# **ICTPSP - Instruments**

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## Who can participate?

- The programme is open to <u>all legal entities</u> established in the EU Member States
- Legal entities established outside the EU may participate <u>on</u> <u>equal terms with Member States</u> on the basis of and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the <u>association</u> <u>agreements</u>
- Other third countries may participate on a case-by-case basis but will not receive any funding

## **Context Instruments overview**

#### **<u>Three complementary instruments</u>** based on combined approaches:

Support to **EU level** ICT solutions **> Pilots Type A** 

- Large Scale Pilots focused on Interoperability
- Key actors: Member States Lead actors (Industry key role in the Implementation)
- Strong political dimension

Stimulating innovative use of ICT in public & private sector -> Pilots Type B

- Implementation of ICT based innovative services through Pilots
- Key actors: Full service value chain (providers, users, public authorities)

*Mobilisation/Exchanges* between practitioners & policy makers **→** Thematic Networks

 Development of new policy implementation schemes through exchange of experiences and best practices

### Implementation through Call for Applicants



# **Rational & implementation**

#### Main features of Pilots Type A

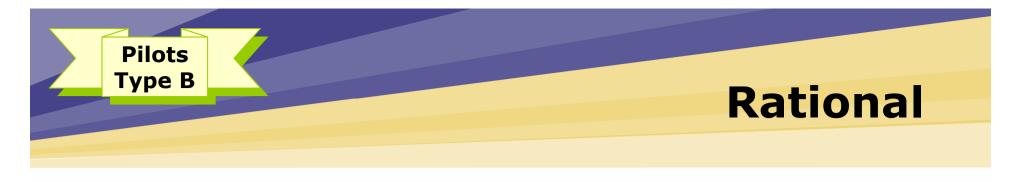
- Focus on **interoperability** and building on Member States solutions
- The outcome should be an **open, common interoperable solution** with results widely disseminated and available to all Member States

#### Scale and participants

• Legal minimum of **6 Member States** (=national administrations or competence centres acting on their behalf) or associated countries participating in the consortium.

#### **Duration and Funding**

- Duration is typically **36 months** with a pilot service operating for 12 months.
- The EU contribution is up to 50% of costs <u>for achieving interoperability</u>. The indicative Community contribution available is 5-10M€ / pilot
- Proposals will be evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. Only one proposal is expected to be selected on quality for each Pilot Type A defined in the work programme.



#### Main features of Pilots Type B

- The goal is to carry out a **first implementation** of an ICT based innovative service carried out under realistic conditions.
- The engagement of a **complete value-chain of stakeholders** is expected.
- The emphasis is on **fostering innovation** in services → the pilot may need to take-up completed R&D work, may extend already tested prototype services or may combine / integrate several partial solutions to realise a new innovative approach
- Proposals will be evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. One or more proposals will be selected on quality for each Pilot Type B defined in the work programme.



#### Scale and participants

- Legal minimum of **4 legal entities** from 4 different Member States or associated countries.
- Consortia are expected to engage the **complete service value chain**, including relevant public authorities (sustaining partners), service providers, industrial stakeholders & users

#### **Duration and funding**

- Duration is typically **24-36 months** with a pilot service operating for 12 months.
- EU contribution is up to **50% of eligible costs** of the pilot (including personnel costs, travel and accommodation and other specific costs)
- The indicative Community contribution available is 2-3 M€ / pilot

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#### **Main features of Thematic Networks**

- The goal is to bring together relevant stakeholders, expertise and facilities to support the implementation of Information Society policies using ICT
- The work of the Thematic Networks should be focused on develop new policy implementation schemes through working groups, workshops and exchanges of good practices.

*Examples:* preparation of future pilot activities, replication of innovative solutions, development of common cross border strategies, etc.

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- The expected outcomes of Thematic Networks must be **clearly defined and measurable**, and the results shall be in the public domain.
- Proposals will be evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. One or more proposals will be selected on quality for each Thematic Network defined in the work programme.



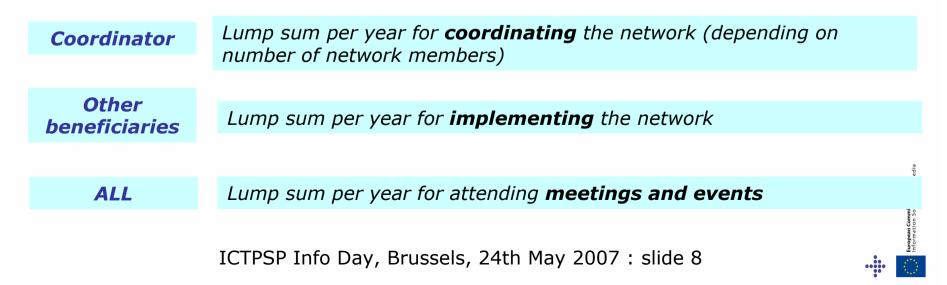
#### Scale and participants

Legal Minimum is **7 key stakeholders (legal entities) from 7 different Member States** or associated countries. Networks must be open.

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**Duration and funding** 

- Duration between 18-36 months.
- EC contribution is **300-500 K€/network** funded through **lump sums** according to the following scheme:



# **Evaluation of Proposals**

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The evaluation of proposals will be based on the **principles of transparency and of equal treatment**. It will be carried out by the Commission with the assistance of **independent experts** 

#### **Evaluation criteria**



#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- on-time, completeness, proposer status, ....



#### **Award Criteria**

- Relevance

(threshold 3/5)

- Impact

- (threshold 3/5)
- Implementation (threshold 3/5)

#### **Selection Criteria**



- financial & operational capacity to carry out project
- professional competencies and qualifications

Award criteria overview			
Ce	Alignment with the Work Programme objectives	L	All 3 instruments
Relevand	Alignment with relevant policies on European and national level.	J	
	Added value for Community contribution	┠	Pilots B, TN
	Capability to <b>build support</b> across the EU	┠	Pilots A, TN
	Target outcomes		
	Expected impact		All 3 instruments
L	Capability and commitment of the <b>partnership</b> and involvement of all relevant stakeholders	$\left  \right\rangle$	
)aC	Long term impact	J	
Impact	Free availability of common results in view of implementing interoperability on EU wide level	}	Pilots A
	Free availability of common results and the <b>openness</b> of the the thematic networks	}	TN
	Maturity of the technical solution, i.e. the R&D phase of the pilot is complete	}	Pilots B
Implementation	Adequacy of the chosen approach	h	
	Clarity of the <b>work plan</b>		All 3 instruments
	Effectiveness of <b>management approach</b> & dissemination plan.	1	
	Appropriateness of <b>resource allocation</b> and estimated cost	U	pean Commis
Imp	Security, privacy, inclusiveness and accessibility issues	1	Pilots A, Pilots B

## **Other Instruments**

### Calls for Tender to support

- **Benchmarking:** Support for surveys and gather ICT related data relevant for ICTPSP objectives and themes
- **Studies** (around 15) addressing the economic and social impact of the Information Society on various fields

Details will be defined in the tender packs

**Grants** to support conferences (e.g. EU Presidency events, Ministerial conferences, etc)



### For more information on ICTPSP:

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