

INFRA-2011-3.5: Trans-national cooperation among NCPs

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Important dates

Tentative timetable

- Info day: 11.06.2010
- Call publication: 30.07.2010
- Closing date: 23.11.2010
- Evaluation: Jan 2011 – Feb 2011
- Negotiation: March-May 2011
- Projects start: as of June 2011



Objectives

- Support a network of National Contact Points (NCP) for Research Infrastructures, providing value added services across Europe, supporting policy design, exchanging best practices and promoting transnational co-operation
- Proposals are expected to include up to one NCP per country as officially appointed by the relevant national authorities (see the "Guiding principles for setting up of NCP systems for the FP7 for Research and Technological Development", http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html)



Expected Impact

- Lower entry barriers for newcomers to the programme
- Improved efficiency in the design, construction and operation of research infrastructures
- Improved bases for policy development



Examples of Activities

- Maintenance of a repository of data on national and European policies, budgets and programmes on Research Infrastructures per area
- Exchange of best practices among Public Authorities, infrastructure operators and NCPs
- Liaison between the NCP systems in the context of various trans-national activities (data collection, benchmarking, joint workshops, training, twinning schemes)

Examples of Activities

- Practical initiatives to benefit cross-border audiences, such as trans-national brokerage events
- For more examples (e.g. quality assessment of NCP performance) see also the document “Guiding principles for setting up of NCP systems for the FP7 for Research and Technological Development”.

Budget & Call Information

- **Indicative budget**
EUR 1 million
- **Funding Scheme**
 - Coordination Action (CSA-CA)
 - Support Action (CSA-SA)

Contact & Further Information

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http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/e-infrastructure/calls_en.html