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Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

14 December 2004

(2004/C 309/01)

1 euro =

Currency			Exchange rate		
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USD	US dollar	1,3317	LVL	Latvian lats	0,6883
JPY	Japanese yen	139,70	MTL	Maltese lira	0,4318
DKK	Danish krone	7,4330	PLN	Polish zloty	4,1786
GBP	Pound sterling	0,69150	ROL	Romanian leu	39 315
SEK	Swedish krona	8,9573	SIT	Slovenian tolar	239,76
CHF	Swiss franc	1,5368	SKK	Slovak koruna	38,785
ISK	Iceland króna	84,11	TRL	Turkish lira	1 893 200
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,2000	AUD	Australian dollar	1,7494
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9559	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,6372
CYP	Cyprus pound	0,5788	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,3538
CZK	Czech koruna	30,608	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,8668
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	SGD	Singapore dollar	2,1896
HUF	Hungarian forint	246,58	KRW	South Korean won	1 409,20
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	ZAR	South African rand	7,6426

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures

(2004/C 309/02)

1. As provided for in Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 ⁽¹⁾ on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community, the Commission gives notice that, unless a review is initiated in accordance with the following procedure, the anti-dumping measures mentioned below will expire on the date mentioned in the table below.

2. Procedure

Community producers may lodge a written request for a review. This request must contain sufficient evidence that the expiry of the measures would be likely to result in a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

Should the Commission decide to review the measures concerned, importers, exporters, representatives of the exporting country and Community producers will then be provided with the opportunity to amplify, rebut or comment on the matters set out in the review request.

3. Time limit

Community producers may submit a written request for a review on the above basis, to reach the European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade (Division B-1), J-79 5/16, B-1049 Brussels ⁽²⁾ at any time from the date of the publication of the present notice but no later than three months before the date mentioned in the table below.

4. This notice is published in accordance with Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995.

Product	Country(ies) of origin or exportation	Measures	Reference	Date of expiry
Fluorspar	People's Republic of China	Anti-dumping duty	Council Regulation (EC) No 2011/2000 (OJ L 241, 26.9.2000, p. 5)	27.9.2005
Television camera systems	Japan	Anti-dumping duty	Council Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 (OJ L 244, 29.9.2000, p. 38) as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 825/2004 (OJ L 127, 29.4.2004, p. 12)	30.9.2005

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 461/2004 (OJ L 77, 13.3.2004, p. 12).

⁽²⁾ Telex COMEU B 21877; Telefax : (32-2) 295 65 05.

Information procedure — Technical rules

(2004/C 309/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on Information Society services. (OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37; OJ L 217, 5.8.1998, p. 18).

Notifications of draft national technical rules received by the Commission

Reference ⁽¹⁾	Title	End of three-month standstill period ⁽²⁾
2004/0489/CZ	Draft Regulation amending Ministry of Environment Regulation No 355/2002 Coll., determining emission limits and further conditions for the operation of other stationary sources of air pollution emitting volatile organic substances from processes applying organic solvents and from the storage and distribution of petroleum	21.2.2005
2004/0490/CZ	Draft Government Regulation amending Government Regulation No 354/2002 Coll., determining emission limits and further conditions for the burning of waste products	21.2.2005
2004/0491/CZ	Draft Regulation amending Ministry of Environment Regulation No 383/2001 Coll., on details of the treatment of waste products	21.2.2005
2004/0492/UK	Building (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005	21.2.2005
2004/0493/S	The National Food Administration's administrative provisions on the use of a particular symbol	21.2.2005
2004/0494/I	Circular on: 'Guidelines on the composition, labelling and advertising of dietetic products for sportspersons'	21.2.2005
2004/0495/NL	Decree pursuant to Article 28 of the Act on intelligence and security services (Dutch abbreviation WIV 2002)	21.2.2005
2004/0496/I	Draft Legislative Decree on the Digital Administration Code	21.2.2005
2004/0497/A	Order of the Provincial Government of... laying down requirements for workplaces (Workplaces Order - ASt-V)	24.2.2005
2004/0498/D	Uniform nationwide practice for monitoring emissions	24.2.2005
2004/0499/F	Draft Decree on certain refrigerants used in refrigerating and air-conditioning equipment	24.2.2005
2004/0500/FIN	Decree of the Ministry of the Interior on marking and lighting of escape routes in buildings	25.2.2005
2004/0501/A	Order of the Federal Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, the Environment and Water Management by which the Order on the prevention and recycling of packaging waste and certain waste goods and the establishment of collection and recycling systems (Packaging Order (German designation VerpackVO), 1996), Federal Law Gazette No 648/1996, is amended	25.2.2005
2004/0502/I	Draft Decree on the regulation of tomato passata	25.2.2005

Reference ⁽¹⁾	Title	End of three-month standstill period ⁽²⁾
2004/0503/D	Reg TP SSB LA-NOE 125 Interface description for Non-specific Short Range Devices	28.2.2005
2004/0504/D	Reg TP SSB LA 143 Interface description for wideband PMR/PAMR radio equipment within the paired frequency ranges 451 – 455,74 MHz and 461 – 465,74 MHz	28.2.2005
2004/0505/D	Reg TP SSB LA 100 Interface description for narrowband PMR/PAMR radio equipment	28.2.2005
2004/0506/UK	Paper T-925: Amendments to BCAR Section T reading across appropriate Changes made to BCAR Section S and the results of research	28.2.2005

⁽¹⁾ Year - registration number - Member State of origin.

⁽²⁾ Period during which the draft may not be adopted.

⁽³⁾ No standstill period since the Commission accepts the grounds of urgent adoption invoked by the notifying Member State.

⁽⁴⁾ No standstill period since the measure concerns technical specifications or other requirements or rules on services linked to fiscal or financial measures, pursuant to the third indent of the second paragraph of Article 1(11) of Directive 98/34/EC.

⁽⁵⁾ Information procedure closed.

The Commission draws attention to the judgement delivered on 30 April 1996 in the 'CIA Security' case (C-194/94 – ECR I, p. 2201), in which the Court of Justice ruled that Articles 8 and 9 of Directive 98/34/EC (formerly 83/189/EEC) are to be interpreted as meaning that individuals may rely on them before national courts which must decline to apply a national technical regulation which has not been notified in accordance with the Directive.

This judgement confirms the Commission's communication of 1 October 1986 (OJ C 245, 1.10.1986, p. 4).

Accordingly, breach of the obligation to notify renders the technical regulations concerned inapplicable, and consequently unenforceable against individuals.

For more information on the notification procedure, please write to:

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Also consult the website: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tris/>

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III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

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

(2004/C 309/04)

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: 'Structuring 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 6 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 Regulation (EC) No 2321/2004 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 to 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 call for proposals for indirect RTD actions (referred to as the call) comprises the present general part and the specific conditions that are described in the Annex. The Annex indicates, 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 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 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 232, 29.8.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 294, 29.10.2002, p. 44.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2002) 4791, as amended by Commission Decisions C(2003) 635, C(2003) 998, C(2003) 1951, C(2003) 2708, C(2003) 4571, C(2004) 48, and C(2004) 3330, all 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.

4. The Commission makes available to proposers guides for proposers relating to the call which contain information on the preparation and the submission of a proposal for an indirect RTD action. The Commission also makes available Guidelines on proposal evaluation and selection procedures⁽¹⁾. These guides and guidelines, as well as the work programme and other information relating to the call, can be obtained from the Commission via the following addresses:

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5. Proposals for indirect RTD actions must only be submitted in paper forms.

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions must be prepared and submitted using the forms in the guide for proposers.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted and which are incomplete will be excluded.

Further details on the various proposal submission procedures are given in Annex J of the Guidelines on Proposal Evaluation and Selection Procedures.

6. Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted by post must be received by the Commission at the following address, and labelled as follows:

FP6 –Research Proposals
FP6-2004-Science and Society 12
European Commission
B-1049 Brussels

For deliveries by hand or by representatives (including by private courier services⁽²⁾), the delivery should be to the following address, and labelled as follows:

FP6 –Research Proposals
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7. 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.
8. If foreseen in the relevant call, proposals for indirect RTD actions could be evaluated in the framework of a future evaluation.
9. 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.

⁽¹⁾ C(2003) 883 of 27 March 2003, as last modified by C(2004) 3337 of 1 September 2004.

⁽²⁾ Users of courier services that ask for the recipient's telephone number should give the following number: (32-2) 299 11 11 (contact Ms Maxwell or Ms Ritter).

ANNEX

1. **Specific programme:** Structuring the ERA
2. **Activity:** Science and Society
3. **Call title:** René Descartes Prizes 2005
4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2004-Science-and-Society-12
5. **Date of publication** ⁽¹⁾: 15 December 2004
6. **Closure dates** ⁽²⁾: 10 May 2005, 17:00 (Brussels local time).
7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 1,25 million

Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR million
SSA	1,25
⁽¹⁾ STREP = Specific targeted research project; CA = Coordination action; SSA = Specific support action	

8. **Area and instruments:**

Proposals are invited in the following topics. The table gives short titles only. For a full description of the topics, applicants must refer to the Science and Society work programme.

Area	Instruments	Indicative budget (EUR million)
4.3.4.2(a)i: Descartes Prize (research)	SSA	1,0 (minimum amount for a prize: EUR 200 000)
4.3.4.2(a)ii: Descartes Prize (communication)	SSA	0,25 (minimum amount for a prize: EUR 50 000)

9. **Minimum number of participants** ⁽³⁾:

Instrument	Minimum number
SSA 4.3.4.2(a)i: Descartes Prize (research)	Two legal entities from two different MS or AS, and including at least one MS or ACC
SSA 4.3.4.2(a)ii: Descartes Prize (communication)	One legal entity from one MS or AS

10. **Restriction to participation:** Provided the conditions set out below are satisfied, any legal entity established in a third country not covered by Article 6(2) of the Rules for Participation (entities in countries having concluded an S&T agreement with the Community may participate by right) may participate in this call provided that such an involvement would be beneficial or essential to the proposed activity, and is over and above the specified minimum number of participants from Member State or associated countries.

For the Descartes research Prize (4.3.4.2(a)i):

— Research teams or nominating bodies can only present one project per proposal and a maximum of five proposals.

⁽¹⁾ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior or after the envisaged date of publication.

⁽²⁾ Where the envisaged date of publication is either advanced or delayed (see previous footnote), closure date(s) will be adjusted if necessary in the published call for proposals.

⁽³⁾ 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 participant may be the sole participant in an indirect action.

For the Descartes communication Prize (4.3.4.2(a)ii):

- The candidate shall have received a scientific communication prize
- The proposal shall be submitted by the organisation which has awarded the prize to this candidate
- The evaluation may only apply to achievements which were the subject of the earlier prize, not to results obtained in the meanwhile
- The results of the projects cannot exceed four years for scientific communication
- The organisation can only present one candidate per proposal and a maximum of five proposals
- A copy of the prize certificate shall be handed in with the proposal.

A proposal will not be evaluated unless all these eligibility criteria are satisfied.

11. **Consortium agreement:** 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, possibly with individual evaluations taking place remotely
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. **Evaluation criteria:** For the René Descartes Prize (research), topic 4.3.4.2(a)i of the present Work Programme, the following evaluation criteria will apply:

1. Excellence and quality of the proposal (threshold score 4 out of 5; weighting = 3)

- quality and novelty of the results achieved
- contribution to addressing key scientific and technological issues.

2. European added value (threshold score 4 out of 5; weighting = 1)

The extent to which the results of the research can only be achieved if carried out at European level and beyond.

Overall threshold score after application of the weightings: 17 out of 20.

For the René Descartes Prize (communication), topic 4.3.4.2(a)ii of the present Work Programme, the following evaluation criteria will apply:

1. Excellence and quality of the proposal (threshold score 4 out of 5):

- Adequacy, competence and innovativeness of the technical means invested in the communication
- Accuracy, appropriateness and soundness of the scientific content.

2. Relevance and impact (threshold score 3 out of 5):

- Effectiveness of the communication activity in raising the profile of science, engineering or technology, seen through the eyes of the intended public
- Capability of the science communication action to address the main concerns and/or expectations of the European society.

3. European added value (threshold score 3 out of 5); weighting 2:

- Capability of the communication activity, or of the professional engaged in communication, to offer a model for its transposition into different cultural backgrounds
- Capability of the communication activity or of the professional engaged in communication, to open new lines of thoughts and trigger subsequent initiatives in a wider context.

Overall threshold score: 16 out of 20 (after the application of the weighting).

14. **Indicative evaluation and selection delays:**

- Evaluation results: estimated to be within four months after the closure date
 - Conclusion of **grant letters**: it is estimated that the prizes will be awarded before the end of 2005.
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Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: 'Structuring the European Research Area'

(2004/C 309/05)

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: 'Structuring the European Research Area' (2002 to 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 6 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 Regulation (EC) No 2321/2002 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 to 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 call for proposals for indirect RTD actions (referred to as the call) comprises the present general part and the specific conditions that are described in the annex. The Annex indicates 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 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. The Commission also makes available Guidelines on proposal evaluation and selection procedures ⁽⁷⁾. These guides and guidelines, as well as the work programme and other information relating to the call, 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

5. Proposals for indirect RTD actions are invited to be submitted only as an electronic proposal via the web-based Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS ⁽⁸⁾). In exceptional cases, however, a coordinator may request permission from the Commission to submit, on paper, in advance of a call deadline. This should be done by writing to one of the following addresses:

European Commission
The HRM Activity Information Desk
(Call identifier:.....)
Research Directorate-General
B-1049 Brussels
or e-mail: rtd-mc-papersubmission@cec.eu.int

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 232, 29.8.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 294, 29.10.2002, p. 44.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2002) 4791, as amended by Commission Decisions C(2003) 635, C(2003) 998, C(2003) 1951, C(2003) 2708, C(2003) 4571, C(2004) 48 and C(2004) 3330, all unpublished.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ 5 OJ L 248, of 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ 6 OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ C(2003) 883 of 27.3.2003, as last modified by C(2004) 3337 of 1.9.2004.

⁽⁸⁾ The EPSS is a tool to assist proposers to develop and submit their proposals electronically.

The request must be accompanied by an explanation of why the exception is being sought. Proposers wishing to use paper submission take the responsibility for ensuring that such requests for exemption and the associated procedures are completed in time for them to meet the call deadline.

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may be prepared off-line or online and submitted online. Part B of proposals for indirect RTD actions can only be submitted in PDF (portable document format, compatible with Adobe Version 3 or higher with embedded fonts). Compressed (zipped) files will be excluded.

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted online and which are incomplete, illegible or contain viruses will be excluded.

Versions of proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted on a removable electronic storage medium (eg, CD-ROM, diskette), by e-mail or by fax will be excluded.

Any proposal for indirect RTD actions that has been allowed to be submitted on paper and which is incomplete will be excluded.

Further details on the various proposal submission procedures are given in Annex J to the Guidelines on proposal evaluation and selection procedures.

6. 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.

7. 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.
8. If provided in the relevant call, proposals for indirect RTD actions could be evaluated in the framework of a future evaluation.
9. 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.

ANNEX

CALL INFORMATION FOR MARIE CURIE HOST FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE

1. **Specific programme:** Structuring the European Research Area
 2. **Activity:** Human Resources and mobility activities
 3. **Call title:** Call for proposals for Marie Curie Host Fellowships for the Transfer of Knowledge
 4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2004-Mobility-3
 5. **Date of publication:** 15 December 2004.
 6. **Closure date:** 18 May 2005 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).
 7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 30 million for the Marie Curie Development Scheme and EUR 15 million for the Marie Curie Industry-Academia Strategic Partnership Scheme.
 8. **Instruments:** See section 2.3.1.3 of the work programme.
 9. **Minimum number of participants:** See the conditions specified in sections 2.3.1.3 of the work programme.
 10. **Restrictions to participation (types of organisation, type of activity, third countries):** See the conditions foreseen in the sections 2.3.1.3 and 2.5 of the work programme.
 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 submission and proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
 13. **Evaluation criteria:** See Annex Mob-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:**
 - Provisional evaluation results: estimated to be available within some 4 months after the closure date
 - Contract signature: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force before the end of 2005.
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Calls for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: 'Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area'

Thematic priority area: 'Specific activities covering a wider field of research'

Call identifiers: FP6-2004-SME-COOP, FP6-2004-SME-COLL

(2004/C 309/06)

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 to 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 Regulation (EC) No 2321/2002 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 to 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 dates 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 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 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 call(s) which contain information on the preparation and the submission of a proposal for an indirect RTD action. The Commission also makes available Guidelines on proposal evaluation and selection procedures ⁽⁷⁾. These guides and guidelines, as well as the work programme and other information relating to the call(s), can be obtained from the Commission via the following addresses:

European Commission
The FP6 Information Desk
Directorate General RTD
B-1049 Brussels, Belgium
E-mail: research-sme@cec.eu.int
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, C(2003) 4609, C(2003) 5183, C(2004) 433, C(2004) 2002, C(2004) 2727, C(2004) 3324, and C(2004) 4178, 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.

⁽⁷⁾ C(2003) 883 of 27.3.2003, as last modified by C(2004) 3337 of 1.9.2004.

5. Proposals for indirect RTD actions are invited to be submitted only as an electronic proposal via the web-based Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS⁽¹⁾). In exceptional cases, however, a coordinator may request permission from the Commission to submit on paper in advance of a call deadline. This should be done by writing to one of the following addresses:

European Commission
Thomas Arnold
Directorate-General RTD
SDME 9/20
B-1049 Brussels
E-mail address: research-sme@cec.eu.int

The request must be accompanied by an explanation of why the exception is being sought. Proposers wishing to use paper submission take the responsibility for ensuring that such requests for exemption and the associated procedures are completed in time for them to meet the call deadline.

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may be prepared off-line or online and submitted online. Part B of proposals for indirect RTD actions can only be submitted in PDF (portable document format, compatible with Adobe version 3 or higher with embedded fonts). Compressed (zipped) files will be excluded.

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted online and which are incomplete, illegible or contain viruses will be excluded.

Versions of proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted on a removable electronic storage medium (eg, CD-ROM, diskette), by e-mail or by fax will be excluded.

Any proposal for indirect RTD actions that has been allowed to be submitted on paper and which is incomplete will be excluded.

Further details on the various proposal submission procedures are given in Annex J of the Guidelines on proposal evaluation and selection procedures.

6. 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.

7. 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.
8. If foreseen in the relevant call, proposals for indirect RTD actions could be evaluated in the framework of a future evaluation.
9. 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.

⁽¹⁾ The EPSS is a tool to assist proposers to develop and submit their proposals electronically.

ANNEX I

FP6-2004-SME-COOP

1. **Specific programme:** Integrating and strengthening the foundations of the European Research Area
2. **Thematic priority/Domain:** Horizontal research activities involving SMEs
3. **Call title:** Cooperative research projects
4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2004-SME-COOP
5. **Date of publication:** 15 December 2004
6. **Closure dates:** 14 September 2005 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 75 million
8. **Area and instruments:**

Area	Instrument
Any subject across the whole field of science and technology covered by Article 163 of the EC Treaty	Specific research project for SMEs (Cooperative research project)

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

Instrument	Minimum number
Specific research project for SMEs (Cooperative research project)	Five independent legal entities from three different MS or AS, with at least two MS or ACC

10. **Restriction to participation:**

- At least three participants must be independent SMEs ⁽²⁾ established in at least two MS or AS, with at least one MS or ACC. Research centres, research institutes, contract research organisations and consultancy firms are excluded.
- At least two participants must be RTD performers (having the capacity to carry out research at the request of the SMEs), independent from any other participant and must be established in two MS or AS, with at least one MS or ACC.
- Other legal entities, such as enterprises or end-users that make a particular contribution to the project and to solving specific problems or needs of the SMEs involved may participate, though not in a dominant role. These enterprises and end-users must be independent from the SME participants and the RTD performers.

11. **Consortium agreement:** Participants in RTD actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement at the start of the project

12. **Evaluation procedure:**

- the evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure,
- proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

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

14. **Indicative evaluation and selection delays:**

- evaluation results: estimated to be available within three months after the closure date,
- contract signature: 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 (including 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.

⁽²⁾ Article 2(17) of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 to 2006 (OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 23) refers, for this definition, to Commission Recommendation 96/280/EC (OJ L 107, 30.4.1996, p. 4) which is replaced from 1 January 2005 by Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003 p. 36).

ANNEX II

FP6-2004-SME-COLL

1. **Specific programme:** Integrating and strengthening the foundations of the European Research Area
2. **Thematic priority/Domain:** Horizontal research activities involving SMEs
3. **Call title:** Collective research projects
4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2004-SME-COLL
5. **Date of publication:** 15 December 2004
6. **Closure date:** 26 May 2005 (first stage), at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 65 million
8. **Area and instruments:**

Area	Instrument
Any subject across the whole field of science and technology covered by Article 163 of the EC Treaty	Specific research project for SMEs (Collective research project)

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

Instrument	Minimum number
Specific research project for SMEs (Collective research project)	Five legal entities, of which three must be independent, from three different MS or AS, with at least two MS or ACC

10. **Restriction to participation:**

- At least one participant must be a European Industrial Association/Grouping ⁽²⁾ established in a MS or an AS. This Association/Grouping must be made up of a minimum of two independent legal entities established in two MS or AS, with at least one MS or ACC.

Instead of this European Industrial Association/Grouping, there may be at least two independent Industrial Association/Groupings established in two MS or AS, with at least one MS or ACC.

- At least two participants, must be RTD performers (having the capacity to carry out research at the request of the Association(s)/Grouping(s)), independent from any other participant and established in two MS or AS with at least one MS or ACC.
- At least two participants must be SMEs ⁽³⁾ established in two MS or AS, with at least one MS or ACC. Research centres, research institutes, contract research organisations and consultancy firms are excluded.

11. **Consortium agreement:**

- Participants in collective research projects resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement at the start of the project.

⁽¹⁾ MS = Member States of the EU ; AS (including 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.

⁽²⁾ Industrial Associations/Groupings are moral persons, **composed mostly of** and representing the interests of SMEs and/or physical persons having the same kind of activities.

⁽³⁾ Article 2(17) of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 to 2006 (OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 23) refers, for this definition, to Commission Recommendation 96/280/EC (OJ L 107 of 30.4.1996, p. 4) which is replaced from 1 January 2005 by the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003 p. 36).

12. Evaluation procedure:

- The evaluation of collective research proposals shall follow a two stage procedure, as described in the guidelines adopted by the Commission. For stage 1, an outline proposal providing the essential aspects of the proposed project shall be submitted. For proposals which successfully pass the first stage, co-ordinators shall be requested to provide a full proposal. The closure date for the submission of the full proposal (stage 2) will be detailed in the request (indicative closure date: mid November 2005).
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. Evaluation criteria: see Annex B to the work programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual thresholds and the overall threshold) per instrument.

- Outline proposals will consist of the required administrative information plus a scientific and technical description of maximum 8 pages. The evaluation of outline proposals (stage 1) will be based on a reduced set of criteria namely 'relevance to the objectives of collective research', 'S & T excellence' and 'potential impact'. The threshold for proposals for which proposers will be invited to submit a stage 2 proposal is 11 out of 15.
- The evaluation of proposals in stage 2 will be based on a full set of criteria (see Annex B).

14. Indicative evaluation and selection delays:

- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within 3 months after the closure date. Proposers of successful proposals after the first stage evaluation will be asked to submit a stage 2 proposal with a deadline around mid-November 2005.
 - Contract signature: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force 12 months after the first stage closure date.
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Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: 'Structuring the European Research Area'

Scheme: Communication network development

Call identifier: FP6-2004-Infrastructures-6

(2004/C 309/07)

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: 'Structuring the European Research Area' (2002 to 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 30 September 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 Regulation (EC) No 2321/2002 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 to 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 call for proposals for indirect RTD actions (referred to as the call) comprises the present general part and the specific conditions that are described in the Annex. The Annex indicates, 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 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 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 call which contain information on the preparation and the submission of a proposal for an indirect RTD action. The Commission also makes available Guidelines on proposal evaluation and selection procedures ⁽⁷⁾. These guides and guidelines, as well as the work programme and other information relating to the call, can be obtained from the Commission via the following addresses:

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Internet address: www.cordis.lu/fp6

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 232, 29.8.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 294, 29.10.2002, p. 44.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2002) 4791, as amended by Commission Decisions C(2003) 635, C(2003) 998, C(2003) 1951, C(2003) 2708, C(2003) 4571, C(2004) 48, C(2004) 3330, and C(2004) 4726, all 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.

⁽⁷⁾ C(2003) 883 of 27/3/2003, as last modified by C(2004) 3337 of 1 September 2004.

5. Proposals for indirect RTD actions are invited to be submitted only as an electronic proposal via the web-based Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS⁽¹⁾). In exceptional cases, however, a coordinator may request permission from the Commission to submit on paper in advance of a call deadline. This should be done by writing to the following address: info-einfrastructure@cec.eu.int. The request must be accompanied by an explanation of why the exception is being sought. Proposers wishing to use paper submission take the responsibility for ensuring that such requests for exemption and the associated procedures are completed in time for them to meet the call deadline.

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may be prepared off-line or online and submitted online. Part B of proposals for indirect RTD actions can only be submitted in PDF (portable document format, compatible with Adobe Version 3 or higher with embedded fonts). Compressed (zipped) files will be excluded.

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted online and which are incomplete, illegible or contain viruses will be excluded.

Versions of proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted on a removable electronic storage medium (eg, CD-ROM, diskette), by e-mail or by fax will be excluded.

Any proposal for indirect RTD actions that has been allowed to be submitted on paper and which is incomplete will be excluded.

Further details on the various proposal submission procedures are given in Annex J to the Guidelines on proposal evaluation and selection procedures.

6. 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.

7. 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.
8. If provided for in the relevant call, proposals for indirect RTD actions could be evaluated in the framework of a future evaluation.
9. 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.

⁽¹⁾ The EPSS is a tool to assist proposers to develop and submit their proposals electronically.

ANNEX

1. **Specific Programme:** Structuring the European Research Area
2. **Activity:** Research infrastructures
3. **Call title:** Communication Network Development — eInfrastructure — Consolidating Initiatives
4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2004-Infrastructures-6
5. **Date of publication:** 15 December 2004
6. **Closure date(s):** 17 March 2005, at 17h00 (Brussels local time)
7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 25 million
8. **Areas called, instruments and indicative budget per area:**

Area	Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR (million)
Area 3.2.3: Communication network development	I3, CA and SSA	25

⁽¹⁾ I3 = Integrated Infrastructure Initiative; CA = Coordination action; SSA = Specific support action

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

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
I3 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 to participation:** None
11. **Consortia agreements:**
 - Participants in I3 are required to conclude a consortium agreement.
 - Participants in CA and SSA resulting from this call are not required to conclude a consortium agreement.
12. **Evaluation procedure:**
 - The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
13. **Evaluation criteria:**
 - See Annex B1 of the Work Programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) per area and instrument.
14. **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**
 - Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some four months after the closure date
 - Contract signature: it is estimated that the contracts related to this call will come into force before the end of 2005

⁽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 participant may be the sole participant in an indirect action.