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COMMISSION

Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: 'Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area'**Thematic priority area: 'Sustainable energy systems'****Call identifier: FP6-2003-Energy-2**

(2003/C 243/07)

1. In accordance with Decision No 1513/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 June 2002, concerning the sixth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities contributing to the creation of the European Research Area and to innovation (2002 to 2006) ⁽¹⁾, the Council adopted on 30 September 2002 the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: 'Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area' (2002-2006) ⁽²⁾ (referred to as 'the specific programme').

In accordance with Article 5(1) of the specific programme, the Commission of the European Communities (referred to as 'the Commission') has adopted on 9 December 2002 a work programme ⁽³⁾ (referred to as 'the work programme') setting out in greater detail the objectives and scientific and technological priorities of the specific programme, and the timetable for implementation.

In accordance with Article 9(1) of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in, and for the dissemination of research results for, the implementation of the European Community Sixth Framework Programme (2002 to 2006) ⁽⁴⁾ (referred to as 'the rules for participation'), proposals for indirect RTD actions should be submitted under the terms of calls for proposals.

2. The present call for proposals for indirect RTD actions (referred to as 'call') comprises the present general part and the specific conditions that are described in the annex. This annex indicates in particular the date of closure for the submission of proposals for indirect RTD actions, an indicative date for the completion of the evaluations, the indicative budget, the instruments and the areas concerned, the evaluation criteria for the evaluation of

proposals for indirect RTD actions, the minimum number of participants, and any applicable restrictions.

3. Natural or legal persons fulfilling the conditions stated in the rules for participation and not falling under any of the exclusion cases in the rules for participation or in Article 114(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾ (referred to as 'the proposers') are invited to submit to the Commission proposals for indirect RTD actions, subject to the conditions in the rules for participation and in the call being fulfilled.

The proposers' fulfilment of the conditions for participation will be verified in the course of the negotiations on the proposal for an indirect RTD action. Proposers must previously have signed a declaration on their honour that they are not in one of the situations referred to in Article 93(1) of the Financial Regulation. They must also have sent the Commission the information listed in Article 173(2) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁶⁾.

The European Community has adopted an equal opportunities policy and, on this basis, women are particularly encouraged either to submit proposals for indirect RTD actions or to participate in the submission of proposals for indirect RTD actions.

4. The Commission makes available to proposers guides for proposers relating to the call which contain information on the preparation and the submission of a proposal for an indirect RTD action. These guides, as well as the work programme and other information relating to the call, can be obtained from the Commission via the following address:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 232, 29.8.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 294, 29.10.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2002) 4789, as last modified by C(2003) 3555, unpublished.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

European Commission
 FP6 Energy Information Desk
 Directorate General RTD
 B-1049 Brussels
 E-mail address: rtd-energy@cec.eu.int
 Internet address: www.cordis.lu/fp6

5. Proposals for indirect RTD actions are prepared and submitted preferably via the electronic proposal submission system (EPSS).

In that case they may be prepared off-line or on-line and submitted on-line. If they have been prepared off-line, they may alternatively be submitted on CD-ROM or diskette, in which case they are sent together with a paper copy of the indirect RTD action.

Access to the above 'on-line' and 'off-line' system is via the Cordis website www.cordis.lu

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may also be prepared and submitted using the form in the guide for proposers (referred to as on 'paper').

6. Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted on CD-ROM, diskette, or paper by post must be received by the Commission at the following address, and labelled as follows:

'FP6 — Research Proposal'
 (Call identifier: FP6-2003-Energy-2)
 European Commission
 B-1049 Brussels

For deliveries by hand or by representatives (including by private courier⁽⁷⁾), the delivery should be to the following address, and labelled as follows:

'FP6 — Research Proposals'
 (Call identifier: FP6-2003-Energy-2)
 European Commission
 Rue de Genève 1
 B-1140 Brussels

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may be submitted on-line via the Cordis website www.cordis.lu

Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted either on CD-ROM or on diskette which are incomplete⁽⁸⁾, illegible⁽⁹⁾ or contain viruses will be excluded if a complete corresponding paper version has not been supplied in the same envelope.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted on-line and are incomplete⁽¹⁰⁾, illegible⁽¹¹⁾ or contain viruses will be excluded.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions that are submitted on paper and are incomplete⁽¹²⁾ will be excluded.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted by email⁽¹³⁾ or by fax will be excluded.

7. Proposals for indirect RTD actions have to reach the Commission at the latest on the closure date and at the time specified in the call. Proposals for indirect RTD actions arriving after this date and time will be excluded.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions which do not fulfil the conditions regarding the minimum number of participants laid down in the call will be excluded.

The same applies to any other eligibility criterion mentioned in the work programme.

8. In the case of successive submissions of the same proposal for an indirect RTD action, the Commission will examine the last version received before the closure date and time specified in the call.

In the case where the same proposal for an indirect RTD action is submitted on paper and in electronic format (CD-ROM, diskette, on-line), the Commission will only examine the text submitted in electronic format.

9. In all correspondence relating to the call (e.g. when requesting information, or submitting a proposal for an indirect RTD action), proposers are invited to cite the relevant call identifier.

⁽⁷⁾ If courier services ask for the telephone number of the recipient, please give the number (32-2) 295 58 75 (Mr J.-C. Debouvère).

⁽⁸⁾ All proposals for indirect RTD actions must contain two parts: the forms (Part A) and the content (Part B).

⁽⁹⁾ Proposals for indirect RTD actions should be submitted in PDF ('portable document format', version 3 or higher with embedded fonts) or RTF ('rich text format').

⁽¹⁰⁾ See footnote 8.

⁽¹¹⁾ See footnote 9.

⁽¹²⁾ See footnote 8.

⁽¹³⁾ This does not include proposals for indirect RTD actions that have been submitted on-line.

ANNEX

1. **Specific programme:** 'Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area'
2. **Thematic priority/domain:** Priority thematic area of research 'Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems, (i) Sustainable Energy Systems, (ii) Research activities having an impact in the medium and longer term'.
3. **Call title:** Thematic call in the area of 'Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems, (i) Sustainable Energy Systems, (ii) Research activities having an impact in the medium and longer term'.
4. **Call identifier:** FP6-2003-Energy-2
5. **Date of publication:** 10 October 2003
6. **Closure date:** 17 December 2003 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
7. **Total indicative budget:** up to EUR 3 million

Instrument ⁽¹⁾	EUR (millions)
CA	up to 3
SSA	

⁽¹⁾ CA = Co-ordination action; SSA = Specific support action.

8. **Areas called and instruments:**

Section of the Work Programme	Area	Instrument
Sustainable Energy Systems — research activities having an impact in the medium and longer term Activity code: SUSTDEV-2003-1.2.9 (Support to the strategic objectives of the programme)	Proposals that support the strategic objectives of this section of the Work Programme and primarily major policy initiatives such as: — the establishment of European Technology Platforms; and — support to international co-operation initiatives aimed at securing a leading role for Europe on global sustainable energy issues of strategic importance to the objectives of the programme	CA and SSA

9. **Minimum number of participants ⁽¹⁾:**

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
CA	3 independent legal entities from 3 different MS or AS, with at least 2 MS or ACC
SSA	1 legal entity from a MS or AS

10. **Restrictions on participation:** None.11. **Consortium agreements:** Participants in RTD actions resulting from this call are encouraged, but not required, to conclude a consortium agreement.

⁽¹⁾ MS = Member States of the EU; AS (incl. ACC) = Associated States; ACC = Associated candidate countries.

Any legal entity established in a Member State or Associated State and which is made up of the requested number of participant may be the sole participant in an indirect action.

12. Evaluation procedure:

- The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. **Evaluation criteria:** See Annex B of the work programme for the applicable criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) per instrument.

14. Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

- Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some 4 months after the closure date.
- Conclusion of first contracts: it is estimated that the first contracts related to this call will come into force before the end of 2004.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR INDIRECT RTD ACTIONS UNDER THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION: 'INTEGRATING AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA'

(2003/C 243/08)

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⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.