

The 2005 ‘Researchers in Europe Initiative’

Call FP6-2004-Mobility-13

Frequently Asked Questions about the Call

What is the Researchers in Europe Initiative? What are its objectives ?

The Researchers in Europe Initiative 2005 is a broad awareness raising campaign aimed at improving the knowledge by the public at large of the role and impact of the work of researchers in society, and to increase the number of researchers in Europe by fostering public support for the researchers’ profession and attracting more young people into research careers.

What kind of projects can be funded ?

All projects aimed at raising the public understanding of the role of researchers in society, for example : the organisation of awareness-raising events on the researchers’ work and profession in the framework of e.g. science weeks and festivals, debates, forums, ‘scientific cafés’, exhibitions in schools and science museums, encounters between scientists and the public, competitions, Web contests, press-related activities. Unlike other Marie Curie actions, this specific call is not aimed at financing research training, projects or conferences. It should also be underlined that the awareness-raising events do not need to address primarily the members of the scientific community as such, but rather the public at large.

What is the nature of the call ?

The call is an open call for proposers, with a fixed deadline (2 December), launched and implemented under the Sixth Framework programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities (FP6). This specific call is related to the FP6 “Specific Support Actions” (see Guide for proposers (http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=166)).

Who can participate ?

All legal entities, identified either as natural or legal persons considered under national, Community of international law, having legal personality and being entitled to have rights and obligations of any kind in its own name. This might include researchers, research organisations, academia, businesses, public authorities, schools, science museums, parents and teachers associations, private organisations, foundations, and the media.

Is a partnership required ? What is the minimum number of participants ?

Specific Support Actions may be executed by a single legal entity. Consortia are however possible.

Do the projects require a multinational partnership ?

Not necessarily. The call concerns projects to be undertaken by legal entities established in one or several countries of the European Union, the candidate countries and the countries associated to the Sixth Framework programme (Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway,

Switzerland). Proposals can include partners from other countries, provided that the overall objectives of the call are respected. All projects need to demonstrate a European added value.

What is the overall budget for this call ?

3.000.000 Euros

What percentage of financing may be requested ?

The grant depends on the cost model applicable to each participant and on the costs involved for each project. For a detailed overview of the applicable limits, see the Guide for Proposers, Proposal Submission Forms, Annex 1, on the Cordis Web site –see address below). In some cases, the Community grant may amount to 100 % of the eligible costs.

What is the average estimated budget allocated to each selected proposal ?

Given the very open nature of the call, it is impossible to provide for minimum and maximum figures. Considering, however, the overall budget of the call, the number of participating countries, and the diversified nature of potential proposers, it may be estimated that the average funding for each proposal would range between 10,000 and 100,000 Euros.

What will be the evaluation criteria ?

The overall evaluation criteria for SSA activities under the specific programme “Structuring the ERA” apply, i.e. relevance, quality of the action(s), potential impact, quality of management, mobilisation of resources. These criteria will be applied in relationship with the specific objectives of the call (see question “What is the Researchers in Europe Initiative ?” above). Evaluations will be carried out by the Commission services with the help of independent expert evaluators.

When will the Initiative take place ?

Between June and November 2005. Proposals should consequently relate to activities conducted during that frame period. The feasibility of executing the project during the indicated period will be addressed during the evaluation and will have an impact on the evaluation result.

How should I submit a proposal ?

Electronic proposal submission is available through the Cordis Web page. Proposals can also be submitted on paper for this specific call. All relevant information, on how to submit a proposal can be found on the Cordis : http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=166

Where can I find more information about the call ?

- Consult the Cordis site : http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=166
- Through the Marie Curie Actions Web site : <http://europa.eu.int/mariecurie-actions>
- By contacting the co-ordinator of the call :
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