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How to submit a winning proposal

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Generalities about FP7

*How to get involved - **step 1 to step 4***

*Tips to prepare a good proposal? - **step 5***

Useful links





WHY SUBMITTING A PROJECT PROPOSAL TO THE EC-FP7?

Not only because the project proposal - if selected - will be (partially) funded by the EC

- A grant of 50 to 100% is allocated
- With no rights claimed by the EC

But (first & foremost...) because FP7 is an opportunity for any organisation to

- Improve its knowledge
- Benefit from a true collaborative (international) programme / project
- Enhance its image through key references





WHAT IS A TYPICAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECT?

- *From 5 to 10 or more research partners from many countries*
- *Universities, Research Institutes, Companies*
- *A collaborative exercise (research is divided in "work packages" and "tasks")*
- *4 years duration*
- *Co-financing by EC (3-6 million €, divided among all project partners)*
- *One partner is the project **coordinator***





WHAT IS A CALL FOR PROPOSALS?

OVERVIEW

FP7 is implemented through periodic "Calls for Proposals"

1 to 2 series of calls per year in average

Tese calls are competitive!

Only the best proposals can be funded

The evaluation of received proposals is performed by independent experts on clear evaluation criteria

Contracts can typically be signed 8 to 12 months after the Call closure date





Step 1 - WHERE TO FIND FP7 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS?

- Programs for all aspects of FP7 are published annually
- Find them on the new participant portal at:
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home>

2013 Work Programmes published in 9 July 2012

- Read carefully – identify relevant open and upcoming calls
- You **must** respond to a call



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Participant Portal

European Commission > Research & Innovation > Participant Portal > FP7 Calls > Latest Info

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LATEST CALLS

You can access all calls (open, closed, or forthcoming) by clicking on the specific programme tabs at the top or by using [the search feature here](#).

Latest dates of call publications:

- New calls published on 04/05/2012
- New calls published on 19/04/2012
- New calls published on 12/04/2012

Cooperation	ENIAC-2012-2	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2012-05-04
		The EPSS (Electronic Proposals Submission System) is now available for this call. See link further down this page. A new version of the Call Text was uploaded on 26th April. See the document change log on page 2 for more information. For convenience, the FAQ for EPSS and the template for Part B of proposals, which are available in EPSS, have now been added to the "Additional Documents" section as well. Remember to re-visit this web site after 16 May and again after 18 June to obtain the Questions and Answers document as explained on page 6 of the call text.	
Cooperation	SP1-JTI-CS-2012-02		2012-04-26
Cooperation	SP1-JTI-CS-2012-02	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2012-04-25
Cooperation	ARTEMIS-2012-1	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2012-04-19

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STAY TUNED

FP7-Fission-2012

The call FP7-Fission-2012 is expected to be announced in the Official Journal of the EU in the second half of January 2012. The closing date of the call is scheduled for 27 March 2012. Follow the publication of the call via the Euratom section on Participant Portal.

Republic of Moldova

A Memorandum of Understanding for the association of the Republic of Moldova to FP7 was signed on 11 October 2011. The Republic of Moldova will become formally associated to the 7th EU Framework Programme (FP7) from 1 January 2012.

For further information, click [here](#)

What is RSS?



Email Notification





IDENTIFYING RELEVANT RESEARCH AREAS

- *Information and communications technologies*
- *Health*
- *Transport (including aeronautics)*
- *Nanotechnologies, materials, new production technologies*
- *Energy*
- *Food, agriculture and fisheries, biotechnology*
- *Environment*
- *Space*
- *Security*
- *Socio-economic sciences and the humanities*



Step 2 - Find a Consortium/ European proposal coordinator

Scientific colleagues and friends

CORDIS partner search (see next slide)

Internet (FP6/FP7 project lists)

Conferences

Official FP7 information events

National Contact Points



CORDIS partner search

European Commission: CORDIS: FP7 : Find project partners - Windows Internet Explorer

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html

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Find project partners

Building international partnerships is part of taking part in EU research programmes. CORDIS has an established Partners Service and a specialised service for FP7, fostering public-private partnerships to design, propose and launch new projects. You can use the search facilities to find international partners with the complementary expertise, profile or technology that you are looking for.

Enter search term(s):

EU funded collaboration

Profile Type*: Project Proposal
Company Expertise

Programme*: FP7
FP7-CAPACITIES
FP7-COOPERATION
FP7-COORDINATION

Country*: Any Country
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BELGIUM
BULGARIA
CYPRUS
CZECH REPUBLIC
DENMARK
ESTONIA

* Keep the control key pressed to make more than one selection
** As defined by UNSC resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999

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Step 3 – Convince the coordinator to take you on board

- **Define your value-add**
- **Provide a simple text**
 - Who you are - your competence
 - Your research idea
 - Your cooperation idea
 - Required or available funding
 - Your address
- **Act fast!**



Step 4 – Help prepare the proposal

- *Contribute to the text of the proposal:*
 - your research contribution
 - description of your institution
 - CVs of key researchers
 - importance of the project in your country
 - economic and social impact of the project
 - how to exploit the results
 - list of references and related projects
 - Illustrations
 - your required budget

Step 5 – be successful when writing your proposal (1)

Divide your effort over the evaluation criteria

Many proposers concentrate on the scientific element, but lose marks on project planning or impact description

Think of the finishing touches which signal quality work:

- **clear language**
- **well-organised contents, following the Part B structure**
- **useful and understandable diagrams**
- **no typos, no inconsistencies and obvious paste-ins, no numbers which don't add up, no missing pages ...**



Step 5 – When writing your proposal (2)

Make it easy for the evaluators to give you high marks. Don't make it hard for them!

- *Make sure you submit the latest, complete version of your proposal (Don't make last minute changes!)*
- *Don't write too little; cover what is requested*
- *Don't write too much*
- *Don't leave them to figure out why it's good, tell them why it's good*
- *Leave nothing to the imagination*



Step 5 – When writing your proposal (3)

Make sure your Project Workplan reflects the promises you made in the rest of your proposal

For example:

- *S&T quality implies an adequate and well-organised research effort*
- *Good project management implies clear Workpackage leadership*
- *Strong Impact implies an important dissemination effort*



USEFUL LINKS

The European Commission <http://ec.europa.eu/>

FP7 <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7>

National Contact Points (NCP)
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html

FP7 contacts in 3rd countries
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/third-countries_en.html

Cordis partners service
<http://cordis.europa.eu/partners-service/>



**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING
ANY QUESTION?**

