

Call title: ICT call 11

- Call identifier: FP7-ICT-2013-11
- Date of publication¹: 18 September 2012
- Deadline²: 16 April 2013, at 17:00.00 Brussels local time
- Indicative budget³: EUR 236.5 million⁴
See indicative budget breakdown in section 7 of the ICT work programme.
- Topics called:

Challenge	Objectives	Funding schemes
Challenge 1: Pervasive and Trusted Network and Service Infrastructures	ICT-2013.1.1 Future Networks	IP/STREP, CSA
Challenge 3: Alternative Paths to Components and Systems	ICT-2013.3.1 Nanoelectronics	STREP, CSA (SA only)
	ICT-2013.3.2 Photonics	IP, STREP, CSA, ERANET Plus
Challenge 4: Technologies for Digital Content and Languages	ICT-2013.4.2 Scalable data analytics	IP/STREP, CSA
Challenge 6: ICT for a Low Carbon Economy	ICT-2013.6.1 Smart Energy Grids	STREP
	ICT-2013.6.3 ICT for water resources management	STREP
Challenge 8: ICT for learning and Access to Cultural resources	ICT-2013.8.2 Technology-enhanced learning	IP/STREP, CP-CSA, CSA
Future and Emerging Technologies	ICT-2013.9.9 FET Flagship Initiatives (b)	CSA

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

² The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months

³ The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary:

- the final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call; and
- any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

⁴ Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

Horizontal Actions	ICT-2013.11.2 More efficient and affordable solutions for digital preservation developed and validated against public sector needs through joint Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)	CP-CSA
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- Eligibility conditions:

The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme, and in the guide for applicants⁵. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants.

The minimum number of participating entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation. See Appendix 1 of the ICT work programme for further details on the minimum number of participants.

- Specific Eligibility Criteria for ERA-NET proposals (Objectives 3.2(d) and 9.9(b))

The aim of ERA-NET actions is to network research programmes carried out at national or regional level, with a view to their mutual opening and the development and implementation of joint activities. Such programmes shall have all of the following characteristics:

- Be strategically planned (i.e. be composed of a number of research projects focused on a defined subject area or set of problems, that are scheduled to run for a set period of time and that have a co-ordinated management).
- Be carried out at national or regional level.
- Be either financed or managed directly by national or regional public bodies, or by structures (e.g. agencies) closely related to, or mandated by, public authorities.

The minimum number of participants in an ERA-NET action is **3 independent legal entities** which finance or manage publicly funded national or regional programmes. **Each of these shall be established in a different Member State or Associated Country.**

Partners for ERA-NET actions eligible to satisfy the above conditions are:

- Programme owners: typically national ministries/regional authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing research programmes carried out at national or regional level.
- Programme 'managers' (such as research councils or funding agencies) or other national or regional organisations that *implement* research programmes under the supervision of the programme owners.
- Programme owners (typically national ministries/regional authorities) which do not have a running or fully fledged research programme at the moment of submitting an ERA-NET proposal, but which are planning, and have committed, to set up such a programme, are also

⁵ For CP-CSA (Objectives 8.2), according to Annex 2, criteria for "all funding schemes", "collaborative projects" and "coordination and support actions" apply.

eligible if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination.

Sole participants (as referred to in Article 10 of the Rules for Participation) are eligible if the above-mentioned minimum conditions are satisfied by the legal entities forming together a sole participant. A sole participant shall explicitly indicate which of its 'members' are either programme owners or programme managers in the proposed action, and indicate for these members the respective national/regional programmes which are at the disposal of the proposed ERA-NET action.

Provided that the proposal complies with the minimum number of participants required in an ERA-NET action as described above, the following legal entities are eligible:

- a) Programme owners and programme managers not established in a Member State or Associated Country;
 - b) Private legal entities (e.g. charities) which own or manage research programmes, if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination.
- For **Objective ICT-2013.11.2 Joint cross-border pre-commercial procurement (PCP) on more efficient digital preservation and Objective ICT-2013.8.2 (a) Technology-enhanced learning, ICT-enabled learning environments** additional eligibility are as follows:

The minimum number of participants is three independent legal entities which are public bodies. Each of these must be established in a different Member State or associated country.

- Evaluation procedure:
 - A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
 - The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to the Cooperation work programme.

Proposal submission must be made by means of the electronic Submission Services of the Commission on or before the published deadline. Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template.

- Particular requirements for prioritisation of proposals with the same score⁶:

The procedure for prioritising proposals which have been awarded the same score (ex aequo) within a ranked list is described below. It will be applied successively for every group of ex aequo proposals requiring prioritisation, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:

 - (i) Proposals that address topics not otherwise covered by more highly-rated proposals, will be considered to have the highest priority.
 - (ii) These proposals will themselves be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the criterion impact. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on the scores for the criterion scientific and/or technological excellence. If

⁶ For this call, the procedure detailed below replaces the procedure foreseen in Annex 2 for the handling of tied scores.

necessary, any further prioritisation will be based on other appropriate characteristics, to be decided by the panel, related to the contribution of the proposal to the European Research Area and/or general objectives mentioned in the work programme.

(iii) The method described in (ii) will then be applied to the remaining ex aequo in the group.

- Specific eligibility and evaluation criteria and specific rules for prioritisation of proposals are applicable to the FET Objectives of this call (see Appendix 5).
- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will start as of September/October 2013.
- Consortia agreements: Participants in all actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement.
- The forms of grant which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work