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COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

Information and Communications Technologies – Annual Work Plan 2011 Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)

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. 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 total budget available in 2011 is €115.5m, five themes have been identified, as follows:-

- ICT for a low carbon economy
- Digital content
- ICT for health, ageing well and inclusion
- Innovative government and public services
- Open innovation for internet enabled services

Four types of projects are envisaged to deliver activities under these themes:-

- Pilot projects (Type A) - building on initiatives in Member States and Associated Countries
- Pilot projects (Type B) - stimulating the uptake of innovative ICT based services and products
- Thematic Networks - providing a forum for stakeholders
- Best Practice Networks - to support a forum for stakeholders



The budgets available; numbers; and types of project envisaged by theme are summarised in Table (ICT-PSP – A) below.

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.

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_esp/index_en.htm

Announcement of Calls for Proposals

It is likely that the call for proposals will be announced in February with a deadline for submissions in June 2011. Details will be provided in future editions of this Bulletin.

Further Information

Information about the ICT-PSP and the policies it supports can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_esp/about/index_en.htm

Table ICT + PSP - A

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