

CIP - ICT Policy Support Programme

INFORMATION on CALL 3 based on 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 PSP¹.

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 third **Call for proposals**, based on the **Work Programme 2009** (WP2009) opens from 29 January till 2 June 2009. Details on the call are provided on the website: http://ec.europa.eu/ict_psp

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¹ These countries include Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Croatia. Turkey is also expected to join in 2009.

Information on ICT PSP Call 3

Third call for proposals in 2009, the ICT PSP WP2009 focuses on the following themes and relevant objectives:

Themes and objectives	Budget <i>Instruments</i>
1. ICT for health, ageing and inclusion	15 M€
1.1 ICT for patient-centred health service	<i>Pilot A</i>
1.2 Innovative eHealth tools and services	<i>TN</i>
1.3 ICT for ageing well	<i>Pilot B</i>
1.4 e-Accessibility thematic network	<i>TN</i>
2. Digital Libraries	25 M€
2.1 European Digital Library, services	<i>BPN</i>
2.2 Aggregating digital content in Europeana	<i>BPN</i>
2.3 Digitising content for Europeana	<i>Pilot B</i>
2.4 Open access to scientific information	<i>Pilot B</i>
2.5 Use of cultural heritage for education	<i>Pilot B</i>
3. ICT for government and governance	18 M€
3.1 Enlargement of the eProcurement Pilot	<i>Pilot A</i>
3.2 Enlargement of the eIDM Pilot	<i>Pilot A</i>
3.3 Inclusive eGovernance	<i>Pilot B</i>
3.4 User Centricity for e-Governance	<i>TN</i>
4. ICT for energy efficiency and environment	8 M€
4.1 ICT for energy efficiency in social housing	<i>Pilot B</i>
4.2 ICT for prevention, alert and rescue / impacts of climate change	<i>Pilot B</i>
5. Multilingual Web	14 M€
5.1 MW, Machine translation	<i>Pilot B</i>
5.2 MW, standards and best practices	<i>TN</i>
5.3 MW, methods, tools and processes	<i>Pilot B</i>
6. Public Sector information	9.5 M€
6.1 Legal aspects of PSI	<i>TN</i>
6.2 Geographic Information	<i>Pilot B</i>
7. Internet evolution and security	6 M€
7.1 A European infrastructure for secure information management	<i>Pilot B</i>
7.2 Strengthening SME competitive advantage through RFID implementation	<i>Pilot B</i>
8. Open innovation, user experience and living labs	4 M€
8.1 Sharing of best practice across European Living Labs	<i>Pilot B</i>

Four types of instruments provide complementary financing tools in order to reach the ICT PSP objectives:

- 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)² - 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 website³.

Calendar

- Formal adoption WP2009: 26 January 2009
- Info Day: 26 January 2009
- Third Call for proposals: 29 January– 2 June 2009
- Evaluation, negotiation: June 2009 / early 2010
- Projects start: end 2009/ early 2010
- Call for independent experts: Open registration until 30 September 2009.



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