

Information Note



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COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Annual Work Plan 2011

PROGRAMME

Background

The Enterprise and Innovation Programme (EIP) is one of three sub-programmes of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP). It has six main objectives, the budgets for each one in 2011 are as follows:-

- improved access to finance for SMEs and investment in innovation (2011 - €173.9m)
- creation of an environment favourable to SME cross-border co-operation (2011 - €47.6m)
- promotion of all forms of innovation in enterprise (2011 - €43.5m)
- development of eco innovation (2011 - €75m)
- promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation culture (2011 €4.3m)
- enterprise and innovation related economic and administrative reform (2011 - €4.3m)

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

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

Work Plan for 2011

The work plan for 2011 has a budget of €348.6m, the amounts allocated to each objective are identified above.

The work plan identifies specific activities to be undertaken/commenced during 2011 and the mechanism by which these activities will be delivered. The Programme operates through a mixture of framework contracts; tenders and calls for proposals. The work plan identifies when calls will be announced, the procedure involved and the level of funding available.



Opportunities for UK HEIs

Table EIP A provides a summary of the main opportunities occurring within the EIP for UK HEIs. Generally, activities identified will be the subject of open calls for tenders or proposals and indicative dates for the calls are provided, where they are available.

Announcement of Calls

Proposed dates for call announcement are indicative only, as evidenced by the fact that some should have been announced in 2010 according to the work plan. Detailed information about relevant calls will be provided in future editions of our Bulletin. Calls for proposals and tenders are officially announced by DG Enterprise Information and can be viewed at:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/newsbytheme.cfm?displayType=fo&fosubType=p&lang=en>

Further Information

Detailed information about the EIP can be obtained from the following:

http://ec.europa.eu/cip/eip/index_en.htm

Table EIP A

Activity	Type of Call	Proposed Date for Call Announcement	Budget
Policy Area – Creation of an environment favourable to SME cross-border cooperation			
Eurobarometer survey on tourism demand prospects in 2011	Tenders	Q1/2011	€250,000
Tourism knowledge and research networks to establish a virtual tourism research and innovatory observatory	Proposals	Q1/2011	€1.2m
Transnational cooperation projects for enhanced visibility of European tourism and European tourist destinations	Proposals	Q3/2011	€2m
Policy Area – Promotion of Innovation in Enterprise			
e-skills for Competitiveness and Innovation, Vision, Roadways and Foresight Scenarios	Tenders	Q1/2011	€500,000
Quality labels for Training fostering e-skills for competitiveness and innovation	Tenders	Q1/2011	€500,000
European awareness campaign on e-skills for competitiveness and innovation	Tenders	Q1/2011	€2m
Establishment of the European Creative Industries Alliance	Proposals	Q4/2010 – Q3/2011	€7.5m
1 st Action Plan of the European Design Innovation Initiative	Proposals	Q3/2011	€3m
Promoting internationalisation of clusters	Proposals	Q4/2010 ?	€2m
Promoting excellence in cluster management	Proposals	Q4/2010 ?	€2m
Promoting better policies to develop world class clusters in Europe	Tenders	Q4/2010 ?	€1m
Leadership in innovation and societal challenges	Tenders	Q1/2011	€520,000
Policy Area – ECO-innovation			
Eco-innovation:- first application and market replication projects	Proposals	Q2/2011	€35m
Analysing and reporting on results achieved by CIP – Eco innovation market replication projects	Tenders	Q3/2011	€285,000
Short term innovation measures to support the Sustainable Industry Low Carbon Scheme (SILC)	Proposals	Q2/2011	€1.85m
Policy Area – Entrepreneurship & Innovation Culture			
Analysis of implementation of UN Framework on Business and Human Rights	Tenders	Q2/2011	€350,000
Capacity building for SMEs on CSK	Proposals	Q2/2011	€300,000
Capacity building for improved valuation of non-financial performance	Proposals	Q2/2011	€350,000