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## Competitiveness & Innovation Programme ICT – Policy Support Programme

2010 Work Programme

### Background

The ICT - Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP) forms a part of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP). It aims to stimulate innovation and competitiveness and accelerate the development of a sustainable, competitive, innovative and inclusive information society.

It supports activities to accelerate innovation and implementation of ICT based services and systems through the wider uptake and better use of ICT and the exploitation of digital content by citizens, governments and businesses.

The ICT-PSP addresses technological and non-technological innovation that has moved beyond the final research demonstration phase. It does not support research activities.

### Themes for 2010

Activities under the following 6 themes will be supported in 2010:-

- ICT for a low carbon economy and smart mobility
- Digital libraries
- ICT for health and inclusion
- Open innovation for future internet-enabled services in smart cities
- ICT for improved public services for citizens and businesses
- Multilingual web

### Types of Activities

The themes will be delivered through a number of high impact pilot or best practice projects and thematic networks. The projects will in the main be selected through a call for proposals, although some services and activities will be the subject of a tender.



Four categories of projects are to be supported:-

- Pilot (Type A) – building on initiatives in Member States or associated countries
- Pilot (Type B) – stimulating the uptake of innovative ICT based services and products
- Thematic Network – providing a forum for stakeholders for experience sharing and consensus building
- Best Practice Network – to support sharing of best practices (only available under the Digital libraries theme in 2010)

Detailed information about the actions to be undertaken, the focus and intended outcomes and impacts for each of the sub-themes is set out in Section 3 of the Work Programme, which can be downloaded from:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_psp/documents/ict\\_psp\\_wp2010\\_agreed\\_at\\_committee\\_191109.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/documents/ict_psp_wp2010_agreed_at_committee_191109.pdf)

The table below provides a summary of funding intentions for the 2010 call for proposals.

Themes and objectives	Project Category	Budget and intended number of proposals to be funded
<b>Theme 1: ICT for a low carbon economy &amp; smart mobility</b>		<b>€19m</b>
1.1 ICT for energy and water efficiency in social housing	Pilot B	€9.5m Several Pilots
1.2 ICT for water efficiency	Thematic Network	€0.5m 1 Network
1.3 Energy efficient cooperative transport management systems	Pilot B	€4m Up to 3 Pilots
1.4 Support to eCall implementation based on 112	Pilot A	€5m 1 Pilot
<b>Theme 2: Digital Libraries</b>		<b>€30m</b>
2.1 Coordinating Europeana	Thematic Network	€9m 1 Network
2.2 Enhancing/Aggregating content in Europeana	Best Practice Network	Several Networks
2.3 Digitising content for Europeana	Pilot B	Several Pilots
2.4 Access to European Rights Information/Registry of Orphan Works	Best Practice Network	1 Network
2.5 Open access to scientific information	Pilot B	Several Pilots
2.6 Statistics on cultural heritage digitisation activities	Thematic Network	1 Network
<b>Theme 3: ICT for Health &amp; Inclusion</b>		<b>€14m</b>
3.1 Enlargement of the Pilot "epSOS" on eHealth Interoperability for patient's summaries & e-prescriptions	Pilot A	€7m 1 Pilot
3.2 Scaling up of eHealth services and supporting the EU eHealth governance initiative	Thematic Network	€1m 2 Networks
3.3 e-Accessibility for Public Digital Terminals	Pilot B	1 Large or Several Pilots
3.4 Assistive technologies and accessibility portal	Thematic Network	€1m 1 Large or several Networks
<b>Theme 4: Open innovation for future internet enabled services in smart cities</b>		<b>€15m</b>
4.1 Open innovation for future internet enabled services in smart cities	Pilot B	Several Pilots
<b>Theme 5: ICT for improved public services for citizens &amp; businesses</b>		<b>€13m</b>
5.1 Enlargement of the Pilot "SPOCS" preparing the implementation of the Services Directive	Pilot A	€5m 1 Pilot
5.2 e-Justice services	Pilot A	€7m 1 Pilot
5.3 Universal ID	Thematic Network	€1m 1 Network
<b>Theme 6: Multilingual Web</b>		<b>€16m</b>
6.1 Open linguistic infrastructure	Pilot B	Several Pilots
6.2 Multilingual online services	Pilot B	Several Pilots

## Requirements for each category of project

### Pilot A

Maximum Duration	36 months
Composition	Must involve 6 relevant national administrations
Grant Rate	50%
Amount for each project	€5m – 10m

### Pilot B

Maximum Duration	24 - 36 months
Composition	Must involve at least 4 partners from 4 different MSs
Grant Rate	50%
Amount for each project	€2m – 3m

### Thematic Networks

Maximum Duration	18 - 36 months
Composition	Must involve at least 7 partners from 7 different MSs
Grant Rate	NA
Amount for each project	€300k – 500k for coordinator, plus costs of participants

### Best Practice Networks *(only available for Digital Libraries)*

Maximum Duration	24 months
Composition	Must involve at least 7 partners from 7 different MSs
Grant Rate	80% of direct costs
Amount for each project	€3m – 5m

## Indicative timetable for the call for proposals

The Work Programme envisages the following timetable:-

January 2010	Publication of Call for Proposals
June 2010	Deadline for Applications
September 2010	Start of negotiations with selected projects
December 2010/January 2011	Signature of grant agreements

## Calls for tenders and other grants

A number of Calls for Tender are planned for 2010. Calls will include a tender for 'Benchmarking the progress of the Information Society', which is expected to be published in the second quarter of 2010. Tenders for the studies into the following issues will be announced in the third quarter of 2010:-

- The impact of broadband
- Coping with an ageing population
- Web services
- Concept of identity in the future digital environment
- Relevant indicator to monitor re-use of Public Sector Information (PSI)
- Assessment of different models for PSI
- Enhancing Procurement of ICT solutions for Healthcare
- Collaborative Production in eGovernment
- Support to the final evaluation of the ICT PSP

## Further Information

Details of the Call for Proposals will be provided in future editions of this bulletin. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about the ICT-PSP, then please consult the following website:-

[http://ec.europa.eu/ict\\_psp](http://ec.europa.eu/ict_psp)