

CORRIGENDA

Fourth corrigendum concerning the call for proposals for RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'Quality of life and management of living resources'

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1. Point 5 of the call for proposals for RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'Quality of life and management of living resources', 1999/C 64/13 ⁽¹⁾, published in OJ C 64 of 6 March 1999, page 16, is replaced by the following:

'5. Proposers are encouraged to prepare proposals with a software tool (the Proposal Preparation Tool —ProTool) which is available from the Commission via the Internet (<http://www.cordis.lu/fp5/protol>), by electronic mail or on CD-ROM. It will help them prepare the administrative and technical information required.

Proposals may be sent in one of two ways:

— Made by the Proposal Preparation Tool and sent electronically, by use of a sealing mechanism, including encryption and server uploading or electronic mail.

The coordinator must request a digital certificate from the Commission's certification authority for electronic signature of the proposal file. When the proposal has been finalised, it is then "sealed" and a short validation file ("fingerprint") is created.

The Validation file, which identifies the proposal file uniquely, must be sent (electronically or by fax) not later than 5 p.m. (Brussels local time) on the applicable closing date (see Annex). The unmodified proposal file must be received electronically not later than 48 hours after expiry of the deadline.

— Prepared on the paper forms distributed with the information package or made by the Proposal Preparation Tool and then printed out by the coordinator.

To be receivable, proposals submitted on paper must be received by the Commission not later than 5 p.m. (Brussels local time) on the applicable closing date ⁽²⁾ (see Annex) at the following address:

"Quality of life and management of living resources" programme
Research Proposals Office
Square Frère-Orban/Frère-Orbanplein 8
B-1000 Brussels.

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods described above, by which to submit proposals, and to submit only one version of any given proposal. In the case of an eligible proposal being received in both paper and electronic formats, only the electronic version will be considered.

⁽⁵⁾ Users of courier services that ask for the recipient's telephone number should give the following number (32-2) 298 42 06.'

2. **Important notice:** The above constitutes a change with respect to previous calls where deadlines applied to submission. Deadlines now apply to receipt by the Commission.

In addition, proposers should be aware of the new provisions governing eligibility criteria and evaluation of proposals submitted under the 'Quality of life and management of living resources' programme, as set out in the 'Manual of proposal evaluation procedures' ⁽²⁾ (and in Annex H thereof which is devoted specifically to the 'Quality of life and management of living resources' programme). These provisions are concerned in particular with the procedure for the evaluation of 'clusters'.

The new version of the 'Manual of proposal evaluation procedures' can be obtained from the following website:

<http://www.cordis.lu/fp5/src/evalman.htm>

⁽¹⁾ As last amended by the corrigendum published on OJ C 155, 6.6.2000, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision C(1999) 710 of 24 March 1999, as last amended by Decision C(2000) 2002 of 15 July 2000.