

## FP7 Capacities Work Programme: Part 3 – Regions of Knowledge

### Call Fiche

- **Call identifier:** *FP7-REGIONS-2008-1*
- Date of publication: *30 November 2007*
- Deadline: *14 March 2008, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time*
- Indicative budget<sup>1</sup>: *EUR 9.3 million from 2008 budget<sup>2</sup>*
- Topics called:

Activity/ Area	Funding Schemes
<p><b><i>Regions-2008-1. Analysis, mentoring, integration of research agendas and definition of Joint Action Plans</i></b></p> <p>In the 2008 call, proposals should address one or both of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Maximising the benefits of research infrastructures for regional economic development</b></li><li>• <b>Regional contributions to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</b></li></ul>	<p><i>CSA (Support Action)</i></p>

- Evaluation procedure:
  - The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, 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 results are estimated to be available within 4 months after the closure date; contract signature: it is estimated that the first contracts related to a call will come into force 9 months after the closure date.*
- Consortia agreements: *Participants are encouraged, but not required, to conclude a consortium agreement.*

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<sup>1</sup> The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority.

- Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:
  - Proposals will be submitted by and the selected projects will be lead by regional/local authorities.
  - The minimum number of participants: Consortia of a minimum of two regional research-driven clusters or a cross-border cluster composed at a minimum of six participants from at least two different European countries, consisting of research entities, business entities and regional/local authorities.
  - Research-driven clusters: these clusters must be composed of:
    - legal entities conducting research (universities, research organisations and research for-profit bodies) and
    - business entities (large enterprises and SMEs as defined in the EC recommendation 2003/361/CE of 6 May 2003(OJ L124/36, 20/5/2003)) and
    - regional/local authorities (local and regional government, regional development agencies) and
 where appropriate may involve local entities such as chambers of crafts, commerce and industry, financial entities (such as banks and saving banks) and consultants, operating in a particular scientific and technological domain or economic sector.

Restrictions on participation: *All regions in Member States, including convergence regions, and Associated Countries (including the overseas countries and territories in accordance with the EC Regulation 2007/249/CE).*

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