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(Notices)

COMMISSION

Calls for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: 'Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area'

(2003/C 303/04)

1. In accordance with Decision No 1513/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 June 2002, concerning the sixth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities contributing to the creation of the European Research Area and to innovation (2002 to 2006) ⁽¹⁾, the Council adopted on 30 September 2002 the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: 'Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area' (2002-2006) ⁽²⁾ (referred to as 'the specific programme').

In accordance with Article 5(1) of the specific programme, the Commission of the European Communities (referred to as 'the Commission') has adopted on 9 December 2002 a work programme ⁽³⁾ (referred to as 'the work programme') setting out in greater detail the objectives and scientific and technological priorities of the specific programme, and the timetable for implementation.

In accordance with Article 9(1) of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 16 December 2002, concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in, and for the dissemination of research results for, the implementation of the European Community Sixth Framework Programme (2002-2006) ⁽⁴⁾ (referred to as 'the rules for participation'), proposals for indirect RTD actions should be submitted under the terms of calls for proposals.

2. The present calls for proposals for indirect RTD actions (referred to as 'the calls') comprise the present general part and the specific conditions that are described in the annexes. The annexes indicate in particular, the date of closure for the submission of proposals for indirect RTD actions, an indicative date for the completion of the evaluations, the indicative budget, the instruments and the areas concerned, the evaluation criteria for the evaluation of proposals for indirect RTD actions, the minimum number of participants, and any applicable restrictions.

3. Natural or legal persons fulfilling the conditions stated in the rules for participation and that do not fall under any of the exclusion cases in the rules for participation or in Article 114(2) of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾ (referred to as 'the proposers') are invited to submit to the Commission proposals for indirect RTD actions subject to the conditions in the rules for participation and in the call concerned being fulfilled.

The conditions of participation of the proposers will be verified within the framework of the negotiation of the indirect RTD action. Before that however, proposers will have signed a declaration stating that they do not fall under any of the cases given by Article 93(1) of the Financial Regulation. They will also have given the Commission the information listed in Article 173(2) of the Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002, of 23 December 2002, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁶⁾.

The European Community has adopted an equal opportunities policy and, on this basis, women are particularly encouraged to either submit proposals for indirect RTD actions or participate in the submission of proposals for indirect RTD actions.

4. The Commission makes available to proposers guides for proposers relating to the calls which contain information on the preparation and the submission of a proposal for an indirect RTD action. These guides, as well as the work programme and other information relating to the calls, can be obtained from the Commission via the following addresses:

European Commission
The FP6 Information Desk
Directorate General RTD
B-1049 Brussels

Internet address: www.cordis.lu/fp6

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 232, 29.8.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 294, 29.10.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2002) 4789, as modified by C(2003) 577, C(2003) 955, C(2003) 1952, C(2003) 3543, C(2003) 3555 and C(2003) 4609, all decisions unpublished.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

5. Proposals for indirect RTD actions are submitted preferably in electronic format, via the electronic proposal submission system (EPSS).

Within this context, proposals for indirect RTD actions may be prepared off-line or on-line and submitted on-line. Those prepared with the EPSS off-line version could, as an alternative, be submitted either on CD-ROM or diskette (a paper copy of the proposal for an indirect RTD action must in either case be attached).

The EPSS software tool (for off-line or on-line usage) is available via the Cordis website www.cordis.lu

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may also be prepared and submitted using the forms in the guide for proposers (referred to as 'on paper').

6. Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted on CD-ROM, diskette, or paper by post must be received by the Commission at the following address, and labelled as follows:

'FP6 — Research Proposals'
(Call identifier: ...)
European Commission
B-1049 Brussels.

For deliveries by hand or by representatives (including by private courier services ⁽⁷⁾), the delivery should be to the following address, and labelled as follows:

'FP6 — Research Proposals'
(Call identifier: ...)
European Commission
Rue de Genève, 1
B-1140 Brussels.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may be submitted on-line via the Cordis website www.cordis.lu

Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted either on CD-ROM or on diskette which are incomplete ⁽⁸⁾, illegible ⁽⁹⁾ or contain viruses will be excluded if a complete corresponding paper version, in the same envelope, has not been supplied.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted on-line and which are incomplete ⁽¹⁰⁾, illegible ⁽¹¹⁾ or contain viruses will be excluded.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted on paper and which are incomplete ⁽¹²⁾ will be excluded.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted by e-mail ⁽¹³⁾ or by fax will be excluded.

7. Proposals for indirect RTD actions have to reach the Commission at the latest on the closure date and at the time specified in the call concerned. Proposals for indirect RTD actions arriving after this date and time will be excluded.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions not satisfying the conditions relating to the minimum number of participants indicated in the call concerned will be excluded.

This also applies regarding any additional eligibility criteria given in the work programme.

8. In the case of successive submissions of the same proposal for an indirect RTD action, the Commission will examine the last version received before the closure date and time specified in the call concerned.

Where the same proposal for an indirect RTD action is submitted on paper and in electronic format (CD-ROM, diskette, on-line), the Commission will only examine the text submitted under the electronic formats.

9. If foreseen in the relevant call, proposals for indirect RTD actions could be taken up in the framework of a future evaluation.

10. In all correspondence relating to a call (e.g. when requesting information, or submitting a proposal for an indirect RTD action), proposers are invited to cite the relevant call identifier.

⁽⁷⁾ Users of courier services that ask for the recipient's telephone number should give the following number: (32-2) 295 58 75 (Mr J.-C. Debouvère).

⁽⁸⁾ All proposals for indirect RTD actions must contain two parts: the forms (Part A) and the content (Part B).

⁽⁹⁾ Proposals for indirect RTD actions should be submitted in PDF ('portable document format', version 3 or higher with embedded fonts) or RTF ('rich text format').

⁽¹⁰⁾ See footnote 8.

⁽¹¹⁾ See footnote 9.

⁽¹²⁾ See footnote 8.

⁽¹³⁾ This does not include proposals for indirect RTD actions that have been submitted on-line.

ANNEX 1

1. **Specific Programme:** Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area
2. **Activity:** Priority thematic area of research 'Aeronautics and Space'
3. **Call title:** Thematic call in the area of 'Aeronautics 2A'
4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2003-Aero-1
5. **Date of publication:** 13 December 2003
6. **Closure date:** 31 March 2004, at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 300 million, broken down as follows

Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR (millions)
IP and NoE	200
STREP and CA	100

⁽¹⁾ IP = Integrated project; NoE = Network of excellence; STREP = Specific targeted research project; CA = Coordination action; SSA = Specific support action.

8. **Areas called and instruments:**

Area	Topic	Instrument
'Strengthening Competitiveness'	Open Upstream Research: Research Domains from 1.a to 1.l (See Section 1.3.1.1)	STREP and CA
	Focused Downstream Research: Subjects from 1 to 4 (See Section 1.3.2)	IP
	Networking European Aeronautics Research: No subject included (See Section 1.3.3)	NoE
'Improving environmental impact with regard to emissions and noise'	Open Upstream Research: Research Domains from 2.a to 2.i (See Section 1.3.1.2)	STREP and CA
	Focused Downstream Research: Subjects 5 and 6 (See Section 1.3.2)	IP
	Networking European Aeronautics Research: Subject 1 (See Section 1.3.3)	NoE
'Improving aircraft safety and security'	Open Upstream Research: Research Domains from 3.a to 3.e (See Section 1.3.1.3)	STREP and CA
	Focused Downstream Research: Subjects 7 and 8 (See Section 1.3.2)	IP
	Networking European Aeronautics Research: No subject included (See Section 1.3.3)	NoE

Area	Topic	Instrument
'Increasing the operational capacity and safety of the air transport system'	Open Upstream Research: Research Domains 4.a, 4.b, 4.c and 4.g (See Section 1.3.1.4)	STREP and CA
	Focused Downstream Research: Subject 9 (See Section 1.3.2)	IP
	Networking European Aeronautics Research: No subject included (See Section 1.3.3)	NoE

9. **Minimum number of participants** ⁽¹⁾:

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
IP, NoE, STREP and CA	Three independent legal entities from three different MS or AS, with at least two MS or ACC

10. **Restriction on participation:** None.

11. **Consortia agreements:** Participants in RTD actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement.

12. **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. **Evaluation criteria:** See Annex B of the work programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) per instrument.

14. **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some three months after the closure date
- conclusion of first contracts: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force eight months after the closure date.

⁽¹⁾ MS = Member States of the EU; AS (incl. ACC) = Associated States; ACC = Associated candidate countries. Any legal entity established in a Member State or Associated State and which is made up of the requested number of participants may be the sole participant in an indirect action.

ANNEX 2

1. **Specific Programme:** 'Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area'

2. **Activity:** Priority thematic area of research 'Aeronautics and Space'

3. **Call title:** Thematic call in the area of 'Aeronautics Specific Support Actions'

4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2002-Aero-2

5. **Date of publication:** 17 December 2002

6. **Intermediary and final closure dates:** 31 March 2004 and 28 September 2004 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)

Indicative intermediary and final closure dates of 2005 and 2006 will be found in the relevant updates of the work programme. The final closure date will be in March 2006

7. **Total indicative budget (2002-2006):** EUR 7 Million

Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR (millions)
SSA	7

⁽¹⁾ IP = Integrated project; NoE = Network of excellence; STREP = Specific targeted research project; CA = Coordination action; SSA = Specific support action.

8. **Areas called:**

Area	Topic	Instrument
All	Promoting SME participation	SSA
	Stimulating dissemination and exploitation of results	
	Realising the European Research Area	
	Promoting Candidate Countries participation	
	Stimulating international cooperation	
	Developing a EU research strategy in the sector	

9. **Minimum number of participants:**

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
SSA	one legal entity from a MS or AS

10. **Restriction on participation:** None

11. **Consortia agreements:** Participants in RTD actions resulting from this call are not required to conclude a consortium agreement.

12. **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. **Evaluation criteria:** See Annex B of the work programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) per instrument.

14. **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some two months after the closure date,
- conclusion of first contracts: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force six months after the closure date.

ANNEX 3

1. **Specific Programme:** Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area
2. **Activity:** Priority thematic area of research 'Aeronautics and Space'
3. **Call title:** Thematic call in the area of 'Space 2004'
4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2003-Space-1
5. **Date of publication:** 13 December 2003
6. **Closure date:** 31 March 2004, at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 60 million, broken down as follows

Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR (millions)
IP and NoE	54
STREP, CA and SSA	6

⁽¹⁾ IP = Integrated project; NoE = Network of excellence; STREP = Specific targeted research project; CA = Coordination action; SSA = Specific support action.

8. **Areas called and Instruments:**

Area	Topic	Preferred Instrument
GMES	Water resources	IP
	Risk Management	IP
	Atmosphere	IP
	All GMES application fields and their management	STREP, SSA
	Data harmonisation	SSA
Satellite Telecommunications	End-to-end satellite telecommunications systems for mobility applications	IP
	Convergence and integration of satellite telecommunications with GMES	IP
	Convergence and integration of satellite telecommunications with Galileo	IP
	End-to-end satellite telecommunications systems for tele-education applications	IP
	End-to-end satellite telecommunications systems for tele-medicine applications	IP
	Above topics	STREP, SSA
	Market assessment and cost benefits	SSA

9. Minimum number of participants ⁽¹⁾:

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
IP, NoE, STREP and CA	Three independent legal entities from three different MS or AS, with at least two MS or ACC
SSA	One legal entity from a MS or AS

10. Restriction on participation: None**11. Consortia agreements:** Consortia agreements: Participants in RTD actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement.**12. Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. Evaluation criteria: See Annex B of the work programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) per instrument.**14. Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some three months after the closure date,
- conclusion of first contracts: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force eight months after.

⁽¹⁾ MS = Member States of the EU; AS (incl. ACC) = Associated States; ACC = Associated candidate countries. Any legal entity established in a Member State or Associated State and which is made up of the requested number of participants may be the sole participant in an indirect action.

ANNEX 4
1. Specific Programme: Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area**2. Activity:** Priority thematic area of research 'Sustainable Surface Transport'**3. Call title:** Thematic call in the area of 'Surface Transport 2B'**4. Call identifier:** FP6-2003-Transport-3**5. Date of publication:** 13 December 2003**6. Closure date(s):** 6 April 2004 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)**7. Total indicative budget:** EUR 150 million, broken down as follows

Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR (millions)
IP and NoE	105
STREP or CA	45

⁽¹⁾ IP = Integrated project; NOE = Network of excellence; STREP = Specific targeted project; CA = Coordination action; SSA = Specific support action.

8. Areas called and Instruments:

Area	Topic	Instrument
Objective 1 'New technologies and concepts for all surface transport modes (road, rail and waterborne)'	Future generation of clean and competitive engines for heavy duty vehicles	IP
	Hydrogen and fuel cell power-train concepts for transport means	IP
	Quieter surface transport	IP
	Research domains 1.4 (for advanced control, highly efficient hybrid vehicles and air conditioning systems only), 1.9 and 1.10	STREP
	Research domains 1.4 to 1.10 for all surface transport modes	CA
Objective 2 'Advanced design and production techniques'	Light weight, low mass road vehicles	IP
	Next generation affordable urban guided public transport	IP
	Virtual environment for an integrated fluid dynamic analysis in ship design (the Virtual Basin)	IP
	Risk based ship design and approval	IP
	Visionary concepts for vessels and floating structures	NoE
	Research domains 2.5 and 2.6 for all surface transport modes, domain 2.2 for new product generations only, and domain 2.7 for rail transport only	STREP
	Research domains 2.1 to 2.7 for all surface transport modes	CA
Objective 3 'Re-balancing and integrating different transport modes'	Increased reliability and performance of the rail system through intelligent vehicles and infrastructure systems and their maintenance	IP
	Research domain 3.16 for all surface transport modes	STREP
	Research domains 3.14 to 3.17 for all surface transport modes	CA
Objective 4 'Increasing road, rail and waterborne safety and avoiding traffic congestion'	Research domain 4.12 for all surface transport modes	STREP
	Research domains 4.11 to 4.16 for all surface transport modes	CA

9. Minimum number of participants ⁽¹⁾:

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
IP, NoE, STREP and CA	Three independent legal entities from three different MS or AS, with at least two MS or ACC

⁽¹⁾ MS = Member States of the EU; AS (incl. ACC) = Associated States; ACC = Associated candidate countries. Any legal entity established in a Member State or Associated State and which is made up of the requested number of participants may be the sole participant in an indirect action.

10. **Restriction on participation:** None
11. **Consortia agreements:** Participants in RTD actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement.
12. **Evaluation procedure:**
- The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
13. **Evaluation criteria:** See Annex B of the work programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) per instrument.
14. **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**
- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some three months after the closure date,
 - conclusion of first contracts: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force eight months after the closure.

ANNEX 5

1. **Specific Programme:** Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area
 2. **Activity:** Priority thematic area of research 'Sustainable Surface Transport'
 3. **Call title:** Thematic call in the area of 'Sustainable Surface Transport Specific Support Actions'
 4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2002-Transport-2
 5. **Date of publication:** 17 December 2002
 6. **Intermediary and final closure dates:** 6 April 2004 and 22 September 2004, at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
- Indicative intermediary and final closure dates of 2005 and 2006 will be found in the relevant updates of the work programme. The final closure date will be in March 2006
7. **Total indicative budget (2002 to 2006):** EUR 5 million

Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR (millions)
SSA	5

⁽¹⁾ IP = Integrated project; NoE = Network of excellence; STREP = Specific targeted project; CA = Coordination action; SSA = Specific support action.

8. Areas called:

Area	Topic	Instrument
All research domains for research, technological development and integration	Promoting SME participation	SSA
	Stimulating dissemination and exploitation of results	
	Realising the European Research Area	
	Promoting Candidate Countries participation	
	Stimulating international cooperation	

9. Minimum number of participants ⁽¹⁾:

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
SSA	One legal entity from a MS or AS

10. Restriction on participation: None**11. Consortia agreements:** Participants in RTD actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement.**12. Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. Evaluation criteria: See Annex B of the work programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) per instrument.**14. Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some two months after the closure date,
- conclusion of first contracts: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force six months after the closure date.

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