

# Bulletin 29

May 2011



heefs

Higher Education European Funding Services

## Welcome

A number of significant calls for proposals have been announced this month. Some included in this bulletin are for pilot or preparatory actions, relating to developing areas of interest to the Commission, for which they have no predefined Programme (e.g. education and sport; and sustainable tourism). These actions offer some opportunities for HEI involvement. They are interesting as they provide an indication of emerging policy areas for future targeting by the Commission.

We have also learned this month of some postponements or suspensions of calls under certain Programmes, as follows:-

**EU - ATLANTIS Programme** – owing to budget cuts in the USA, the 2011 call for proposals has been suspended.

**The European Fund for the Integration of Third Country National** – announcement of call now scheduled for June 2011

**Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and Other Security Related Risks** – announcement of call now scheduled for July 2011

**Fundamental Rights & Citizenship** – announcement of call now scheduled for September 2011

**DAPHNE** – announcement of call now scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2011

## Calls for Proposals

<b>Progress Programme</b>	2
Restructuring, well-being at work and financial participation	
<b>Deadlines 14 June and 6 September 2011</b>	
<b>DG Education and Culture</b>	5
Pilot Projects for the development of 'Knowledge Partnerships'	
<b>Deadline 30 June 2011</b>	
<b>DG Enterprise and Industry</b>	7
<b>Preparatory Action on Sustainable Tourism</b>	
Promotion of trans-national thematic tourism products in the EU as a means of sustainable tourism development	
<b>Deadline 1 July 2011</b>	
<b>DG Education and Culture</b>	9
Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport	
<b>Deadline 29 July 2011</b>	
<b>Progress Programme</b>	11
Projects contributing to exchange of good practices	
<b>Deadline 29 July 2011</b>	
<b>Competitiveness &amp; Innovation Programme</b>	14
<b>Entrepreneurship &amp; Innovation</b>	
Sustainable Industry Low Carbon Scheme (SILC) I	
– Short-term innovation measures	
<b>Deadline 30 August 2011</b>	



## Restructuring, well-being at work and financial participation

**Deadline: 14 June and 6 September 2011**

**VP/2011/008**

### Background

PROGRESS is the EU employment and solidarity programme, supporting the EU's objectives in employment social affairs and equal opportunities as set out in the Social Agenda and the Europe 2020 Strategy. The Programme's mission is to strengthen the EU's contribution in support of Member States efforts to create more and better jobs and to build a more cohesive society. To this effect, PROGRESS is instrumental in:-

- Providing analysis and policy advice on PROGRESS policy areas;
- Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of EU legislation and policies in PROGRESS policy areas;
- Promoting policy transfer, learning and support among Member States on EU objectives and priorities; and
- Relaying the views of stakeholders and society at large.

A summary of the PROGRESS Programme can be found on our website:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=49>

### Purpose of this call for proposals

This call is concerned with working conditions, in particular, those associated with change and restructuring. The budget for this call for proposals is €2.3m, expected to fund around 10 – 12 projects.

Three objectives have been identified, as follows:-

- I. Improvement of expertise in restructuring
- II. Better understanding of health and well-being at work during change
- III. Promoting the financial participation of workers

Priorities for each objective are as follows:-

#### **I. Improvement of expertise in restructuring**

- a. To promote exchanges of information and expertise and the development of good practice for those taking part in restructuring
- b. To encourage activities in the context of partnerships either within companies or externally (with social partners) and measures to promote or facilitate the creation of such partnerships
- c. To develop national level tools to anticipate future skill needs
- d. To support the creation of an EU framework on anticipation and management of change and restructuring

Activities to be supported include:-

- i. Meetings

- ii. Round tables, exchanges of experiences and networks of actors/experts in identifying skills needs
- iii. Studies and other initiatives to reinforce the collection and exploitation of information on the national systems in force on good practices
- iv. Conferences or seminars on restructuring and initiatives to raise awareness of innovative and effective practices in this area.

## **II. Better understanding of health and well-being at work during change**

- a. To promote activities by or with enterprises, social partners and authorities to implement programmes to prevent and treat health problems of workers faced with restructuring
- b. To raise awareness of stress factors and resistance to change during restructuring
- c. To encourage activities to prevent the negative impact of change in terms of health and psychosocial risks
- d. To produce recommendations and a guide to good practices to avoid harmful consequences of restructuring on health.

Activities to be supported include:-

- i. Creation of expert networks in psychosociology and health at work
- ii. Programmes intended to prevent or treat the negative impact of restructuring on workers' health
- iii. Organisation of seminars, conferences and round tables, and the dissemination of their results through publications and on the internet.

## **III. Promoting the financial participation of workers**

- a. To exchange information on good practices to promote the financial participation of workers

Activities to be supported include:-

- i. Meetings, seminars and conferences
- ii. Training activities

### **Technical features**

- There are two application deadlines, as follows:-
  - 14 June 2011 for activities planned to start no earlier than 26 September 2011
  - 6 September 2011 for activities planned to start between 12 and 31 December 2011
- Maximum grant rate is 80% of eligible cost
- There is no maximum grant, but under previous calls the average grant size has been between €180,000 and €200,000
- Projects must have a transnational dimension (i.e. in this case:- be promoted by a European or international organisation or involve partners from various PROGRESS participating countries)

## Opportunities for UK HEIs

The call for proposals makes specific mention of ‘research centres of Universities and recognised centres of excellence in socioeconomic research, occupational psychology, human sciences and vocational training’ as being eligible applicants. Clearly, such centres would be capable of delivering relevant activities under each of the objectives set out above. Previous calls for proposals under this element of the PROGRESS Programme have supported projects delivered by University applicants, for example:-

Institute	University	Project Title
Centro Studi Marco Biagi	University of Modena	Elders: Elder Employees in Companies Experiencing restructuring: Stress and Well-being
Institute for Psychology of Work, Unemployment & Health	University of Bremen	Health in Restructuring Innovative Approaches and Policy Recommendations

## Selection Criteria

In addition to demonstrating operational and technical capacity, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria, which will be weighted according to the percentage applicable as set out below:-

Criteria	Percentage of score
Extent to which the proposal meets the objectives and priority of the call	30%
Extent to which the operation has a genuine transnational dimension	10%
Quality of the partnership (involvement of social partners/stakeholders, range of countries and variety of actors)	10%
Added value and degree of innovation	10%
Lasting impact and/or multiplier effect	10%
Arrangements for publicity and dissemination	10%
Financial quality and cost effectiveness	10%
Overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget explanation	10%

## Further Information

Further information about this call for proposals can be found at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=305&furtherCalls=yes>

## DG Education and Culture

## Call for Proposals

### Pilot Projects for the development of 'Knowledge Partnerships'

**Deadline: 30 June 2011**

**EAC/19/2011**

### Background

In the communication 'Innovation Union'<sup>1</sup>, the European Commission committed itself to 'support business-academia collaborations through the creation of "Knowledge Alliances" between education and business to develop new curricula addressing innovation skills gap'. The EU has devoted many efforts to strengthening the relations between research and innovation and between research and education and it has attempted to enhance relations between business and academia as a core element of the modernisation agenda. However it is felt that efforts with regard to the relationship between education and innovation have been less structured and systematic, leaving the link between education and innovation somewhat neglected. This call for proposals aims to address this neglect.

### Call for proposals

The overall objective of the call is to ensure stronger societal and economic relevance and outreach of HE through strengthening the employability, creativity and innovative potential of graduates and professors and to enhance the role of HEIs as engines of innovation.

The Pilot Project 'knowledge partnerships' aims to fund structured partnerships, bringing together business with HEIs to design and deliver new curricula, new courses, to develop new and innovative ways of delivering and utilising education and knowledge, and to facilitate the flow of knowledge between HE and companies, thus fostering skills, attitudes and innovation capacity of individuals and of the organisations involved through:-

- Closer cooperation between HEIs and businesses to tackle innovation needs and to solve problems encountered by companies;
- Equipping graduates with in-depth knowledge of the field studied, combined with interpersonal skills (teamworking, communication, self-confidence, taking initiative, problem-solving, taking calculated risks, leadership) and business skills;
- Supporting the development of robust entrepreneurship skills and entrepreneurial mindset and attitudes, enabling graduates to creatively respond to a complex and rapidly changing environment; encompassing but not confined to setting up a business or running a SME;
- Closer cooperation of businesses with HEIs to improve the relevance of education and research in HEIs to business needs and to support the uptake by and flow of knowledge results between companies and HEIs.

The budget for this call for proposals is €1m, it is expected that up to 3 projects will be supported.

### Technical Features

- Minimum project duration is 12 months and the maximum is 18 months
- Activities must start between 30 September 2011 and 1 February 2012

<sup>1</sup> Innovation Union, COM(2010)546 final of 6.10.2010

- Grants are expected to be between €200,000 and €400,000 per project
- The maximum grant rate is 75%
- Applicants and partners must be located in EU member States
- Projects must involve at least 3 organisations from at least 3 Member States
- Partnerships must include at least 1 HEI and at least 1 private company

## Opportunities for UK HEIs

UK HEIs are often seen as leaders in Europe, in terms of their relations and links with businesses. The call for proposals includes an indicative list of possible activities, the list is not exhaustive and therefore allows room for real innovation. The list includes the following:-

- Joint curricula design
- Joint curricula delivery
- Development and implementation of new ways of teaching and learning
- Staff mobility between academia and business, involvement of teaching staff in companies' projects
- Development and implementation of innovative projects on cross-border University-business cooperation
- Inclusion of entrepreneurship in education
- Development of new learning opportunities
- Development/provision of platforms for matching companies needs and student projects

## Selection Criteria

In addition to demonstrating the operational and financial capacity to deliver the project, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:-

Criteria	Percentage of points available
Relevance of the project and quality of the work programme	40%
Quality of the partnership	25%
European added value and expected impact on partnership participants	25%
Cost benefit ratio	10%

## Further Information

Full details of this call for proposals, guidance notes and application forms can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2905\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2905_en.htm)

**DG Enterprise and Industry  
Preparatory Action on Sustainable Tourism**

**Call for Proposals**

**Promotion of trans-national thematic tourism products in the EU as a means of sustainable tourism development**

**Deadline: 1 July 2011**

**12/G/ENT/TOU/11/411B**

**Background**

In its policies for tourism the European Commission is committed to promoting the development of sustainable, responsible and high quality tourism. It recognises, however, that there is a balance to be struck between the welfare and expectations of tourists; the needs of the natural and cultural environment and the development and competitiveness of destinations. This preparatory action aims to support projects designed to develop a holistic approach to this challenge, whereby stakeholders can be encouraged to work together with the same objective of sustainable tourism.

The budget for this call for proposals is €500,000 which is expected to support 4 -6 projects.

**Subject of this Call for Proposals**

The overall objective of the call is to provide added value to the European tourism sector by improving the sustainability and competitiveness of European cultural and sustainable tourism. It aims to support cross-border and transnational tourism routes/itineraries/trails, either physical or virtual, with a view to contributing directly or indirectly, to a more sustainable tourism industry (e.g. spreading local cultures and traditions, promoting merging destinations, reducing CO2 emissions caused by the tourism industry etc).

The specific objectives are:-

- To promote and increase visibility of different transnational tourism products, such as routes/itineraries/trails – focused on thematic aspects. These could include, for example, cultural heritage trails, cycle routes, greenways, protected natural sites, health and wellbeing, educational, wine and food, historical, sport tourism, rural tourism, tourism based on maritime and sub-aquatic cultural heritage, industrial heritage or the economic fabric of a region etc.
- To contribute to the promotion and development of a sustainable and responsible tourism offer
- To facilitate the exchange of information and coordination of such transnational activities

Within these objectives, projects would have to meet the following requirements:-

- Be thematic – address a theme based sustainable and responsible tourism offer
- Provide sustainable and responsible tourism in Europe
- Be technically and financially sustainable
- Be transnational – involve a consortium of 4 partners in at least 4 European countries
- Make the EU's involvement visible

Projects are expected to involve the following activities:-

- A transnational tourism product e.g. route/itinerary/trail etc
- Cross border networking process of stakeholders and decision makers
- Organisation of networking events
- Evaluation of current state of play for the tourism product selected

- Communication and promotion activities
- Capacity building
- Analysis of results

## Opportunities for UK HEIs

Clearly, the focus on this call is the European tourism industry and therefore, the majority of projects are likely to involve local and regional authorities with responsibilities in this field. The call is open to Universities, however, to act as lead partners or as members of project consortia. Indeed 'academic training or education establishments' and 'think tanks' are listed amongst the list of organisations identified as eligible to submit applications to the call. This call may be of interest, therefore, to those HEIs active in tourism and related areas of study, particularly where there are strong and established links with local/regional/national tourism bodies.

## Technical Features

Scheduled start date is January 2012

Maximum project duration is 12 months

Maximum grant rate is 75%

Maximum grant available per project is €125,000

Projects must involve 4 partners from 4 different countries

1 partner must be a national or regional public authority in charge of regional development and/or tourism development

## Further information

Further information relating to this call for proposals can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=5090&lang=en&tpa=0&displayType=fo&ref=newsbytheme%2Ecfm%3Flang%3Den%26displayType%3Dfo%26fosubtype%3Dp%26tpa%3D0%26period%3Dlatest%26month%3D%26page%3DI](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=5090&lang=en&tpa=0&displayType=fo&ref=newsbytheme%2Ecfm%3Flang%3Den%26displayType%3Dfo%26fosubtype%3Dp%26tpa%3D0%26period%3Dlatest%26month%3D%26page%3DI)

**Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport****Deadline: 29 July 2011****EAC/I8/11****Background**

The main objective of the preparatory action in the field of sport for 2011 is to prepare future EU actions in this field, on the basis of priorities set out in the 2007 White Paper and the 2011 Communication on Sport. Among other activities the preparatory action will be implemented by testing the establishment and functioning of suitable networks and good practices which can serve as a basis for future actions in the field of sports.

**Objectives of the call for proposals**

This call for proposals will support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or not for profit organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport, in the following areas:-

- a) Prevention of and fight against violence and intolerance in sport – transnational networking and exchange of good practices between the sport sector, educational institutions, supporters' organisations, NGOs active in this field and national and local authorities, in order to promote respect of fundamental European values in sport;
- b) Promoting innovative approaches to strengthen the organisation of sport in Europe – innovative transnational projects focussed on testing approaches to promote good governance in sport; reinforcing capacity building of stakeholders or at developing the European dimension in sport by increasing the competitive level of sport disciplines in Europe.

There is a budget of €1m for each a) and b) above, and it is expected that 5 projects will be supported under each.

**Opportunities for UK HEIs**

HEIs are eligible as both applicants and partners under this call. Clearly there are opportunities for those HEIs with specialisms in sport related subjects and with strong relationships with partners in the sports industry and associated organisations. There have been two calls for proposals already under this preparatory action.

In 2009, the call focussed on:-

- Promoting health-enhancing physical activity
- Promoting education and training in sport
- Promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for persons with disabilities
- Promoting gender equality in sport

In 2010, the call focussed on:-

- Fight against doping
- Promoting social inclusion in and through sport
- Promoting volunteering in sport

In total, 30 projects were selected for support under these 2 calls, although only 1 of those selected is led by a European HEI, 20 of the projects involve HEIs as partners. Projects that may be of interest to UK HEIs include for instance:-

<b>Project title</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>HE Partners involved</b>
All for sport for all: Perspectives of sport for people with a disability in Europe	The European Observatoire of Sport and Employment	Staffordshire University German Sport University Cologne University Claude Bernard, Lyon
INTECS Network Building: Preparatory Actions for Establishing a Network of International Training and Education Centres for Winter Sports	Roveniemi University of Applied Sciences	University of Tartu University of Cluj Napoca Comenius University in Bratislava University of Maribor Lulea University of Technology
EuroVolNet: A network for developing voluntary competence in sport organisations	International Sport and Culture Association	University of Kent, Centre for Sports Studies
Creating a level playing field	European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO)	Semmelweis University, Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences
Olympia: equal opportunities via sport and within sport	Unions Italiana Sport per Tutti (UISP)	University of Copenhagen, Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences

HEIs fulfil different roles in these projects, but in many cases they provide the research expertise required to support the development of best practices; in others they provide education and training support for capacity development. Details of the projects selected under the calls in 2009 and 2010 can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory\\_actions/doc928\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc928_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory\\_actions/doc1001\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc1001_en.htm)

### Technical Features

Activities must start between 1 December 2011 and 31 March 2012

Maximum duration for a project is 16 months

Maximum grant rate is 80% of eligible cost

Maximum amount of grant per project is not stipulated but it is expected to be around €200,000 per project

Projects must involve partners from at least 5 Member States

### Further information

Information about this call for proposals is available from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory\\_actions/doc1009\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc1009_en.htm)

## Projects contributing to exchange of good practices

**Deadline: 29 July 2011**

**VP/2011/010**

### Background

The Progress Programme is concerned with employment and social solidarity. The Programme supports the Commission's efforts in terms of its Social Agenda and the Europe 2020 Strategy which aims at turning the EU into a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy delivering high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion. One of the Programme's aims is to strengthen the EU's contribution in support of Member States' commitments and efforts to create more and better jobs and to build a more cohesive society. To this effect, Progress is instrumental in:-

- Providing analysis and policy advice on Progress related policy areas;
- Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of EU legislation and policies in Progress policy areas;
- Promoting policy transfer, learning and support among Member States on EU objectives and priorities; and
- Relaying views of stakeholders and society at large.

A summary of the Programme is available from our website:-

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/euprogrammes/programmes.asp?subsectionid=49>

### Subject of this call for proposals

This call for proposals is in two parts, it aims to address two policy areas, as follows:-

1. Implementing the skills dimension of the flagship initiative 'An Agenda for New Skills and Jobs'
2. Implementing the flagship initiative 'Youth on the Move'

Each proposal must be linked to only one policy area, if applicants would like to apply for both areas, two proposals must be submitted. The budget available for this call is €2m.

In summary, under each policy area the Programme is looking to support work in the following:-

- I. Implementing the skills dimension of the flagship initiative 'An Agenda for New Skills and Jobs'

The 'Agenda' promotes the development of education and training systems capable of delivering skills required for the future. The specific objective of this call is to support the implementation of the 'Agenda' and to collect examples of concrete support measures. It is anticipated that this call will result in, for example:-

- The development of early warning and forecasting systems to improve the matching of skills supply and demand
- Development and exchange between public employment services, education and training providers and providers of lifelong learning and guidance to help people make choices regarding careers and education and training
- Social partner involvement in actions that can help equip people for employment with the right skills and help employers to find the skills they need

- Strategic dialogue with private and third sector employment services on strategies addressing skills development

## 2. Implementing the flagship initiative 'Youth on the Move'

The initiative sets out a policy framework including a set of concrete priority actions to reduce youth unemployment and to improve the job prospects of young people. Foreseen results of projects selected under this call, include:-

- The collection of examples of concrete policy measures leading to the provision of quality career guidance services and vocational orientation, where possible, building upon skills forecasting and anticipation systems

Eligible activities for both 1 and 2 include:-

- Workshops and benchmarks, supporting good practices on equipping people with the right skills for employment, addressing different aspects of policy formulation, decision making and policy execution;
- Organisation of seminars, round-table events, study visits, staff exchange and communication activities to publicise the results of sharing of experiences;
- Focussed information campaigns and awareness raising efforts targeting key stakeholders and other relevant groups;
- Reinforcing existing or new networks devoted to the advancement of the targeted policy issues and practices

The activities above, may be combined with the following:-

- Small scale studies
- Literature and desk reviews

## Opportunities for HEIs

HEIs and research institutes active in the area of employment policy, quality of work or social inclusion are identified as eligible applicants. The call, however, encourages HEIs to establish partnerships with other stakeholders, such as public authorities or semi-state agencies.

## Technical Features

- Although not a requirement, proposals with the following features will be given priority in selection:-
  - Proposals involving different partners from different countries (the European dimension will be demonstrated and judged on the basis of the range of partner countries involved and the impact of the actions on the countries involved)
  - Proposals that involve different levels of governance, i.e. national, regional and local
- The maximum grant rate is 80% of eligible cost
- There is no minimum or maximum grant per project (although applicants should bear in mind the total budget of €2m)

## Selection Criteria

In addition to demonstrating that they have the financial and operational capacity to deliver the project proposed, applications will be assessed against the following selection criteria:-

Criteria	Max	Points	Available
Meeting the objectives and priorities of the call		15 points	
Adequate cost/efficiency ratio		15 points	
Transnational dimension		15 points	
Quality of partnership		15 points	
Added value and degree of innovation		10 points	
Impact and/or multiplier effect		10 points	
Publicity and dissemination plan		10 points	
Quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and the budget		10 points	

## Further Information

Details of this call for proposals can be found at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=306&furtherCalls=yes>

## Competitiveness & Innovation Programme Entrepreneurship & Innovation Programme

## Call for Proposals

### Sustainable Industry Low Carbon Scheme (SILC) I – Short-term innovation measures

**Deadline: 30 August 2011**

**ENT/CIP/11/D/N02S00**

#### Background

As part of its effort to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG), the Commission has launched the Sustainable Industry Low Carbon Initiative (SILC). The first stage of the initiative will last from 2011 to 2013 and aims at finding technological and non-technological innovation measures to reduce carbon-intensity for a wide range of industrial sectors.

The budget for the SILC comes from the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme which is managed by DG Enterprise and Industry under the banner of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme. The budget for this call is €2.85m, which is expected to support up to 3 projects.

#### Subject of this call for proposals

The objective of this call is to support actions focussed on manufacturing and process industries covered by the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), so as to enable these industries to cope with the challenges of reducing their emissions whilst maintaining their competitiveness.

The call seeks sector specific and inter-sector industrial projects each of them carried out by a consortium of industrial stakeholders (and/or possibly in partnership with public or private organisations). The projects are to be financed jointly by the EU and the industrial stakeholders.

SILC aims to develop and deploy innovative technological and non-technological measures that lead to a demonstrable and quantifiable reduction of specific GHG emission intensities. The budget for this call is €2.85m, which is expected to support up to 3 projects.

Illustrative examples of possible projects include:-

Technological innovation measures:-

- Advancement of mature and/or available techniques, resulting in higher GHG efficiency
- Development projects between industrial stakeholders and technology providers and/or **research institutions** on energy or waste recovery systems
- Development of newly matured technologies, or technologies that are used in some installations but where the effects on operation and maintenance in all installations are not clear
- Achieving the use of alternative fuels (e.g. biomass and the use of co-processing – substitution of primary fuel by waste)
- Achieving the introduction of biomass to conventional kilns and boilers
- Development of abatement techniques to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Development of abatement techniques to reduce N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

### Non-technological innovation measures

- Deployment of measures which aim at reducing specific GHG intensities through increasing knowledge and competences, optimising systems, logistics or organisations
- Deployment of best practice measures, based on mapping of technological or non-technological options for process improvement in companies
- Mapping of suppliers with non-conventional solutions, the use of these technologies across Europe and practical demonstration
- Development and deployment of an educational tool to help improve the use of state of the art technologies
- Development and deployment of a model for how companies could access alternative forms of finance

The expected outcome of the SILC projects are technological and/or non-technological innovation measures which reduce the specific GHG emission-intensity of existing installations covered by the ETS and which can be implemented in the short term (i.e. immediately to 3 year time horizon) whilst not requiring further pilot or demonstration steps before their industrial implementation.

### Opportunities for HEIs

The above list is not exhaustive, but is provided in the guidance to provide an indication of the sorts of activities that might be undertaken. Clearly, there is potential for Universities and relevant research centres to be involved in projects. There is a clear intention, however, that the SILC initiative will be industry led and that each SILC project will be carried out by a consortium of at least 2 partners, one of which must be an operator of an installation covered by the ETS as of 2013.

This call may be of interest to colleagues in specific research centres or institutes concerned with development and implementation of solutions to GHG emissions. Colleagues in HEIs, would however, have to work closely with industrial partners and it should be the industrial partners that take the role of lead partner in any consortium application.

### Technical Features

- Projects must be submitted by a consortium consisting of at least 2 partners, 1 of which must be an operator of an installation covered by the ETS as of 2013
- Maximum grant rate is 75% of eligible costs
- Maximum grant contribution is €950k
- Scheduled start date for projects – December 2011
- Typical project duration is 12 – 24 months

### Further Information

Details of this call for proposals can be obtained from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=5161&tpa\\_id=1007&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=5161&tpa_id=1007&lang=en)