

# CIP - ICT Policy Support Programme



INFORMATION on CALL 3bis based on the amended Work Programme 2009

## What is the ICT Policy Support Programme?

The **Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme (CIP)** runs for the years 2007-2013 and is organised around three multi-annual specific programmes:

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP)
- Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE)

The **ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP)** has an overall budget of € M 730. In 2009 the annual budget amounts to more than €110 million. It will go to beyond €140 million in 2013.

## Objectives of ICT PSP

The ICT Policy Support Programme aims at a wider uptake and best use of ICT and digital content by citizens, governments and businesses, in particular SMEs.

It helps overcome hurdles that hinder the advancement of an information society for all. ICT PSP aims to develop pan-European, ICT-based solutions and services, most notably in areas of public interest.

Greater uptake of such ICT services will open a wide range of new business opportunities, in particular for innovative SMEs.



## Activities supported by ICT PSP

ICT PSP supports pilot actions and networking activities in areas such as:

- ICT for health
- ICT for ageing and inclusion
- Digital Libraries
- ICT for government and governance
- ICT for energy efficiency, environment and smart mobility
- Public Sector information...

Projects funded by ICT PSP are selected following open calls for proposals launched each year. The themes and objectives addressed for a call are detailed in the ICT PSP annual Work Programme.

## Who can apply?

Participation in the programme is open to organisations from all EU member states and other countries having a specific agreement to participate in ICT PSP<sup>1</sup>.

Any proposal needs to be submitted by a consortium which should comprise the necessary stakeholders to address one of the objectives of the annual Work Programme. It has also to include a minimum number of organisations from different member or associated states.

**The Call for proposals – call3bis** - opens from 5 June till 23 September 2009. Details on the call are provided on the website: [http://ec.europa.eu/ict\\_psp](http://ec.europa.eu/ict_psp)

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<sup>1</sup> These countries include Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey which is joining the ICT PSP (for participation from 2009).

## Information on ICT PSP Call 3bis

Complementing the third call for proposals (which is now closed) launched in 2009, **a new call for proposals – Call3bis - is open in June 2009**. Call3bis focuses on the single objective 3.5 (addressing eParticipation) for up to 7 M€ as described in the amended work programme 2009:

Themes and objectives	Budget <i>Instruments</i>
<b>Theme 3. ICT for government and governance</b>	<b>7 M€</b>
Objective 3.5: eParticipation, empower and involve citizens in transparent decision-making in the EU	<i>Several Pilot B</i>

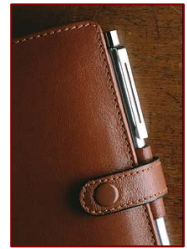
**Call3bis will concern Pilot B only. Pilot B is one of the four types of funding instruments of the ICT PSP** (the other instruments cannot be used for call3bis):

- Pilot A - building on initiatives in Member States or associated countries and focusing on developing EU-wide interoperability of ICT-based solutions;
- **Pilot B - stimulating the uptake of innovative ICT based services and products;**
- Thematic Network (TN) - providing a forum for stakeholders for experience exchange and consensus building;
- Best Practice Network (BPN)<sup>2</sup> - promoting the adoption of standards and specifications for making European digital libraries more accessible and usable.

More details from WP2009 and other guides are provided on the ICT PSP website<sup>3</sup>.

## Calendar

- Formal adoption of the amended WP2009: 3 June 2009
- Infoday on call3 bis: 1 July 2009
- Call for proposals – call3bis : 5 June – 23 September 2009
- Evaluation, negotiation: October 2009 / early 2010
- Projects start: early 2010
- Call for independent experts: Open registration until 30 September 2009.



## For further information

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2) BPN are only for the theme "digital libraries" for a transition period (up to 2011)  
3) [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_ppsp/participating/calls/](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_ppsp/participating/calls/)