/D/4, Room B4/100, Jean Monnet Building, L-2920 Luxembourg, facsimile (352) 43 01-345 44.

Call for proposals for RTD actions for the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration, in the field of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998)

(95/C 148/24)

1. Pursuant to the Decision by Parliament and Council adopting the fourth framework programme of European Community activities in the field of research and technological development and demonstration (1994-1998) ⁽¹⁾ and to the Council Decision establishing the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration, in the field of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998) ⁽²⁾, the Commission of the European Communities is inviting proposals for RTD actions.

In conformity with Article 5.1 of the Council Decision establishing the said specific programme, a work programme has been drawn up by the Commission, detailing the scientific and technological objectives and types of RTD actions to be undertaken, and the financial arrangements to be made for them.

2. The objectives and work foreseen of research, technological development and demonstration in this present call for proposals cover the fields set out in the work programme.

The legal entities foreseen in Articles 1, 2 and 3 of the Council Decision on the rules for the participation in

specific programmes as well as the JRC ⁽³⁾ are invited to submit proposals for RTD actions for the following activities:

Activity 3: Training through research;

Activity 4: Accompanying measures (euroconferences, summer schools and practical training courses).

3. The activities will be addressed in conformity with the modalities for implementation set out in Annex III of the Decision on the specific programme.

4. The proposals will be subject to a selection procedure based on the criteria set out in Annex II of the Fourth Framework Programme and in Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Council Decision on the rules for participation in the specific programmes.

The RTD actions will be the subject of contracts within the scope of the Council Decision on the rules for participation in the specific programmes, and their results will be disseminated in line with the principles set out in the Council Decision concerning rules for the dissemination of research results emanating from the specific programmes of research, technological development and demonstration of the European Community ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Decision No 1110/94/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, of 26. 4. 1994, adopting a fourth framework programme for European Community activities in the field of research, technological development and demonstration (1994-1998) (OJ NO L 126 of 18. 5. 1994, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Decision No 94/916/EC of the Council, of 15. 12. 1994, adopting a specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration in the field of training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998) (OJ No L 361 of 31. 12. 1994, p. 90).

⁽³⁾ Decision No 94/763/EC of the Council, of 21. 11. 1994, adopting rules for participation of enterprises, research centres and universities in research, technological development and demonstration activities of the European Community (OJ No L 306 of 30. 11. 1994, p. 8).

⁽⁴⁾ Decision No 94/762/CE of the Council, of 21. 11. 1994, adopting rules for dissemination of results of research emanating from the specific programmes for research, technological development and demonstration of the European Community (OJ L 306 of 30. 11. 1994, p. 5).

5. Special provisions (with reference to the research and technological development work described in the work programme):

The aim of the TMR Programme is to promote, through the stimulation of training and mobility of researchers, a quantitative and qualitative increase of human resources within the Community and in the Associated States⁽¹⁾.

The programme covers all fields of the exact, natural, economic and management sciences, as well as those social and human sciences that contribute to the objectives of the fourth framework programme. In order to encourage the creativity and innovation of researchers in conceiving their projects, there are no pre-established targets or priorities in the fields covered by the TMR Programme. Scientific merit will be the overriding criterion in the evaluation and selection of projects.

Activity 3: Training through research

This activity will concentrate on the training of European researchers at the post-doctoral level through research and through the stimulation of their mobility.

This activity will be implemented through 3 types of grant: grants for training, return grants, and grants to established researchers.

A. Grants for training

These grants are offered to post-doctoral researchers who wish to receive training or to specialize outside the country of their nationality and their country of recent residence. A post-doctoral researcher is defined as a researcher holding either a doctoral degree or equivalent level of education or, alternatively, having at least 4 years' full-time research experience at post-graduate level.

Training grants may also be offered to post-graduate researchers. A post-graduate researcher is defined as a holder of a degree, obtained from a university or equivalent institution of higher education, which qualifies the holder directly to embark on a doctorate or equivalent degree.

Community support will provide, for a period of between 6 months and 2 years at post-doctoral level and between 6 months and 3 years at post-graduate level, an allowance for the researcher and a contribution to the research and administrative costs of the host institute.

B. Return grants

Return grants are reserved for researchers from less-favoured regions who wish to return and undertake

research in a less-favoured region in the country of their nationality and who:

— have been in receipt of a full 2-year post-doctoral grant for training under this programme;

or

— have been in receipt of a post-doctoral fellowship of at least 20 months under the HCM programme.

Community support will provide, for a period of up to 12 months, an allowance for the researcher and a contribution to the research and administrative costs of the host institute.

C. Grants to established researchers

These grants are reserved for established researchers, particularly from industrialized regions, who wish to join a research team in the less-favoured regions outside the country of their nationality, in order to impart their knowledge and research experience. Applicants for these grants should have at least 8 years' full-time research experience at post-graduate level.

Community support will provide, for a period of 3 months to 1 year, an allowance for the researcher and a contribution to the research and administrative costs of the host institute.

Project proposals for training through research (A. grants for training, B. return grants, C. grants to established researchers) must arrive at the Commission by 15. 9. 1995 (12.00).

Activity 4: Accompanying measures (euroconferences, summer schools and practical training courses)

Euroconferences are to be high-level scientific meetings with a focused theme at the cutting-edge of research bringing together young researchers and established scientists. A euroconference project would normally be a series of meetings, each lasting for several days and taking place in a closed environment. The number of participants will normally be between 30 and 100.

Summer schools are to provide advanced training for young researchers at post-graduate and post-doctoral level. Summer schools are to be organized around specific scientific themes and will have a defined syllabus; interdisciplinary summer schools are encouraged.

⁽¹⁾ An Associated State is a non-Member State which has signed an agreement with the Community for full association with the programme.

Practical training courses are to be advanced courses organized in research institutes, scientific centres, or industrial laboratories with an emphasis on practical techniques and substantial hands-on or field experience for the participants.

The Community financing may not be considered as a general subsidy; it may be used as a contribution to 3 types of expenses: (A) expenses related to the participation of young scientists; (B) up to 50 % of the expenses related to the participation of invited keynote speakers and scientific organizers; (C) expenses related to organization.

Project proposals for accompanying measures (euroconferences, summer schools and practical training courses) must arrive at the Commission by 2. 10. 1995 (12.00).

6. All information given to the Commission relating to the proposal application or the contract will be treated in confidence.

7. Detailed information concerning the procedure to follow for the submission of proposals (information package) and the contract that will be established in respect of selected proposals will be available on request from the Commission's services.

Requests for the information package should include name and full address (no 'PO Box' numbers) and should be sent to:

TMR Information Package, European Commission, DG XII - G 3, Office MO 75 5/34, rue Montoyer 75, B-1040 Brussels, facsimile (32-2) 296 21 36/296 21 33/295 69 95/296 32 70, tel. (32-2) 296 02 54, Internet (WWW) - <http://www.cordis.lu/>.

Information technologies

Call for proposals for the specific programme for research and technological development, including demonstration, in the field of information technologies

(95/C 148/25)

By the decision of 26. 4. 1994, the European Parliament and the Council adopted the Fourth Framework Programme of European Community activities in the field of research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) for the period 1994 to 1998⁽¹⁾. Thereafter, the Council decided, on 23. 11. 1994, the specific programme for research and technological development, including demonstration, in the field of information technologies⁽²⁾.

In conformity with Article 5 of the Decision⁽³⁾ on the specific programme, a work programme has been drawn up setting out the detailed objectives and types of projects to be undertaken.

Organizations eligible to participate in the programme are invited to submit proposals for the areas and topics covered by those parts of the work programme set out below.

The research domains and tasks will be addressed, in general, in shared-cost research and technological development (RTD) projects, in conformity with the rules for implementation set out in Annex III to the Decision⁽⁴⁾. In addition, accompanying measures and concerted

actions supporting the objectives of the work programme may be undertaken.

Detailed information about procedures, eligibility, submission of proposals, the contact established with successful proposers, the work programme, and about background material to the work programme is given in the information package which can be obtained from the Commission services. The information package contains an information request form through which specific documentation, if needed, may be obtained. Description of work undertaken in earlier and related programmes can also be obtained on request. All correspondence concerning this call should be sent to:

Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General III - Industry, IT Programme Office, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel

or using e-mail to:

infodesk@dg13.cec.be

The work programme and information package are also available via World Wide Web on the following servers:

<http://www.ecrc.de/>

and

<http://www.cordis.lu/>

⁽¹⁾ Decision No 1110/94/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 26. 4. 1994 (OJ No L 126, 18. 5. 1994, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 334, 22. 12. 1994, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 334, 22. 12. 1994, p. 24.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 334, 22. 12. 1994, p. 24.