

COMMISSION

Calls for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme (Euratom) for research and training on nuclear energy (2002-2006)

(2003/C 273/04)

1. In accordance with Decision No 668/2002/Euratom of the Council, of 3 June 2002, concerning the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) for nuclear research and training activities, also contributing to the creation of the European Research Area (2002-2006)⁽¹⁾, the Council adopted on 30 September 2002 the specific programme (Euratom) for research and training on nuclear energy (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 6 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 Council Regulation concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in the implementation of the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2002-2006)⁽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 'the call') comprises the present general part and the specific conditions that are described in the Annex. The 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 that do not fall under any of the exclusion cases in the rules for participation or in Article 114(2) of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regu-

lation 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 concerned being fulfilled.

The conditions of participation of the proposers will be verified within the framework of the negotiation of the indirect RTD action. Before that however, proposers will have signed a declaration stating that they do not fall under any of the cases given by Article 93(1) of the Financial Regulation. They will also have given the Commission the information listed in Article 173(2) of the 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 to either submit proposals for indirect RTD actions or 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 one of the following addresses:

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

5. Proposals for indirect RTD actions are submitted preferably in electronic format, via the electronic proposal submission system (EPSS).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 232, 29.8.2002, p. 34.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 294, 29.10.2002, p. 74.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2002) 4881, as modified by C(2003) 4103, both unpublished.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 35.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

Within this context, proposals for indirect RTD actions may be prepared off-line or on-line and submitted on-line. Those prepared with the EPSS off-line version could, as an alternative, be submitted either on CD-ROM or diskette (a paper copy of the proposal for an indirect RTD action must in either case be attached).

The EPSS software tool (for off-line or on-line usage) is available via the Cordis website www.cordis.lu

Proposals for indirect RTD actions may also be prepared and submitted using the forms 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 Proposals'
(Call identifier: Euratom Call 2004 — Fixed deadline)
European Commission
B-1049 Brussels.

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

'FP6 — Research Proposals'
(Call identifier: Euratom Call 2004 — Fixed deadline)
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.

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

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

Proposals for indirect RTD actions submitted by e-mail⁽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 concerned. Proposals for indirect RTD actions arriving after this date and time will be excluded.

Proposals for indirect RTD actions not satisfying the conditions relating to the minimum number of participants indicated in the call will be excluded.

This also applies regarding any additional eligibility criteria given 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 electronic format (CD-ROM, diskette, on-line), the Commission will only examine the text submitted under the electronic formats.

9. If foreseen in the relevant call, proposals for indirect RTD actions could be taken up in the framework of a future evaluation.

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

⁽⁷⁾ Users of courier services that ask for the recipient's telephone number should give the following number (32-2) 295 58 75 (Mr. J.-C. Debouvere).

⁽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

Euratom Call 2004

1. **Specific Programme:** Euratom Research and Training Programme on Nuclear Energy
2. **Activities:** Thematic Priorities, Management of Radioactive Waste and Radiation Protection, and Other Activities in the Field of Nuclear Technologies and Safety
3. **Call title:** Thematic Call in the area of 'Euratom Research and Training programme on nuclear energy'
4. **Call identifier:** Euratom Call 2004 — Fixed deadline
5. **Date of publication** ⁽¹⁾: 14 November 2003
6. **Closure date(s)** ⁽²⁾: 14 April 2004 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
7. **Total indicative budget:** EUR 61 million
8. **Areas called and instruments:**

Area	Topic	Instrument ⁽¹⁾
3.2.1. Geological disposal	NUWASTE-2004-3.2.1.1-1	IP
3.2.2. Partitioning and transmutation and other concepts to produce less waste in nuclear energy generation	NUWASTE-2004-3.2.2.1-1	IP
3.3.1. Quantification of risks associated with low and protracted exposures	RAD PROT-2004-3.3.1.1-1	IP
	RAD PROT-2004-3.3.1.1-2	STREP
3.3.2. Medical exposures and natural sources of radiation	RAD PROT-2004-3.3.2.1-1	CA
3.3.3. Protection of the environment and radiology	RAD PROT-2004-3.3.3.1-1	CA
3.3.4. Risk and emergency management	RAD PROT-2004-3.3.4.1-1	STREP
3.3.5. Protection in the workplace	RAD PROT-2004-3.3.5.1-1	CA
3.4.1. Innovative Concepts	NUCTECH-2004-3.4.1.1-1	IP
	NUCTECH-2004-3.4.1.1-2	STREP
	NUCTECH-2004-3.4.1.1-3	STREP
3.4.2. Education and Training	NUCTECH-2004-3.4.2.1-1	CA
3.4.3. Safety of Existing Installations	NUCTECH-2004-3.4.3.1-1	IP or STREP
	NUCTECH-2004-3.4.3.1-2	CA

⁽¹⁾ IP = integrated project; NOE = network of excellence; STREP = specific targeted research project; CA = coordination action; SSA = specific support action

9. **Minimum number of participants** ⁽³⁾:

Instrument	Minimum number of participants
IP	3 independent legal entities from 3 different MS or AS, with at least 2 MS or ACC
STREP and CA	2 independent legal entities from 2 different MS or AS, with at least 1 MS or ACC

⁽¹⁾ The Director-General responsible for the publication of this call may publish it up to one month prior or after its envisaged publication date.

⁽²⁾ When the envisaged date of publication is either advanced or delayed (see previous footnote), closure date(s) will be adjusted accordingly.

⁽³⁾ 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 participants may be the sole participants in an indirect action.

10. Restriction on participation

Participation of some third countries excluded (see Section 4 of the work programme).

11. Consortium agreement

Participants in IP, STREP and CA resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement.

12. Evaluation procedure

— The evaluation shall follow a single stage procedure.

— Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

13. Evaluation criteria

The criteria (including their individual weights and thresholds and the overall threshold) are set out in Annex IV of the work programme for each type of instrument.

14. Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable

Evaluation results: estimated to be available within some three 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.

Amendment to the calls for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme (Euratom) for research and training on nuclear energy (2002-2006)

(Official Journal of the European Communities C 315 of 17 December 2002)

(2003/C 273/05)

The following amendments have been decided by the Commission on 7 November 2003 ⁽¹⁾:

On page 82, under point 6 of Annex II 'Euratom Call Open':

for: 'Closure date(s): 6 May 2003, 14 October 2003, 13 April 2004, 12 October 2004, 12 April 2005, 11 October 2005 and 11 April 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)'

read: 'Closure date(s): 6 May 2003, 14 October 2003, 14 April 2004, 12 October 2004, 12 April 2005, 11 October 2005 and 11 April 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)'

On page 82, under point 7 of Annex II 'Euratom Call Open':

for: 'Total indicative budget: EUR 2 million for proposals evaluated in 2003.'

read: 'Total indicative budget: EUR 1,5 million per closure date in 2004.'

⁽¹⁾ Commission Decision C(2003) 4103, unpublished.