

**Integration of research entities from the EU's Convergence and Outermost regions in the ERA and enhancement of their innovation potential**

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Please note that no further call will be published in 2012 or 2013

- **Deadline:** 03 January 2012 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time<sup>1</sup>
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 66.57 million for 2012<sup>2</sup>

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget of the call may vary up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

- **Topics called:**

Activity/Area	Topic called	Funding Schemes and eligibility criteria
<b>FP7-REGPOT-2012-2013-1.</b> <i>Unlocking and developing the research potential of research entities in the EU's Convergence regions and Outermost regions</i>	<i>Any research topic covered by the EU FP7</i>	CSA-SA <i>(Supporting Action)</i>

- **Eligibility Conditions:**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.
- Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Action)	1 independent legal entity

<sup>1</sup> The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the draft budget for 2012 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority. It is expected that this call budget will be increased significantly using 2013 appropriations, subject to the adoption of the 2013 budget by the European Parliament and the Council.

- **Additional eligibility criteria:**
  - The projects must be proposed by a single public or private research entity of significant size such as university departments, faculties, specialised research institutes or important size research laboratories, with at least 10 permanent researchers. These research entities must not be a subsidiary or branch of another legal entity established in a different country.
  - Restrictions on participation: EU Convergence regions and Outermost regions. Subject to international instruments associating third countries to the 7th EU Framework Programme, other regions may become eligible for participation; the modalities for the identification of eligible regions would be defined in these international instruments. All regions of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Galilee region of Israel are eligible for participation.
- **Evaluation procedure:**
  - The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
  - Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through EPSS.  
The Commission might instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.  
The minimum font size is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
  - The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 to the work programme.
- **Indicative timetable:** it is estimated that evaluation results will be available within 4 months after the closure date; grant agreement signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to a call will come into force 9 months after the closure date.
- **Consortia agreements:** No consortium-agreement is required for this call.
- **The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 to this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available at the following website: <[ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/flat-rates-subsistence\\_en.pdf](ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/flat-rates-subsistence_en.pdf)>.