

PCP funding opportunities – ICT solutions for all areas of public interest - WP 2011 Call 8

Work Programme FP7-ICT-2011 Call 8 includes the following EC funding opportunities for PCP actions:

- **Targeted call for PCP actions in the area of photonics solutions for public interest (€3M)**
More info under Objective 3.5(d) of FP7-ICT-2011-8:
Open to proposals for joint cross-border PCPs (CP-CSA type grant) for developing innovative photonics solutions improving quality and/or efficiency of public sector challenges (e.g. lighting, high bandwidth broadband access, environmental monitoring, biophotonics, security)
- **Open call for PCP actions addressing any area of public interest (€5M)**
More info under Objective 11.1 of FP7-ICT-2011-8:
Open to proposals for networking on PCP (CSA type grant) and joint cross-border PCPs (CP-CSA type grant). CP-CSAs can relate to for example public sector needs for new ICT solutions in healthcare, inclusion, e-government, transport, energy efficiency, environment, security, education etc

Expressions Of Interest

To support potential participants to find partners for preparing project proposals for Call 8, interested organisations are invited to complete the [EOI form for PCP actions under objective 3.5](#) or the [EOI form for PCP actions under objective 11.1](#).

Deadline for submission of proposals Call 8

17 January 2012 – 17h00 Brussels time

Background information in preparation of project proposals for PCP actions in Call 8:

- **Potential application areas for PCP actions related to photonics:** [overview doc](#)
- **Presentations and background docs from previous networking events** in preparation of Call 8:
 - ✚ Budapest PCP Event - April 2011: presentations available at [PCP 2011 website](#) and [Events page](#) PCP website. A report summarising the main discussions and conclusions of the event is also available there.
 - ✚ Information and networking day Call 8 PCP actions - 24 October 2011: Agenda and Presentations on [Events page](#).
- The **results of the 2010 survey on the status of implementation of PCP across Europe** ([executive summary & complete survey](#)) can be consulted on the [Policy Framework page](#) of the PCP website.

PCP Funding Opportunities - High Performance Computing

The 2012 FP7 Capacities - Research Infrastructures work programme ([INFRA-2012-2.3.1](#)) on the third implementation phase of the European High Performance Computing (HPC) service PRACE calls for a joint pre-commercial procurement with a view to develop, test and evaluate the required mechanisms for PRACE, increase the financial resources dedicated to HPC R&D in Europe, and ensure that European HPC procurement benefits the development of systems and software in Europe.

Call deadline for submission of proposals: 23 november 2011

PCP Funding Opportunities – Border Security

The 2012 FP7 Security Research work programme ([FP7-SEC-2012-1](#)) calls for CP-CSA proposals to enhance the use of innovative technology for border surveillance. The call targets solutions for the pre-operational validation of "Common Application of Surveillance Tools at EU level" in order to provide the EU with an operational and technical framework that would increase situational awareness and improve the reaction capability of authorities surveying the external borders of the EU.

Call deadline for submission of proposals: 23 November 2011 (Topic SEC-2012.3.1-2)

Consultation day – scoping future innovative procurement activities in ehealth and assisted living

On 9 December 2011, Brussels, the DG INFSO ICT for health and inclusion units organise a consultation day on future activities for innovative procurement in the domains of eHealth and Assisted Living, within the scope of the European Commission R&D&I programmes. New mechanisms such as the Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) and Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions (PPI) offer new possibilities for procurers to respond more effectively to key societal challenges. The meeting will aim to explore for which purposes and specific needs in the mentioned domains these could be used in the future. It should lead to a concrete list of priority areas and topics.

In particular, the results of this consultation meeting will serve as major input to the definition of the Work Programme 2013 of the ICT Theme in FP7 (Seventh Framework Programme for Research). They will also be considered for future activities under the next Framework Programme of research and innovation activities, Horizon 2020, which is due to start in 2014, for a period of 7 years.

Representatives of a public procurer, region, local authority or related constituency, are invited to express their interest in this workshop to ehhealth@ec.europa.eu.

Study on quantifying public procurement of R&D of ICT solutions in Europe

Early 2012 the Commission DG INFSO services intend to launch a new study on quantifying public procurement of research and development of ICT solutions in Europe. The purpose of this study is to undertake a first large scale data gathering exercise on the *total* amount of ICT related R&D procurements, focusing in particular also in those procurements which are *not* published EU wide and are undertaken across the 27 Member States as well as at least 2 countries associated to the EU's R&I programmes. The study will analyse the amounts of ICT procurement and R&D procurement to quantify the intensity of public procurement of R&D on ICT solutions that is taking place across different levels (national, regional, local) and areas of public sector activity (health, transport, energy, education, environment, etc). Based on this experience the study aims to develop a methodology and provide guidelines for integrating such an exercise into the official yearly statistics, scoreboards and benchmarking exercises relating to R&D expenditure across Europe in comparison with the rest of the world. OJ publication of [contract notice](#) and [tender specifications](#) of the study.

Public authorities and public purchasers in Member States that have or are developing experience in undertaking a similar exercise at national, regional or local level and are interested to be involved in this exercise and share experiences, are invited to contact lieve.bos@ec.europa.eu.