

Information Note



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Competitiveness and Innovation Programme

Call for Proposals

ICT Policy Support Programme

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Background

The ICT-PSP is a sub-programme of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP). It supports the Digital Agenda for Europe objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy as it aims to stimulate Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth by accelerating the wider uptake and best use of innovative digital technologies and content by citizens, governments and businesses.

The ICT-PSP supports technological and non-technological innovations that have moved beyond the final research demonstration phase. **It does not support research activities.** Projects take the form of pilot projects; or thematic or best practice networks.

For 2011, the following themes have been identified:-

- ICT for a low carbon economy and smart mobility
- Digital content
- ICT for health, ageing well and inclusion
- ICT for improved public services
- Open innovation in smart cities

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

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/programmedocs/CIP%20Background%20Bulletin%201.pdf>

Details of the 2011 work plan were set out in Bulletin 25 issued in January:

<http://www.heefs.ac.uk/bulletindocs/Bulletin%2025%20January%202011.pdf>



Call for proposals

The total budget available in 2011 is €115.5m. The call covers all four types of projects eligible for support within the Programme, as follows:-

- Pilot projects (Type A) - building on initiatives in Member States and Associated Countries and focussing on developing EU-wide interoperability of ICT-based solutions
- Pilot projects (Type B) - stimulating the uptake of innovative ICT based services and products
- Thematic Networks - providing a forum for stakeholders for experience exchange and consensus building
- Best Practice Networks - promoting the adoption of standards and specifications for making European digital libraries more accessible and usable

Certain types of projects are identified as being applicable to the different themes. The amount available; type of project sought; and likely number of projects to be funded are set out in the following table:-

Themes and objectives	Type of project	Budget/Intended number of projects
Theme 1: ICT for a low carbon economy and smart mobility		24 M€
1.1 Innovative lighting systems based on Solid State Lighting (SSL)	Pilot B	2 to 3 pilots EU funding up to 10 M€
1.2 ICT for Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings	Pilot B	Several pilots EU funding up to 7 M€
1.3 Smart Connected Electro-Mobility	Pilot B	Up to 3 pilots EU funding up to 7 M€
Theme 2 : Digital Content		38 M€
2.1: Aggregating content in Europeana	Best Practice Network	Several BPNs
2.2: Digitising content for Europeana	Pilot B	Several pilots
2.3: Raising awareness of Europeana and promoting its use	Best Practice Network	Several BPNs
2.4: eLearning	Pilot B	One or more pilots EU funding up to 8 M€
Theme 3 : ICT for health, ageing well and inclusion		18 M€
3.1: ICT Solutions for Fall prevention and ICT and Ageing network	Pilot B and Thematic Network	Several pilots and one TN EU funding up to 9 M€
3.2: Digital competences and social inclusion	Pilot B	1 pilot EU funding up to 2 M€
3.3: e-accessibility	Pilot B	1 pilot EU funding up to 3 M€
3.4: Empowering patients and supporting widespread deployment of telemedicine services	Pilot B and Thematic Network	1 pilot and one TN EU funding up to 4 M€

Theme 4: ICT for Innovative government and public services		21.5 M€
4.1: Towards a cloud of public services	Pilot B	Several pilot EU funding up to 10 M€
4.2: Towards a single European electronic identification and authentication area	Pilot A	1 pilot EU funding up to 8.5 M€
4.3: Piloting IPv6 upgrade for eGovernment services in Europe	Pilot B	1 pilot EU funding up to 3 M€
Theme 5: Open Innovation for internet-enabled services		14 M€
5.1: Open innovation for future Internet-enabled Services in “smart” Cities	Pilot B	Several pilots

Opportunities for UK HEIs

As stated above, the ICT – PSP does not support research. It does, however, fund demonstration; showcasing; dissemination and networking activities that may build on previous research and development activities. HEIs are identified as eligible applicants to the Programme. Applications, however are submitted on behalf of a consortium of organisations which should comprise the necessary stakeholders to address the objectives of the Programme and theme. The required consortia composition is set out in the guidance for applicants. There is a specific guide for each of the categories of projects (Pilot A; Pilot B etc).

Detailed explanations of the sorts of activities envisaged for each of the themes can be found in the Work Plan which can be obtained from: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

Further Information

All documentation relating to this call for proposals can be obtained from:-

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/participating/calls/call_proposals_11/index_en.htm