



First call for proposals for the specific programme for environment and climate

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Following the Decision by Parliament and Council adopting the Fourth Framework Programme of European Community activities in the field of research and technological development and demonstration (1994-1998) (Decision 1110/94/EC of 26.4.1994; OJ No L 126 of 18.5.1994) and the Council Decision on the specific programme for research and technological development, including demonstration, in the field of environment and climate, the Commission of the European Communities is inviting proposals for research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) projects as well as for concerted actions.

In conformity with Article 5.1 of the Decision on the specific programme, a work programme has been drawn up setting out the detailed objectives and types of projects to be undertaken, and the financial arrangements to be made for them.

Consortia of organizations eligible to participate in the programme (universities, research centres and industries, including SMEs) are invited to submit proposals for the areas set out below and covered by the work programme.

The research areas and topics will be addressed, in general, in shared-cost RTD projects and concerted actions, in conformity with the rules for implementation set out in Annex III of the Decision on the specific programme.

The Community's contribution to shared-cost RTD projects will normally not exceed 50% of the total costs, with progressively lower participation the nearer the project is to the market place. Those universities and other institutions which do not have analytical budget accountancy will be reimbursed on the basis of 100% of the additional costs. As a general rule, projects should involve at least two non-affiliated

partners from different Member States or from one Member State and one Associated State.

The Community's contribution to concerted action projects may cover up to 100% of the coordinating expenses.

The call is open for projects and concerted actions under themes 1, 2 and 4. The call is not open for theme 3 except for concerted actions under topic 3.1.1.

Proposals, one original and five copies, must arrive at the Commission not later than 27 April 1995 (12.00).

Proposals received by facsimile will not be admissible.

Technology stimulation (TS) actions to encourage and facilitate participation of SMEs (CRAFT): an award will be granted which will cover up to 75% of the cost of the exploratory phase, without exceeding ECU 45,000;

Community funding for cooperative research projects, involving at least two non-affiliated SMEs from at least two different Member States or one Member State and one Associated State, will normally cover 50% of the costs of the research.

Proposals for exploratory awards or cooperative research projects are subject to a continuously open call and can be submitted from the date of this call up to the final dates specified hereafter:

- Proposals for an exploratory award, with a view to submit at a later stage a complete proposal for an RTD project or a cooperative research project: 12 June 1996 (12.00);
- Proposals for a cooperative research project: 27 March 1997 (12.00).

RTD proposals resulting from an exploratory award must be submitted by the regular deadlines for RTD project proposals.

Proposers should consult the detailed work programme for this call for proposals which is part of the information package. The outline of this work programme is as follows:

Theme 1: Research into the natural environment, environmental quality and global change:

Area 1.1. Climate change and impact on natural resources;

1.1.1. Basic processes in the climate system;

1.1.2. The climate system in the past;

- 1.1.3. Climate variability, simulation of climate and prediction of climate change;
- 1.1.4. Impact of climate changes and other environmental factors on natural resources;
- 1.1.4.1. European water resources;
- 1.1.4.2. Agriculture, forests and the natural environment;
- 1.1.4.3. Land resources and the threat of desertification and soil erosion in Europe;

Area 1.2. Atmospheric physics and chemistry, interactions with the biosphere and mechanisms of environmental change impacts;

- 1.2.1. Atmospheric physics and chemistry;
- 1.2.1.1. Stratospheric chemistry and depletion of the ozone layer;
- 1.2.1.2. Tropospheric physics and chemistry;
- 1.2.2. Biospheric processes;
- 1.2.2.1. The functioning of ecosystems;
- 1.2.2.2. Alterations of processes as a result of UV-B radiation;
- 1.2.2.3. Biodiversity and environmental change;

Theme 2: Environmental technologies:

Area 2.1. Instruments, techniques and methods for monitoring the environment;

Area 2.2. Technologies for assessing risks to and protecting and rehabilitating the environment;

- 2.2.1. Methods of estimating and managing risks to the environment and to humans;
- 2.2.1.1. Risks to human health;
- 2.2.1.2. Risks to the environment;
- 2.2.1.3. Industrial safety;
- 2.2.2. Analysis of the life cycle of industrial and synthetic products;
- 2.2.3. Technologies to protect and rehabilitate the environment;
- 2.2.4. Technologies to protect and rehabilitate European cultural heritage;

Area 2.3. Technologies to forecast, prevent and reduce natural risks;

- 2.3.1. Hydrological and hydrogeological risks;
- 2.3.2. Seismic risk;
- 2.3.3. Volcanic risk;
- 2.3.4. Forest fires;

Theme 3: Space techniques applied to environmental monitoring and research:

Area 3.1. Methodological research and pilot projects;

- 3.1.1. Methodological research;
- 3.1.2. Pilot projects;

Area 3.2. Research and development work for potential future operational activities;

Area 3.3. Centre for Earth Observation;

Theme 4: Human dimensions of environmental change:

Area 4.1. Socio-economic causes and effects of environmental change;

Area 4.2. Economic and social responses to environmental problems - towards sustainable development;

Area 4.3. Integration of scientific knowledge and of economic and societal considerations into the formulation of environmental policies;

Area 4.4. Sustainable development and technological change.

Information given to the Commission relating to proposal applications or the contract will be treated in confidence.

The information package with detailed information about procedures for the submission of proposals, the work programme and the contract that will be established with successful proposers is available on written request, facsimile admitted, from the Commission's services.

Descriptions of work undertaken in earlier related programmes are also available on request.

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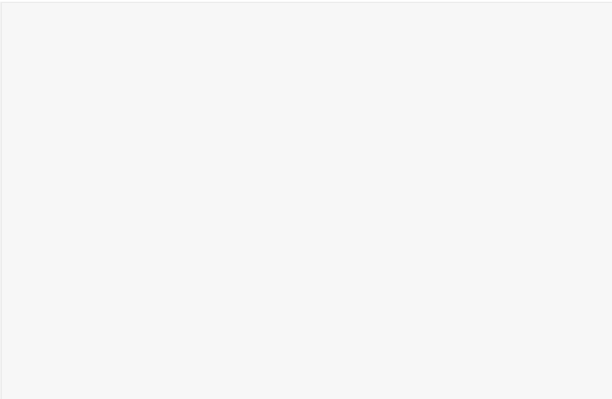
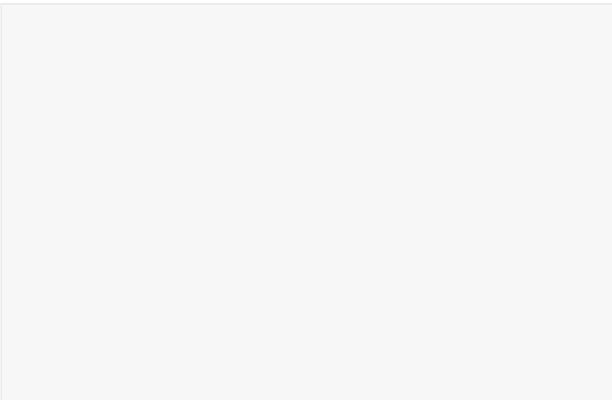
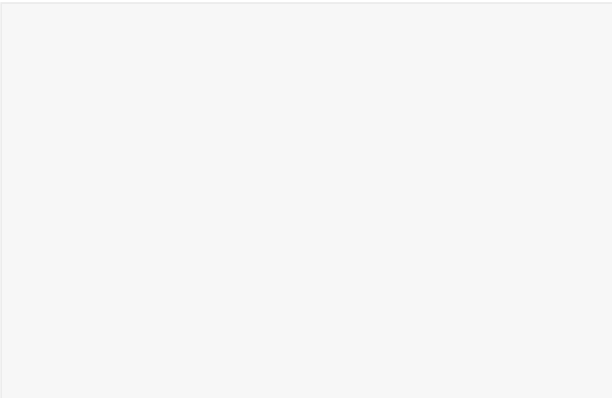
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