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## Call for proposals No SCRE/111352/C/G

## Asia Information Technology &amp; Communications Programme (Asia IT &amp; C)

(2000/C 232/09)

**Financing source and programme covering the fields of activity for which proposals are sought**

- (a) Financing source: budget line B7-3010 (South and South-East Asia). An indicative global amount of EUR 4,5 million is available for this call for proposals.
- (b) **Asia IT & C Programme:** economic cooperation with South and South-East Asia. Proposals are sought for co-financing under five '**Programme Components**' co-financing partnerships in Information Technology and Communications.

**Type and size of projects**

- (a) Under the current call, Asia — IT & C supports projects under the following five programme components:
1. **Get-in-touch and keep-in-touch activities** — supports the identification and linking of organisations in the form of task forces, workshops, seminars, and conferences to search, specify and assess compatible solutions for adaptation between European and Asian IT & C environments.
  2. **Short (University level) courses** — supports courses and workshops, of a graduate or postgraduate standard, in either business or university contexts, to explore, transfer know-how and/or search for solutions around key IT & C issues.
  3. **Information society interconnectivity** — supports operations to substantially improve, publicise and intensify direct communication connections and electronic traffic both between Europe and Asia, and within Asia. Organisations who invest in the improvement of direct interconnectivity can be assisted by instrument in order to facilitate the strengthening of the communications network between the continents. Operations which are closely linked to such investments will also be supported, as are those which aim to improve the quality, reliability and security of connections.
  4. **Liase with European IT & C initiatives and programmes** — supports the identification and establishment of task forces, workshops and/or other events

which aim to facilitate and improve contacts, and/or the participation in, and transfer of know-how by Asian IT & C expertise to the development and implementation of existing European IT & C initiatives, for example — under the Community Research and Technological Development (RTD) Framework Programme.

5. **Understanding European and Asian regulatory and legislative organisation structures** — supports, studies, task forces, workshops, seminars, and/or conferences with the aim of improving the mutual understanding of European and Asian IT & C regulatory and legislative organisation structures, their capabilities and shortcomings, and the identification and definition of improvements that could be realised through the use of IT & C to achieve this goal.

Areas of activity comprise **agriculture, education, health, society, transport, tourism, intelligent manufacturing and electronic commerce**. For further details see the Asia IT & C web site (<http://www.asia-itc.org/>).

- (b) Maximum levels of co-financing and maximum and minimum amounts of grant for each programme component are:

(a) **Get-in-touch and keep-in-touch activities**

Maximum level of co-financing: 50 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 200 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 100 000

(b) **Short (University level) courses**

Maximum level of co-financing: 50 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 200 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 100 000

(c) **Information society interconnectivity**

Maximum level of co-financing: 50 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 400 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 200 000

**(d) Liaise with European IT & C initiatives and programmes**

Maximum level of co-financing: 80 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 400 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 200 000

**(e) Understanding European and Asian regulatory and legislative organisation structures**

Maximum level of co-financing: 75 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 200 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 100 000

(c) Maximum project implementation period: 36 months.

**Eligibility: who may apply**

A proposal may be submitted by an applicant together with a minimum of two partners.

(a) If the applicant derives from an Asian participant country/territory<sup>(1)</sup>, it must have two partners from the EU Member States.

(b) If the applicant derives from an EU Member State<sup>(2)</sup>, it must have one partner from an Asian participant country/territory and one from a different EU Member State.

Applicants must be national or regional authorities, public sector operators or non-profit-making organisations from private sector or civil society (such as research centers, universities, professional associations or federations, NGOs) (see section 2.1.1 of the 'Guidelines for Applicants 2000 — Asia IT & C').

**Type and maximum amount of costs to be taken into consideration for a grant**

(a) Type of costs: see section 2.1.3 of the 'Guidelines for Applicants 2000 — Asia IT & C'.

(b) Maximum amount of grant: see amounts provided above per programme component.

**Evaluation criteria**

See section 2.3 of the 'Guidelines for Applicants 2000 — Asia IT & C'.

<sup>(1)</sup> Participant Asian countries/territories: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam.

<sup>(2)</sup> EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom.

**Form, language, deadline and address for applications**

(a) Form: Project proposals, including annexes, must be submitted in one original and five copies. Applicants will use the application forms annexed to the 'Guidelines for Applicants 2000 — Asia IT & C'.

(b) Language: Proposals must be submitted in the English language.

(c) Deadline for applications: There are two deadlines for this call for proposals: 2 October 2000 at 16h00 (Brussels time) and 15 January 2001 at 16h00 (Brussels time).

Any application arriving after 2 October 2000 at 16h00 (Brussels time) will automatically be included in the next batch of applications (deadline: 15 January 2001).

Any application received after 15 January 2001 at 16h00 (Brussels time) will be rejected.

(d) Applications should be sent by registered mail or hand-delivered to one of the addresses mentioned in section 2.2.3 of the 'Guidelines for Applicants 2000 — Asia IT & C', so as to arrive at the Commission before the deadline for applications.

**Detailed information on the call for proposals and application form**

(a) Detailed information on the present call for proposals is contained in the 'Guidelines for Applicants 2000 — Asia IT & C', which is available from the following Internet-address:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index_en.htm)

**CLICK ON:**

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The 'Guidelines for Applicants 2000 — Asia IT & C' are downloadable from within the call for proposals only in English.

**By e-mail:** info@asia-itc.org

**By fax:** Europe: (32-2) 739 11 66

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(b) Questions, indicating clearly the reference of the call for proposals, should be sent to richard.granville@cec.eu.int

which, together with the Commission's answers, will be published on the following website:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index_en.htm)

Additional information about the Asia IT & C Programme is available at:

<http://www.asia-itc.org/>

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