

Objective ICT-2013.10.3 International partnership building and support to dialogues – Horizontal International Cooperation Actions

Target outcomes

The target is to support dialogues between the European Commission/the EU and strategic partner countries and regions, and to foster cooperation with strategic third country organisations in collaborative ICT R&D both within the EU's Framework Programmes (FP7, Horizon 2020) and under relevant third country programmes. This could include in particular:

- the organisation of events synchronised with dialogue meetings⁴², providing timely input and follow-up for example on common R&D priorities and future cooperation opportunities, assisting in focusing dialogue meetings as well as increasing their visibility.
- strengthening of cooperative research links through the set-up of sustainable cooperative mechanisms or platforms between European organisations and relevant leading third country organisations, with the aim of establishing mutually beneficial partnerships based on synergies to be identified between the Digital Agenda for Europe's (DAE) international agenda and third countries/regions' ICT strategies,
- reinforcement of industrial cooperation on ICT research and development, notably through a better networking between European ICT Technology Platforms and relevant associations in third countries,
- increased co-ordination at EU level with horizontal Framework Programme instruments to promote international cooperation (such as BILAT, INCO-NET and ERA-NET), as well as relevant EU Member State and Associated Countries programmes.

Proposals should build upon the achievements by similar past or ongoing projects, in countries/or regions where applicable, while avoiding duplication of that effort in this Call.

Targeted countries/regions:

- a) ACP countries (in particular Africa)
- b) Asia (in particular China, India, South-East Asia)
- c) Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- d) High Income Countries: Subgroup 1: North America (Canada, USA)
- e) High Income Countries: Subgroup 2: East Asia/Oceania (Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan)
- f) Latin America
- g) Mediterranean Partner Countries

It is expected that each targeted area will be covered by at least one project, and that duplication of effort in an area is avoided (i.e., if more than one proposal / area should be retained, preference will be given to proposals with different and/or additional country(ies) coverage).

⁴² This includes Information Society Dialogues (organised by DG INFSO), meetings under S&T Agreements (organised by DG RTD), and other relevant meetings (e.g. Senior Officials or Ministerial level regional meetings).

Expected impact

- Reinforcement of strategic partnerships with key third countries and regions in areas of mutual interest and added value in jointly addressing important issues.
- Increased visibility for EU ICT R&D activities and research excellence.
- Support provided for European organisations/individuals in accessing third country programmes.

Activities under this objective should be covered in balanced partnership with relevant and highly qualified third country organisations, including in particular governmental actors (third country research ministries/agencies), relevant industry associations, and academic partners (research centres/universities). Measureable performance indicators should be included (e.g. minimum numbers of events to be organised, participants, new proposals assisted/helped to initiate, European organisations/individuals supported in accessing third country programmes, etc.).

Funding schemes

CSA (Support Actions)

Indicative budget distribution

- CSA (SA): EUR 8 million (maximum EU grant of EUR 800 K per proposal)

Call

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