Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the Seventh Framework Programme

Coordination actions
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What is a Coordination action?

Coordination actions are designed to promote and support the networking and co-ordination of research and innovation activities at national, regional and European level over a fixed period by establishing in a coherent way coordinated initiatives of a range of research and innovation operators, in order to achieve improved integration of the European research.
Coordination actions may carry out the following types of mid/long term collaborative activities:

- organisation of conferences, of meetings
- performance of studies, analysis
- exchanges of personnel
- exchange and dissemination of good practice
- setting up of common information systems
- setting up of expert groups
- definition, organisation, management of joint or common initiatives
- project management

Coordination actions do not conduct S&T research!
Evaluation criteria - Coordination actions

1. Scientific and technical quality:
   Soundness of concept, and quality of objectives
   Contribution to the coordination of high quality research
   Quality and effectiveness of the coordination mechanisms and associated work plan
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2. Implementation:

Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures

Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants

Quality of the consortium as a whole (including complementarity, balance)

Appropriateness of the allocation and justification of the resources to be committed (budget, staff, equipment)
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3. Impact:

Contribution, at the European and/or international level, to the expected impacts listed in the work programme under relevant topic/activity

Appropriateness of measures for spreading excellence, exploiting results and disseminating knowledge through engagement with stakeholders and the public at large
FP7 experience of Coordination actions

Purpose: Co-ordination of research activities

Target Audience: Research institutions, universities, industry incl. SME

Typical duration: 18-36 months

Optimum consortium: 13-26 participants

Total EU contribution: €0.5-2m (average around €1m)
The work is “stand alone”, it doesn’t involve real cooperation and networking.

The added value of coordinating the activities isn’t evident, or it isn’t to the benefit of ICT.

The proposal is for a research activity.

Clear added value to the ICT theme. The projects / activities to be coordinated are on-going, they are doing quality work and their motivation to participate is clear.