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

Coordination actions in FET Proactive ICT Call 8 – March 2012
Coordination actions are designed to promote and support the networking and co-ordination of research activities at national, regional and European level over a fixed period by establishing in a coherent way coordinated initiatives of a range of research 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!
1. Scientific and technical quality

- Clarity of objectives
- Contribution to the coordination of high-risk and high-impact research, for new or emerging areas or horizontally
- Quality and effectiveness of the coordination activities

Weight 40% - Threshold 3/5
2. Implementation

- Quality of workplan and management
- Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants
- Quality of the consortium
- Appropriate management of the resources to be committed (staff, equipment....)

Weight 20% - Threshold 3/5
3. Impact

- Transformational impact on the communities and/or practices for high-risk and high-impact research
- Appropriateness of measures for spreading excellence, use of results and dissemination of knowledge, including engagement with stakeholders

Weight 40% - Threshold 3/5
Purpose: Co-ordination of research activities

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

Funding: A CA in FET Proactive typically has 4-6 partners and Commission funding between 0.5-1M€

Fixed workplan and fixed partnership for duration
Clear added value to the FET research community targeted.

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 FET research community. The proposal is for a research activity.