

Monthly Newsletter

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HEADLINE NEWS !!
Calls for most areas of FP7 will be published on 20 July 2010. See pages 2-3 for detailed draft work programmes for the main FP7 themes.



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FP7 - Calls Open

Programme	Call	Deadline
Marie Curie Individual Fellowships	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF) The scheme is aimed at researchers of any nationality who have been active in an EU Member State or Associated State and will enable them to move to a host organisation in a different EU Member State or Associated State for 1-2 years.	17 August 2010
	Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) The scheme is aimed at researchers of any nationality who have been active in research in a third country (i.e. outside Europe). The researcher must move from a third country to a host institution in an EU Member State or Associated State for 1-2 years.	17 August 2010
	Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) for Career Development The scheme is aimed at researchers who are nationals of an EU Member State or Associated State. They	17 August 2010

	may go to a high-level research organisation in a third country (i.e. outside Europe) for 1-2 years and there is a mandatory return phase of one year in Europe.	
Marie Curie Reintegration Grants	Marie Curie European Re-integration Grants (ERG) This scheme is for experienced researchers of any nationality, who have benefited from a Marie Curie action in FP6/FP7. Applications are submitted by the researcher in conjunction with a host organisation in Europe and the scheme provides a grant of €15,000 p.a. for 2-3 years.	7 September 2010
	Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants (IRG) This scheme is for experienced researchers who are nationals of EU Member States/Associated Countries and who have been active in research outside Europe for at least 3 years. Applications are submitted by researchers in conjunction with a prospective host institution in Europe and the scheme provides €25,000 per year for 2-4 years.	7 September 2010
Please note that the two above schemes will change in the 2011 work programme - the Marie Curie Reintegration Grants scheme and the International Reintegration Grants scheme will be rolled into a single action, the Career Integration Grants scheme.		

Please click on individual links to access all relevant documents.



FP7 Draft Work Programmes for 2011

The Commission is aiming to publish work programmes and launch calls for proposals in most areas of FP7 on 20 July 2010, with deadlines towards the end of 2010 or early 2011. Draft work programmes are available for the 10 themes of "Cooperation" from the NCPs and Consultative Bureau, along with lists of indicative topics.

Draft Work Programmes and Topic Lists:

COOPERATION

Health
Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (KBBE)
Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)¹
Nanosciences, Nanotechnology and New Production Technologies (NMP)
Energy
Environment (including Climate Change)
Transport (including Aeronautics and Sustainable Surface Transport)
Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities
Security

¹ Note that the next ICT work programme is expected to be published on 28 September

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC) STARTING GRANTS

The ERC will announce a new call for applications for the ERC Starting Grant scheme on 20 July 2010. The deadlines will be staggered, depending on domain, and dates are likely to be:

- Physical Sciences & Engineering: 14 October 2010
- Life Sciences: 9 November 2010
- Social Sciences and Humanities: 24 November 2010.

The scheme will support a single Principal Investigator at the stage of starting or consolidating his/her own independent research team and covers all areas of frontier research. Applicants must be more than 2 years and less than 12 years from the award of their PhD prior to the publication of the Starting Grant call date (extensions allowable up to 16.5 years for eligible career breaks).

Draft work programmes are also available for the following themes:

**Science in Society
REGPOT**

In addition to calls in the above areas, we expect work programmes and calls to be published on 20 July 2010 for the following schemes:

- Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN)
- Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)
- Research Infrastructures
- Research for the Benefit of SMEs

Free Access to Research Infrastructures

One of the objectives of the Research Infrastructures programme of FP7 is to optimise the use and development of the best existing Research Infrastructures in Europe. The EU has funded 38 different Research Infrastructure projects so far, which structure the way a given class of infrastructures operate and provide access "free of charge" (funding includes all infrastructural, logistical, technical and scientific support, training, travel and subsistence) to research teams from across Europe. Projects have been funded in the following areas:

- Engineering and Energy
- Environment and Earth Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Social Sciences and Humanities

The first tranche to be funded is listed at this website:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=ri_projects_fp7

All offer free access to their facilities (remotely and/or "hands on") - either with fixed deadlines for applications for access and/ or continuously open calls. Some Research Infrastructures offer other services, training courses, networking activities etc."

Joint Technology Initiatives (JTIs) – Calls open

Programme	Details	Deadline
Clean Sky (Aeronautics and Air Transport)	Clean Sky JTI 2010-03 Fifth call for proposals (launched on 03.05.10)	20 July 2010
Further information: http://www.cleansky.eu/index.php?arbo_id=52&item_id=46		
Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Technology Initiative (FCH JTI)	FCH-JU-2010-1 <i>Collaborative Projects in the areas of:</i> Transportation & Refuelling Infrastructure; Hydrogen Production & Distribution; Stationary Power Generation & CHP; Early Markets. <i>Coordination & Support Actions for:</i> Cross-cutting Issues	13 October 2010
Further information: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=309		

Joint Technology Initiatives (JTIs) – Call expected

Programme	Details	Call expected
Innovative Medicines Initiatives (IMI)	The scientific priorities for 2010 have been approved. They will provide the framework for the development of the 3rd Call topics, which will be published later this year. Each scientific priority may give rise to several call topics.	Last trimester of 2010

Other EU and European Programmes – Calls currently open

LIFE+

The LIFE+ 2010 call for proposals has been published for the co-financing of projects under within the following themes:

- LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity
- LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance
- LIFE+ Information and Communication

Deadline: 1 September 2010.

Further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

European Investment Bank University Research Sponsorship (EIBURS) Programme

EIBURS provides grants to University Research Centres working on research topics and themes of major interest to the Bank. EIB sponsorships, of up to EUR 100 000 per year for a period of 3 years, are awarded through a competitive process to interested university departments or research centres, associated with universities of EU, accession or acceding countries, with recognised expertise in EIB-selected areas, so they can expand their activities in these areas.

Deadline: 10 September 2010.

Further information: <http://www.eib.org/about/news/three-new-eiburs-sponsorships-within-eib-universities-research-action.htm>

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

The OECD has launched the 2011 call for its Co-operative Research Programme:

- Research Fellowships – aimed at researchers working in the fields of agriculture, forestry and fisheries who would like the opportunity to conduct some of their research abroad, in another member country of the OECD Co-operative Research Programme. Possible help with funding to facilitate international collaboration and networking between researchers.
Deadline: 5 September 2010.
- Conference Sponsorship - aimed at organisers of international conferences during 2011 or 2012, related to agriculture, forestry or fisheries. Possible help with funding should the planned conference fit the eligibility criteria.
Deadline: 15 September 2010.

Further information:

http://www.oecd.org/document/58/0,3343,en_2649_33903_42625274_1_1_1_37401,00.html
http://www.oecd.org/document/41/0,3343,en_2649_33903_45019689_1_1_1_37401,00.html

European Science Foundation (ESF) Research Conferences

Scientists are invited to submit proposals for high-level research conferences to take place in 2012 in the following scientific domains:

- Interdisciplinary Environmental Sciences (1)
- Molecular Biology+: Molecular Biology at the Interface with other Science Disciplines (up to 5)
- Mathematics (*for conferences in 2011 and 2012*) (up to 4)
- Physics/Biophysics and Environmental Sciences (up to 5)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (up to 5)

Deadline: 15 September 2010.

Further information: Call: <http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/call-for-proposals.html>

Contact the Consultative Bureau (info.biro@nauka.gov.rs) for a summary document (Nutshell note).

COST (European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research)

COST invites proposals for Actions contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal development of Europe. COST stimulates new, innovative, interdisciplinary and broad research networks in Europe and is organised in nine broad Domains:

- Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences
- Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies
- Earth System Science and Environmental Management
- Food and Agriculture
- Forests, their Products and Services
- Individuals, Society, Culture and Health
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Materials, Physical and Nanosciences
- Transport and Urban Development.

Next collection date for Preliminary Proposals: 24 September 2010.

Further information: <http://www.cost.esf.org/>

Culture Programme Call

The objectives of the Culture Programme are to promote the trans-national mobility of people working in the cultural sector; support the trans-national circulation of cultural and artistic works and products; and promote inter-cultural dialogue.

- Multi annual cooperation projects (Strand 1.1)
- Cooperation measures (Strand 1.2.1)

Deadline: 1 October 2010.

Further information and application forms:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/funding/2010/index_en.php.

Calls for Experts

Expert Evaluators for FP7

Why not register as an expert evaluator for FP7 programmes, and assist in the evaluation of proposals and monitoring of projects, programmes and other initiatives. The European Commission is keen to encourage researchers at all stages of their career to register on its database of experts. This is one of the best forms of proposal writing training available. Currently, there is a specific need for female evaluators.

Expert Evaluators for EU Teaching & Learning, Audiovisual, Culture, etc. programmes

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency has issued a call for expressions of interest for the establishment of a list of experts in the fields of education, audiovisual, culture, youth and citizenship. Applications can be submitted until 30.06.2013.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/call_experts/call_experts_2007_en.php

European Food Safety Authority - Database of Scientific Experts

This database aims to pool scientific excellence across Europe in order to reinforce EFSA's capacity to provide high-quality and timely scientific advice within its areas of activity. The UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) has been asked by EFSA to promote the database, and new applications are now invited from scientists interested in registering as experts. EFSA is based in Parma, Italy and is an independent agency of the European Union providing scientific advice and support that contributes towards EU policies and legislation covering food safety, nutrition, animal health and welfare, and plant health and protection.

Further information: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/PartnersNetworks/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1178712806106.htm

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

First call for individuals to join a database of prospective independent experts to assist with tasks in connection with the evaluation and implementation of EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICS). Experts are required from a wide range of profiles and with a high level of professional expertise within the following areas:

- Thematic area: Sustainable energy
- Thematic area: Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Thematic area: Future information and communication society
- Business creation and venture capital
- Innovation in existing business
- Entrepreneurial education
- Research and product development

Further information: <http://eit.europa.eu/experts.html>

Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES)

The European Commission has launched a call for expressions of interest concerning technical assistance in evaluating, monitoring and validating Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) projects and services. The purpose is to establish a reserve list of experts whose role is to assist the Commission services in the evaluation and monitoring of projects in the frame of the GMES initiative and/or the assessment/validation of products/services offered by those projects. Deadline: 11 May 2012.

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=3132

Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) - Call for Experts in Drug Development

The IMI Joint Undertaking is encouraging experts in drug development to register as evaluators for IMI proposals. Evaluations usually take place in the context of short sessions, lasting a maximum of around 10 days a year. These may be in Brussels – or Luxembourg for some innovation actions – or carried out remotely (i.e. at the evaluator's home or place of work).

Registration is online with the FP7 Experts Management Module (EMM)

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/>

IMI website: http://www.imi.europa.eu/index_en.html

Information Days

FP7 Energy: UK Information Day on 2011 calls, including Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Call – London – 15 July 2010

Organised by the Energie Helpline UK, this will include presentations about call priorities, plus opportunity to discuss proposal ideas on one-to-one basis.

FP7 UK Information Day on “Food, Agriculture & Fisheries and Biotechnology” and “Environment” – London – 16 July 2010

Information on calls in the 2011 work programmes to be published at end of July 2010.

Further information: Email: ian.sutherland@defra.gsi.gov.uk

FP7 Transport Information Days – Brussels – 22-23 July 2010

The European Commission's Research Directorate-General will hold two information days to support the preparation of proposals for the expected FP7 Transport calls. The first day will focus on the Aeronautics and Air Transport call, and the second day will be dedicated to the Sustainable Surface Transport Call, including rail freight, eco-innovation, and waterborne transport. Please note there is a limit of two representatives per institution.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/events/infodays2010_en.html

Information session on EU Culture Programme at the Edinburgh Festival – Fringe Central, Edinburgh – 10 August 2010 (2-4 pm)

As UK Cultural Contact Point, Visiting Arts is running a free seminar to outline the EU funding opportunities available to arts and cultural projects. Presented by the UK's official Contact Point for the Culture Programme, this seminar will provide a brief summary of the Culture programme and other EU funding opportunities available to arts and cultural organisations. If you are planning a project or collaboration, or if you want to know about the EU funding opportunities available, you can book a place at this seminar by emailing:

rsvp@visitingarts.org.uk

Information Day on “Oceans of Tomorrow” Joint Call – Brussels – 9 September 2010

The European Commission is planning an information day on the FP7 cross-thematic Joint Call entitled 'Oceans of Tomorrow: joining forces to meet the challenges in ocean management', expected to be launched in late July. Registration is not yet open but further information can be obtained by emailing: RTD-OCEAN-CALL@ec.europa.eu

Conference on the Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy towards 2020 – Brussels – 13-14 September 2010

Organised by the future Belgian Presidency of the EU, the conference will look at results of implementation of Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy in terms of European and national research activities and industrial output. It will also provide input into upcoming action plan for a sustainable and innovative bio-economy in Europe until 2020.

Further information: <http://www.kbbe2010.be/>

Growing GALILEO 2010 Information Day - Brussels – 22 September 2010

The third call for proposals for Global Navigation Satellite Systems(GNSS) research and development under FP7 will be published at the end of July 2010. This information day will help interested researchers and companies hone their applications for satellite navigation projects under FP7.

Further information: <http://www.gsa.europa.eu/index.cfm?objectid=3A7EAB90-E071-F2D7-27643EEEF0022419>

Ambient Assisted Living Forum 2010 – Odense, Denmark – 15-17 September 2010

The Forum will present innovative solutions to tackle the challenges inherent to ageing societies, and will launch the first ever European “AAL Investment Forum”.

Further information: <http://www.aalforum.eu/>

"SSH (Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities) Goes Global" Conference – Istanbul, Turkey – 21 September 2010

The conference will include information presentations from the Commission on the 2011 SSH calls for proposals and networking opportunities for researchers and a range of stakeholders including universities, research institutions, civil society organisations and SMEs.

Further information: <http://www.b2match.com/sshgoesglobal/>

ICT 2010: Digitally Driven - Brussels - 27-29 September 2010

This biennial event has become a unique gathering point for researchers, business people, investors and high level policy makers in the field of digital innovation. ICT 2010 will focus on policy priorities such as Europe's Digital Agenda and the next financial programme of the European Union for funding research and innovation in ICT.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010/index_en.htm

EurOCEAN 2010 Conference – Ostend - 12-13 October 2010

This will provide a unique opportunity for the European marine science community to consider, discuss and respond to new policy developments and achievements since the last EurOCEAN conference (2007, Aberdeen), and to highlight new challenges and opportunities for marine research in the next decade.

Further information: www.eurocean2010.eu

2010 Annual Polis Conference – Innovation in transport for sustainable cities and regions – Dresden – 25-26 November 2010

Learn about innovative transport actions and policies pursued by cities and regions. Gain insight into the future direction of urban and regional mobility. Learn about current practice and future plans. Gain understanding of the research needs for sustainable mobility in cities and regions. This conference is aimed at transport professionals from public authorities; decision makers at local, regional, national and EU level; transport industry; researchers.

Further information: www.polis-online.org

European Commission Consultations

CONSULTATIONS STILL OPEN:

**Consultation on the Green Paper on Forest Protection and Information in the EU:
Preparing forests for climate change**

This green paper raises a series of questions relevant to developing options for future forest protection and information in the EU under a changing climate.

Deadline: 31 July 2010.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/forests_en.htm

Green Paper and Consultation on Cultural and Creative Industries

The European Commission has published a Green Paper entitled "Unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries" and a public consultation. This highlights the need to improve access to finance, especially for small businesses, as key to enabling the creative and cultural industry sector to flourish and to contribute to sustainable and inclusive growth.

The UK HE Europe Unit urges UK HEIs and other stakeholders to respond to the Consultation to ensure that the UK HE sector's views on the cultural and creative industries in Europe are fully voiced. The Europe Unit is also coordinating a UK HE sector response and would be grateful to receive a copy of your submission to inform this. The deadline for responses to the Consultation is 30 July 2010. However, for the sector-wide response, it would be helpful, where possible, to receive a copy of your submission by 23 July 2010. Please email your submission to callista.punch@europeunit.ac.uk.

Deadline: 30 July 2010.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-policy-development/doc2577_en.htm

NEW CONSULTATIONS:

FP7 Research Policy: Interim Evaluation Online Consultation

The FP7 interim evaluation aims to examine progress and provide recommendations to help both the future implementation of FP7 as well as forming ideas for the next Framework Programme, FP8. To inform its work, a survey has been prepared to gain the views from organisations which are involved (as users and other types of stakeholders) in the implementation of FP7.

Deadline: 27 August 2010.

Further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=FP7n>

Consultation on net neutrality and the open internet in Europe

The consultation is centred on the following themes:

- The open internet and the end-to-end principle;
- Traffic management/discrimination;
- Market structure;
- Consumers – quality of service; and
- The political, cultural and social dimension

Deadline: 30 September 2010

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecommlibrary/public_consult/net_neutrality/index_en.htm

External Newsletters

New Zealand RS&T News

The New Zealand Ministry of Research, Science & Technology publishes a monthly electronic newsletter containing ministry and sector news:

<http://www.morst.govt.nz/about/News/RST-News/>

RCUK in China Newsletter

The Research Councils UK Office in China publishes a number of newsletters each year. These can be downloaded from the RCUK website:

http://www.rcuk.cn/rcuk/fore/s_workshop_cnt_en.php?pgm_id=133

Energie Helpline UK bulletin

The Energie Helpline UK is a free Government-funded service that promotes the EU energy funding programmes in the UK and provides support to organisations bidding for European funding. It issues monthly bulletins which are accessible from the website:

www.energiehelpline.co.uk

Science & Innovation Japan Newsletter

Monthly newsletter from the UK's Science & Innovation team in Japan, summarising key news stories from Japan's science press:

<http://ukinjapan.fco.gov.uk/en/news/?view=News&id=22288178>

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