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

Objective 11.3 – Supplements to strengthen cooperation in ICT R&D in an Enlarged European Union

ICT Call 7
Despite the enlargements of the European Union in May 2004 and in January 2007, around 85% of ICT research funding is still taken by organisations in the pre-enlargement EU.
The ICT Workprogramme for Objective 11.3 calls for:

“the reinforcement of cooperation across the Enlarged European Union and strengthening the integration of the European Research Area in ICT”

“Support will go to the participation of additional partners in ongoing ICT research projects, with the aim to increase the level of expertise, broaden the scope and/or speed up developments”
Objective 11.3 proposals come from the coordinators of existing ICT research projects, proposing an extension of their project by the introduction of new partners.

They briefly describe the existing project, so that you can understand the background, but the main part of the proposal discusses the planned extension.
You are not required to re-evaluate the existing project. You can assume it is of adequate quality.

Your Commission Moderator will give you a copy of the project’s fact sheet, detailing the existing partners and funding

(or you can find it at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/projects/home_en.html)
We have received 53 proposals in this objective, requesting in total 26 M€. The available budget is 10 M€

The proposals extends existing projects in many technical areas within the ICT programme, you will evaluate only proposal(s) in your own area of expertise
The evaluation

Please remember this is not an evaluation in the original objective of the ICT project
This is an evaluation in the Objective 11.3

It is not sufficient that the proposal is a useful piece of research
The proposal must also meet the goals of Objective 11.3 as they are described in the ICT Workprogramme
1. Does this proposal extend the project from the pre-enlargement EU to the Enlarged European Union or European Research Area?
EU enlargements

May 2004
Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia

January 2007
Bulgaria, Romania

European Research Area
EU candidate states Croatia and Turkey and other countries for which the EU has a policy of outreach, notably from the former Yugoslavia and the former USSR
2. Some of the existing partners may be involved in supporting the new partners’ activities. But Objective 11.3 is not an invitation to develop significant new tasks for the existing partners or to expand their old ones.

The Workprogramme says it is the new partners who are being introduced to increase the level of expertise, broaden the scope and/or speed up developments.
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3. A proposal involving one new partner, one workpackage and a modest budget may be brief and focused

However in a proposal involving a significant extension of the existing project (funding, numbers of partners), the task of integrating the extension into the existing project must be adequately addressed.
A project cannot add a significant number of new partners, and then say we will carry on just as we did before.

A project cannot add 20-30% to its budget without explaining how this will change the goals and impact of the project overall.
Additional funding requested

- Up to 200 k€: 3 proposals
- 201-400 k€: 19 proposals
- 401-600 k€: 17 proposals
- 601-800 k€: 8 proposals
- 801-1000* k€: 6 proposals (53 proposals)

* ceiling imposed by the Workprogramme
All of the existing projects involved in this objective are doing good work for the ICT Theme....

....but no-one has an automatic right to extra funding

We can only select

• Well-thought out and well-explained proposals
• Which add value to the existing project
• And which extend that project to the Enlarged European Union or European Research Area