

ICT National Contact Point News March-April 2010



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ICT Call 6

Our sixth call, closed without problems on Tuesday 13th April. We have received 637 proposals aimed at the call's 286 M€ indicative budget, which are distributed over the objectives involved as follows:

Objective	No.
2.1 Cognitive Systems and Robotics	160
4.1 Digital libraries and digital preservation	136
5.3 Virtual Physiological Human	112
6.2 ICT for Mobility of the Future	114
8.7 Molecular Scale Devices and Systems	23
8.8 Brain-inspired ICT	39
8.9 Coordinating Communities, Plans and Actions in FET Proactive Initiatives	2
8.10 Identifying new research topics, Assessing emerging global S&T trends in ICT for future FET Proactive initiatives	4
9.1 International cooperation	46
9.2 Supplements to Support International Cooperation between Ongoing Projects	1
TOTAL	637

These are first figures based on the Objective code identified by the proposer in his A1 form. We always find, on examining the proposal Part Bs, a few cases where the wrong code was selected. In these cases we transfer the proposal to the objective which the proposer intended.

ICT Competitive calls

Following two competitive calls announced in the last NCP News, another ICT project has announced a call for additional partners

The [TOBI project](#) (Tools for Brain-Computer Interaction) has identified four application areas where such assistive technology can make a real impact for people with motor disabilities: Communication & Control, Motor Substitution, Entertainment and Motor Recovery. The project also focuses on research areas such as human computer interaction, mental state analysis, hardware and software architecture and hybrid development. They are looking for an industrial partner to join the consortium, in order to perform the following tasks:

- Support the development of one or more Application and/or Research project areas, according to applicant experience.
- Actively participate in the development of TOBI industrial strategy to bring TOBI results in the field of BCI technology to the market.

[This competitive call](#) closes at 17h00 Brussels time on June 2nd 2010

PIANO+ call for proposals

ERA-NET Plus actions provide additional Community financial incentive to national research programmes which pool financial resources to organise a joint call for proposals. In FP7 ERA-NET Plus actions are planned to be applied only in a limited number of cases, and we have just one so far, the [PIANO+ initiative](#), an ERANET+ action on photonics-based internet access networks of the future which was funded from ICT Call 4 and which started its activities on 1st January 2010.

It has now launched a [call for project proposals](#) on photonics-based internet access networks of the future, which is co-funded by the national funding bodies participating in PIANO+ and the European Commission.

Proposals are sought for the development of photonic technology and system architectures for the scalable, future proof and energy efficient access network and its extension to the customers' premises including the home. These shall be capable of allowing the potential of cost-effective 1 Gbit/s (and beyond) access to all.

The competition is open to participants from Austria, Germany, Israel, Poland and the United Kingdom, which are the countries which are co-funding this action with the Commission. The deadline for stage 1 pre-proposals is the 29th of April 2010.

ENIAC call for proposals

[ENIAC](#), our nanoelectronics joint undertaking, has launched its [2010 call for proposals](#), funded by ENIAC member countries and the EC at 30 M€

The call follows a two stage procedure, with a deadline for project outlines on 30th April, after which proposers of the successful outlines have until 30th July to submit a full proposal.

Europe 2020 strategy

As we come to the end of the i2010 strategy which has provided the high-level guideline for the programme over recent years, the Commission has launched a [Europe 2020 strategy](#) designed to bring the EU out of recession and to promote economic growth over the next decade.

The policy introduces seven flagship initiatives'; a key one for us is the "digital agenda for Europe, " which means delivering sustainable economic and social benefits from a Digital Single Market based on ultra fast internet. The goal of this initiative is that all Europeans should have access to high speed internet by 2013

Next ICT Workprogramme

Our Management committee is now working hard on the details of our next Workprogramme 2011-2012.

The draft Workprogramme involves three major calls, ICT calls 7, 8 and 9, which will be launched at roughly six-month intervals starting from the autumn of this year. The calls will be focused around eight revised Challenges:

- Challenge 1:** Maintain and strengthen Europe's leadership in networking and services
- Challenge 2:** Seize opportunities arising in cognitive systems and robotics
- Challenge 3:** Master ICT components and systems for all the economy and capture new market developments
- Challenge 4:** Nurture the development of an EU content industry and make more sense out of content and information
- Challenge 5:** More efficient and effective health and inclusion systems in an ageing society
- Challenge 6:** Maximise ICT contribution to a lower carbon economy
- Challenge 7:** Reinforce Europe's manufacturing capacity and business developments
- Challenge 8:** Adapt our learning systems and help develop and preserve our cultural heritage

We will revisit the three issues we already covered in our first Private-Public-Partnership calls, namely Green Car, Factories of the Future and Energy-Efficient Buildings, and we will add a new issue to our PPP portfolio, Future Internet. We are also foreseeing a number of joint or coordinated calls with overseas government; planning is already advanced on coordinated calls with the Russian Federation on high performance computing and Brazil on microsystems, control systems and future Internet.

We hope to be able to publish the draft Workprogramme in full in July and of course it will be the main feature of the [ICT Event in Brussels](#) in September.

ICT Project coordinators' day

We will be holding the next in our series trainings for ICT project coordinators in Brussels on April 30th. Invitations have been sent out the coordinators of all ICT projects launched since 1st March 2009.

Jacques Bus

Our colleague **Jacques Bus**, Head of Unit of F5 "Trust and Security" has retired. Jacques holds a mathematics PhD from the University of Amsterdam. He worked as a researcher at the Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica in Amsterdam for 15 years before joining the Commission in 1988, initially in the Esprit programme. **Gustav Kalbe** will be acting HoU until the post is filled.

Change at the top

And **Fabio Colasanti** has also reached his retirement. Fabio, whose background is in economics, has served as Director-General since 2002, joining us after some years as head of DG Enterprise.

Fabio is replaced by **Robert Madelin**. Robert joined the UK civil service after graduating from Oxford in 1979. His civil service career included two years study at *l'ENA* in Paris. He joined the Commission in 1993, initially in a cabinet post. Robert has most recently served as Director General of DG Health and Consumer Protection.

And for the record.....


ICT CALLS CURRENTLY OPEN

The ICT [FET Open](#) call was re-launched on 19th November 2008 for the duration of the 2009-2010 Workprogramme. It is continuously open and involves only STREP and CA proposals. STREP proposals have to be submitted in two stages, with an initial five-page short proposal followed, if successful in the evaluation, by the full proposal at a later deadline.

OUR JOINT UNDERTAKINGS/PROGRAMMES

AAL	Ambient assisted living
ARTEMIS	Embedded systems
ENIAC	Nanotechnology

USEFUL INFORMATION

ICT	
INFISO organigramme	Association agreements with FP7
INFISO who's who	FP7 news
Our Commissioner's website	FP7 Library service
The current ICT Workprogramme	The Commission staff directory
ICT on CORDIS	Information Society A-Z
ICT on Europa	Application to work as an expert in evaluations
Information Society factsheets	Financial viability check tool
Read our other newsletters	NEWS
HELP	CORDIS Guidance introductory page
The ICT Information desk	CORDIS News
The FP7 Enquiry service	CORDIS Express weekly briefing
Questions on Intellectual Property Rights	CORDIS Wire open forum
The informal association of RTD contact points	CORDIS National R&D and Innovation pages
Other support services	CORDIS Technology marketplace

OUR SUPPORT PROJECTS

CEEC IST NET	Establish a sustainable network of researchers and entrepreneurs active within the field of ICT in Central and Eastern European countries
CHINACOOP	Increase research cooperation with China
CISTRANA	Coordination of national ICT programmes with each other and with European RTD programmes in the ICT sector
ERA-CAN and IST-EC2	Increase research cooperation with Canada
EURO-INDIA	Increase research cooperation with India
FEAST	Increase research cooperation with Australia
FINANCE NMS	Portal and helpdesk for the latest ICT-related financial information aimed at organisations from the New Member States.
GET IN	Increasing participation of candidate countries SMEs in ICT projects by providing training, tools and support services
HAGRID	To exploit the potential synergies between EU funded support actions for the benefit of European and ICPC organisations interested in participating in ICT. To provide added value services tailored to the needs of interested organisations. HAGRID services will help to assimilate the know-how, assess the competitive advantages and clarify the strategic research objectives of interested organisations
IDEALIST	Ideal-ist a sophisticated worldwide ICT Partner Search Network - an easy to use, efficient and fast web-based system. Ideal-ist collaborates through a broad geographical network of 50 representatives with more than 10 years of experience. The quality of Partner Searches is assured by a quality team.
IS2WEB	Assist research organisations in the Western Balkan countries to get informed about and actively participate in EU-funded research in the field of ICT
IST MENTOR	Develops a networked group of proficient ICT multipliers, whose task will be to enhance building awareness of the ICT Theme and to assist potential proposers in submitting high quality proposals.
IST WORLD	Set up and populate an information portal with innovative functionalities that helps to promote RTD competencies in ICT in the New Member States and Associate Candidate Countries
IST4BALT	Promote the ICT Theme to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania by implementing fast dissemination and awareness actions
IST-AFRICA	To promote dissemination and exploitation of European IST research results in Southern Africa in particular through workshops and training seminars.
IST-EC2	Increase research cooperation with Canada
ISTOK.RU	ICT research cooperation with Russia.
MAP-IT	ICT research cooperation with Mediterranean Partner Countries.
MED-IST	ICT research cooperation with Mediterranean Partner Countries.
SCORE	ICT research cooperation with Western Balkan countries.
SEE INNOVATION	A Specific Support Action tasked with assisting South Eastern European ICT SMEs to actively participate in EU-funded ICT research through a combination of surveying, mentoring, know-how transfer, and coaching and networking services and activities
SOLAR ICT	ICT research cooperation with Latin America.
SPICE	ICT research cooperation with China.
STAR-NET	Coordination of support actions in New Member States and Candidate countries
START	ICT research cooperation with Africa.
WINDS-LA	ICT research cooperation with Latin America.