

# CIP - ICT Policy Support Programme



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**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)** have considerable potential to drive growth and jobs in Europe. ICT play an instrumental role in boosting innovation in all sectors.

Widespread use of ICT can result in new public and private markets, shorter innovation cycles and faster responses to key socio-economic challenges.

ICT fuels the delivery of new and better public services, brings efficiency gains and helps in cutting the rising costs related to global problems that Europe is facing such as ageing, energy and the environment.

Europe can drive progress in developing and using ICT-based innovations in addressing such global socio-economic challenges.

ICT is therefore at the core of the **Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme** of the EU (CIP) through the : **Information and Communication Technologies - Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP)**.

**ICT PSP** has a budget of €730 million and runs from 2007-2013.



## Objectives of ICT PSP

The ICT Policy Support Programme aims at a wider uptake and best use of ICT 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
- Machine translation
- Internet evolution and security...



## Implementation

Pilot and networking actions funded by ICT PSP are selected following open calls for proposals launched each year. The exact themes and objectives addressed in each 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 for participation 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 should also include a minimum number of organisations from different member or associated states.

For further details see the ICT PSP annual Work Programme and the "Guides for Applicants" provided for each call<sup>(2)</sup>.

## Other actions

Other activities such as benchmarking, studies, conferences and policy coordination are also supported by the programme.

## For further information

**More information** on ICT PSP can be found on the website of the programme.

[http://ec.europa.eu/ict\\_psp](http://ec.europa.eu/ict_psp)

**In particular, Calls for proposals**, based on the **annual Work Programme** are detailed on the ICT PSP website which also provides additional relevant information and guidelines:

A **call for independent experts** to assist the commission for evaluating proposals and reviewing projects is also open and detailed on the website.

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

2) [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_ppsp/participating/calls/](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_ppsp/participating/calls/)