FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Annex 4 – General Activities

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- Indicative budget for 2007:

An overall budget of up to 28.9M€ (inclusive of theme-linked, horizontal or indirectly linked activities) is foreseen for the joint ERA-NET call. It will cover two types of activities/topics.

1. A total of 10.4 M€ is foreseen for actions of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes, to be apportioned between ERA-NET (10.0 M€) earmarked for proposals of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes and for Conferences/Support Actions (0.4 M€).

Table 1: Actions of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to cooperation themes

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes and Budget
A4.2.2.1 ERA-NET actions	Topic ERANET.2007.1 ERA-NET proposals **of a horizontal nature** (i.e. cutting across several themes in the Cooperation Specific Programme or Parts in Capacities), or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes.	Coordination and Support Actions (Coordinating) 10 M€
A4.2.3.2 Conferences and other support actions	Topic ERANET.2007.2 Support actions reviewing the process of research programme integration being **of a horizontal nature** (i.e. cutting across several themes in the Cooperation Specific Programme or Parts in Capacities), or not directly linked to Cooperation Themes	Coordination and support actions (Supporting) 0.4 M€

2. A sum of up to 18.5M€[1] is foreseen in this joint call for ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus actions identified by cooperation themes in this workprogramme.

Table2 – Overview of Activities and Topics mentioned in Cooperation Themes which are part of the FP7-ERANET-2007 –RTD joint call.

THEME/Activity	Topic identifier	TITLE	Budget
COOPERATION SPECIFIC PROGRAMME			**(M€)**
1. HEALTH			
1.2.4. Other major diseases	HEALTH-2007 2.4.1.13	ERA-NET for optimisation of use of Cancer Register	2
2. FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY			
2.1.2. Sustainability of all production systems: Plant Health and Crop Protection	KBBE-2007 1.2.07	ERA-NET for Coordination of Agricultural Research in the Mediterranean	1
2.1.3. Optimised Animal Health, Production and Welfare	KBBE-2007 1.3.02	ERA-NET for Coordination of European research in the area of animal health	1
4. NMP			
4.1.5 Nanosciences and converging sciences	NMP-2007 4.1.1-5	ERA-NET-Plus project on basic research in nanosciences.	8[2]
4.4.1 NMP – Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP-2007 4.0-7	ERA –NET on Construction	Up to 2.5
5. ENERGY			
5.7 Smart Energy Network	ENERGY-2007 7.3.3	Stepping up the cooperation of national and regional research activities on Smart Power Grids (ERA-NET).	7.5[3]
5.10 Horizontal Programme Actions	ENERGY-2007 10.0.1	Optimise EU action through a better coordination of the international cooperation initiatives of the EU and Member States (ERA-NET).	
5.10 Horizontal Programme Actions	ENERGY-2007 10.0.3	Fostering coordination between natio-nal and European energy RTD stra-tegies and programmes (ERA-NET).	
6. ENVIRONMENT (Including Climate Change)			
6.1.2 Environment and Health	ENV-2007 1.2.3.1	ERA-NET for environment and health	2

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[1] To be increased by 15,5 M€ from the 2008 budget, under the condition that the preliminary draft budget is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

[2] An amount of 8 M€ is given to this call from the 2008 budget. This is under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

[3] An amount of 7.5 M€ is given to this call from the 2008 budget. This is under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

6.3.2. Protection, Conservation and enhancement in cultural heritage	ENV-2007 3.2.2.1	ERA-NET for the preservation of the tangible cultural heritage	2
7. TRANSPORT (Including Aeronautics)			
7.2.6 Cross-cutting activities	SST-2007 6.7	ERA-NET Transport II, Surface transport	Up to 3
8. SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES			
8.8. Strategic Activities	SSH-2007 8.6	A limited number of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus actions in all the Theme	5

- Evaluation procedure :

  – The general evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds) for the different funding schemes are set out in annex 2 to this work programme
  – The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure.
  – Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
  – Proposals may be evaluated remotely.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

- Evaluation in September 2007
- Opening of negotiations in November 2007
- Selections from January 2008
- Contracts from February 2008

- Consortia agreements:

Consortia Agreements are recommended, particularly for ERANET Plus actions.

- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.

- Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:

- The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation.

- See parts on eligibility of participants in the description of the activity.

- For the evaluation of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus proposals, the general criteria and thresholds applicable to Coordination and Support Actions given in Annex 2, are modified as follows:

  1. Scientific and/or technological excellence - Quality of coordination (Threshold 4/5 instead of 3/5)
  - The management should be supported by a suitable governance structure involving the participating organisations at an appropriate level.

2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation (Threshold 3/5)

- In reference to the applicable work programme, does the proposed ERA-NET / ERA-NET Plus action pool the necessary resources between national programmes and the Community and does it represent <u>the most appropriate type of public funding for this pre-defined area</u>?

3. Potential impact (Threshold 3/5)

- The participants should be the key actors within their national or regional research systems.
- The ERA-NET activities should lay the foundations for a durable cooperation between the partners involved.
- Is there a clearly identified and agreed European added value through a variable geometry approach?