Information and Communications Technologies

Coordination actions (CA)

ICT Calls 2013

ICT Programme Operations Unit
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
What do Coordination actions do?

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 (staff, equipment....)
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.
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**Purpose**: Co-ordination of research activities

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

**Typical duration**: 18-36 months

**Typical consortium**: 13-26 participants

**Total EU contribution**: €0.5-2m (average around €1m)

**Fixed workplan and fixed partnership for duration**
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Clear added value to the ICT Theme. The projects / activities to be coordinated are ongoing, they are doing quality work and their motivation to participate in the project is clear.

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.