

Call title: ERA-NET Call 2010

Call identifier: **FP7-ERANET-2010-RTD**

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Deadline: 19 January 2010, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time¹.

Indicative budgets and Topics²:

A total of EUR 21.5 million is foreseen for this call, divided as follows:

A sum of up to EUR 20.5 million³ will be allocated by individual Themes in the Cooperation Work Programme to the ERA-NET⁴ topics detailed in *Table 1* (Thematic part of the Call).

A further EUR 1 million⁵ for horizontal support actions, funded pro-rata by all the Themes in the Cooperation Work Programme, as detailed in *Table 2* (Horizontal part of the Call).

Table 1 – Overview of Thematic Activities and Topics in FP7-ERANET-2010 –RTD⁶

THEME/Activity	Topic identifier	TITLE	Budget (M€)
1. HEALTH			
1.1 Biotechnology, generic tools, and medical technologies for human health	HEALTH.2010.1.1-2	ERA-NET on Genomics and Genetic Epidemiology of Multi-factorial Diseases	2.0
1.2 Translating Research for human health	HEALTH.2010.2.4.1-1	ERA-NET on translational cancer research in Europe	2.0
1.2 Translating Research for human health	HEALTH.2010.2.4.4-2	ERA-Net on rare diseases	2.0
2. FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY			
2.1 Sustainable production and management of biological resources	KBBE.2010.1.1-2	Deepened and enlarged European cooperation in the area of Molecular Plant Sciences - ERA-NET	1.0

¹ The Director-General responsible for the call may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

³ Total indicative budget provided by the concerned Themes for ERA-NET actions. Following the evaluation of proposals, the final total budget of the call, as well the individual sub-budgets independently allocated by each Theme, may vary by up to 10% of the values initially foreseen.

⁴ Please note that, in 2010, no budget has been allocated by the Themes for ERA-NET Plus Actions.

⁵ Total indicative budget for horizontal support actions. Following the evaluation of proposals, the final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% the total value of the indicated budget.

⁶ Coordination and Support Actions (Coordinating Action)

2.1 Sustainable production and management of biological resources	KBBE.2010.1.2-6	Deepened and enlarged cooperation between phytosanitary (statutory plant health) research programmes - ERA-NET	1.0
4. NMP			
4.4 Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP.2010.4.0-7	ERA-NET on Nano-technologies, including Nano-toxicology	1.5
4.4 Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP.2010.4.0-8	ERA-NET on Manufacturing	1.5
4.4 Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP.2010.4.0-9	ERA-NET on Catalysis	1.5
6. ENVIRONMENT			
6.2 Sustainable management of resources	ENV.2010.2.1.2-2	ERA-Net on Water Management	2.0
6.2 Sustainable management of resources	ENV.2010.2.1.4-2	<i>ERA-NET on Biodiversity: "Towards integrated European biodiversity research strategy and programmes"</i>	2.0
6.3 Environmental technologies	ENV.2010.3.1.4-2	ERA-NET on Eco-Innovation	2.0
7. TRANSPORT (including Aeronautics)			
7.2 Sustainable Surface Transport	SST.2010.6-3	ERA-NET in Waterborne Research (MARTEC II)	2.0

Table2 – Overview of Horizontal Support Actions in FP7-ERANET-2010 –RTD⁷

THEME/Activity	Topic identifier	TITLE	Budget (M€)
HORIZONTAL			
A4.2.2.3.a Support for Programme coordination and cooperation in the context of the ERA	ERA-NET.2010.1	Support Actions for assessing the impact of the ERA-NET scheme and optimising its operational modalities.	1.0
A4.2.2.3.b Support for Programme coordination and cooperation in the context of the ERA	ERA-GPC.2010.1	Actions in support of the European Union's initiative on Joint Programming in Research	

⁷ Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Action)

General Eligibility Conditions

The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme, and in the guide for applicants. 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.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC
Coordination and Support Actions (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity.

Specific Eligibility Criteria for ERA-NET proposals

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 consortium is **3 independent legal entities** which finance or manage publicly funded national or regional programmes. **Each of these must be established in a different Member State or Associated Country.**

Partners for ERA-NET actions eligible to satisfy the above condition 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 eligible if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination. As such, countries or regions which have less diverse research programmes (in particular new Member States and candidate Associated Countries) will find their involvement in the ERA-NET scheme greatly facilitated.

Please note that research organisations or universities which are not programme owners or managers are not eligible partners for ERA-NET actions.

In addition, other private legal entities (e.g. charities) which manage research programmes may enter the consortium 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) may be eligible if the above-mentioned specific criteria for eligible ERA-NET partners are respected. A sole participant shall explicitly indicate which of its 'members' forming a sole legal entity is either a programme owner or programme manager 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.

Evaluation Criteria for ERA-NET proposals

For the evaluation of ERA-NET proposals, the general criteria and thresholds applicable to Coordination and Support Actions given in Annex 2, are complemented as follows:

1. Scientific and/or technological excellence - Quality of coordination (Threshold 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?

A reserve list may be produced of proposals that pass the evaluation, but fall below the available budget.

- Proposal format:
 - 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 available through the EPSS. The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits. The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- Evaluation procedure:
 - The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- Indicative timetable:
 - Evaluation in February 2010
 - Opening of negotiations in March 2010
 - Selections from September 2010
 - Grant agreements from October 2010
- Consortia agreements:
 - Consortia Agreements are recommended.
- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme. This call provides the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, please refer to the relevant Guide for Applicants. The applicable flat rates are available at the following website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.