

## FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Annex 4 – General Activities

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#### Call title: ERA-NET / ERA-NET PLUS Call 2007

Call identifier: FP7-ERANET-2007-RTD

- Date of publication: 22 December 2006
- Deadline: 31/7/07 at 17h00, Brussels local time
- Indicative budget for 2007<sup>1</sup>:

An overall budget of up to 28.9M€ (inclusive of theme-linked, horizontal or indirectly linked activities) is foreseen for the joint ERA-NET call. It will cover two types of activities/topics.

1. A total of 10.4 M€ is foreseen for actions of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes, to be apportioned between ERA-NET (10.0 M€) earmarked for proposals of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes and for Conferences/Support Actions (0.4 M€).

*Table 1: Actions of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes*

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes and Budget
<b>A4.2.2.1</b> ERA-NET actions	Topic ERANET.2007.1 ERA-NET proposals <b>of a horizontal nature</b> (i.e. cutting across several themes in the Cooperation Specific Programme or Parts in Capacities), or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes.	Coordination and Support Actions (Coordinating)  10 M€
<b>A4.2.3.2</b> Conferences and other support actions	Topic ERANET.2007.2 Support actions reviewing the process of research programme integration being <b>of a horizontal nature</b> (i.e. cutting across several themes in the Cooperation Specific Programme or Parts in Capacities), or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes	Coordination and support actions (Supporting)  0.4 M€

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<sup>1</sup> Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2007 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

2. A sum of up to 18.5M€ is foreseen in this joint call for ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus actions identified by cooperation themes in this workprogramme.

*Table 2 – Overview of Activities and Topics mentioned in Cooperation Themes which are part of the FP7-ERANET-2007 –RTD joint call.*

THEME/Activity	Topic identifier	TITLE	Budget (M€)
<b>COOPERATION SPECIFIC PROGRAMME</b>			
<b>1. HEALTH</b>			
1.2.4. Other major diseases	HEALTH-2007 2.4.1.13	ERA-NET for optimisation of use of Cancer Register	2
<b>2. FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY</b>			
2.1.2. Sustainability of all production systems: Plant Health and Crop Protection	KBBE-2007 1.2.07	ERA-NET for Coordination of Agricultural Research in the Mediterranean	1
2.1.3. Optimised Animal Health, Production and Welfare	KBBE-2007 1.3.02	ERA-NET for Coordination of European research in the area of animal health	1
<b>4. NMP</b>			
4.1.5 Nanosciences and converging sciences	NMP-2007 4.1.1-5	ERA-NET-Plus project on basic research in nanosciences.	0 <sup>2</sup>
4.4.1 NMP – Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP-2007 4.0-7	ERA –NET on Construction	Up to 2.5
<b>5. ENERGY</b>			
5.7 Smart Energy Network	ENERGY-2007 7.3.3	Stepping up the cooperation of national and regional research activities on Smart Power Grids (ERA-NET).	0 <sup>2</sup>
5.10 Horizontal Programme Actions	ENERGY-2007 10.0.1	Optimise EU action through a better coordination of the international cooperation initiatives of the EU and Member States (ERA-NET).	
5.10 Horizontal Programme Actions	ENERGY-2007 10.0.3	Fostering coordination between national and European energy RTD strategies and programmes (ERA-NET).	
<b>6. ENVIRONMENT (Including Climate Change)</b>			
6.1.2 Environment and Health	ENV-2007 1.2.3.1	ERA-NET for environment and health	Up to 4

<sup>2</sup> An amount from the 2008 budget is expected to be added to this call for which a new financing decision to cover the budget for the year will be requested at the appropriate time

6.3.2. Protection, Conservation and enhancement in cultural heritage	ENV-2007 3.2.2.1	ERA-NET for the preservation of the tangible cultural heritage	
<b>7. TRANSPORT (Including Aeronautics)</b>			
7.2.6 Cross-cutting activities	SST-2007 6.7	ERA-NET Transport II, Surface transport	Up to 3
<b>8. SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES</b>			
8.8. Strategic Activities	SSH-2007 8.6	A limited number of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus actions in all the Theme	5

Evaluation procedure :

- The general evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds) for the different funding schemes are set out in annex 2 to this work programme
- The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

- Evaluation in September 2007
- Opening of negotiations in November 2007
- Selections from January 2008
- Contracts from February 2008

Consortia agreements:

Consortia Agreements are recommended, particularly for ERANET Plus actions.

- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.

Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:

- The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation.
- See parts on eligibility of participants in the description of the activity.
- For the evaluation of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus proposals, the general criteria and thresholds applicable to Coordination and Support Actions given in Annex 2, are modified as follows:

*1. Scientific and/or technological excellence - Quality of coordination (Threshold 4/5 instead of 3/5)*

- The management should be supported by a suitable governance structure involving the participating organisations at an appropriate level.

2. *Quality and efficiency of the implementation (Threshold 3/5)*

- In reference to the applicable work programme, does the proposed ERA-NET / ERA-NET Plus action pool the necessary resources between national programmes and the Community and does it represent the most appropriate type of public funding for this pre-defined area?

3. *Potential impact (Threshold 3/5)*

- The participants should be the key actors within their national or regional research systems.
- The ERA-NET activities should lay the foundations for a durable cooperation between the partners involved.
- Is there a clearly identified and agreed European added value through a variable geometry approach?