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PART 6

SUPPORT FOR THE COHERENT DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH POLICIES

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The revised work programme replaces the work programme adopted by Commission Decision C (2012) 7295 of 22 October 2012.

This update introduces the following changes under **Parts II "Content of calls" and III "Implementation of calls"**:

Section B2. - Excellence in science

Addressing IU commitments 1, 4 and 30

A call for proposals **FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD**, has been added to ensure trans-national collaboration on career pathway development for researchers, for an amount of EUR 0.96 million.

This update introduces the following changes under **Part IV "Other Actions"**:

Section A.1 - Strengthening of the economic analysis and providing evidence base for R&I systems and reporting on overall progress on R&I performance

Addressing IU commitments 8 and 34

The study "**Identification of the patenting activities of different category of firms per sector and size by matching different databases**" is removed and the budget for the Coordination and Support Action, public procurement is decreased from EUR 2.7 million to EUR 2.3 million.

A Coordination and Support Action "**A study will be launched to assess the completion of the 2010 Innovation Union commitments**" is introduced with an amount of EUR 0.25 million.

Section A.2 Strengthening the monitoring of the Member States' R&I policies and systems, and support to policy coordination, Addressing IU commitments 25, 31 and 33

The Coordination and Support Action "**Support to peer reviews and policy mutual learning activities in the context of the European Research Area Committee (ERAC)**" is decreased from EUR 0.20 million to EUR 0.10 million

Section A.3 - Development of forward looking activities and dialogue with stakeholders Addressing IU commitments 8 and 13

The Coordination and Support Action "**Support to ERIAB members for attendance at meetings related to their work**" is decreased from EUR 0.20 million to EUR 0.10 million.

The Coordination and Support Action "**Support to the work of ERIAB through a range of services**" is decreased from EUR 0.275 million to EUR 0.075 million.

The Coordination and Support Action "**Support to the work of EFFLA and I4G experts**" is decreased from EUR 0.46 million to EUR 0.16 million.

A Coordination and Support Action "**A study in support of the next strategic programming period of Horizon 2020**" is introduced with an amount of EUR 0.015 million.

*Section B1- Implementation of the ERA Communication
Addressing IU commitments 4 and 30*

The Coordination and Support Actions **"Two or more studies in support of the implementation of the ERA Framework"** with an amount of EUR 0.29 million and **"Expert groups in support of the implementation of the ERA Framework"** with an amount of EUR 0.06 million are revised and the total budget is increased from EUR 0.35 million to EUR 1.10 million.

Section B2. - Excellence in science Addressing IU commitment 4, 24-25

A Coordination and Support Action **"To support the preparation of the upcoming Teaming and Twinning activities in Horizon 2020, study on comparative experiences in setting-up Centres of Excellence in Europe"** with an amount of EUR 0.015 million is introduced.

*Section C.1 - Support to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives aimed at improving the business environment and enhancing economic growth
Addressing IU commitments 10, 13, 16 and 34*

The Coordination and Support Action **"An expert group will also be established to test feasibility with national experts and stakeholders, and provide advice and recommendations, for guidance on application of EU public procurement"** is removed.

The expert group **"to support an independent review in the area of innovation and technological development, announced in the Innovation Union flagship initiative (commitment 16) and the standardisation package"** is decreased to EUR 0.05 million.

A Coordination and Support Action **"Expert Group on consideration of options for EU level intervention to foster aggregation of Intellectual Property"** with an amount of EUR 0.05 million is introduced.

*Section. C.2 - Support to the implementation or testing of initiatives aimed at improving the linkage between business, academia and public administrations
Addressing IU commitments 2, 21 and 29*

A Coordination and Support Action **"Pilot award for a European Capital of Innovation"** with an amount of EUR 0.50 million together with a Coordination and Support Action **"A group of independent experts (in the form of the High Level Jury)"** with an amount of EUR 0.05 million is introduced.

The Coordination and Support Action **"Study on monitoring of knowledge"** with an amount of EUR 0.20 million is removed.

This update modifies also accordingly **Part V "BUDGET"**.

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Objective

Enhancing the effectiveness and coherence of national and European Union research policies and their articulation with other policies, improving the impact of public research and its links with industry, and strengthening public support and its leverage effect on investment by private actors.

I CONTEXT

Political landscape

Against the backdrop of the current economic situation and increased global competition, the Union has defined a strategy to support growth and job creation, Europe 2020¹. The Innovation Union Flagship initiative supports this strategy through specific commitments. Research and innovation are key drivers of competitiveness, jobs, sustainable growth and social progress.

The Coherent Development of Research Policies (CDRP) work programme 2013 aligns with, and contributes towards, the objectives of Europe 2020, the Innovation Union Flagship, and other EU policies. There is a determined focus on fostering new ideas, supporting world class teams tackling significant societal challenges, and on ensuring that the fruits of our investments can be properly exploited.

In this way the work programme provides for a smooth transition towards the new research and innovation programme for 2014-2020, Horizon 2020².

Approach for 2013

A successful Europe 2020 strategy needs structural reforms, backed up by a transparent and clear monitoring of progress. CDRP supports in particular the development of evidence (e.g. economic analyses), tools (e.g. policy monitoring and indicators) and processes (e.g. mutual learning between Member States) that help policymakers develop and implement coherent and effective Research and Innovation (R&I) policies.

In line with the European Council conclusions of 2 March 2012³, this work programme focuses on a limited number of key strategic orientations in order to make the bridge with Horizon 2020 which consist of: an *integrated approach for research and innovation policy* at regional, national and EU level, *the roll-out of the European Research Area (ERA)*, and the *creation of a single market for research and innovation* with a special attention given to *tackling obstacles* to the development of *fast-growing innovative firms, in particular SMEs*.

In support of these key strategic orientations, the work programme is structured under the following three blocks:

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0808:FIN:en:PDF>

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0808:FIN:en:PDF>

³ <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/153&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

1. **Activity A** - comprising actions aimed at **providing evidence-base and monitoring of R&I policies and supporting policy coordination** to tackle *societal challenges* by increasing synergies and consistency at the EU level.
2. Emphasis is put on linking the performance of the EU and national R&I systems to the wider budgetary and economic context and the preparation of National Reform Programmes, taking into account the need to pursue smart fiscal consolidation and identify ways for R&I to better contribute to growth. Actions under this block intend also to pave the way for the roll-out of the future Policy Support Facility envisaged to be set up under the proposed Horizon 2020. **Activity B** - comprising actions aimed at **supporting internal market for R&I and delivering the ERA** with a focus on topics underpinning policies that foster *excellent science*, such as quality of research training, mobility and career development for researchers.
3. **Activity C** - (complementary to the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme) comprising actions aimed at analysing how **to improve the business environment and foster European partnerships in R&I** in view of unleashing the EU's innovation potential, leveraging private investment and fostering European competitiveness. Actions under this block intend to analyse the ways to improve the overall framework conditions for innovation, tackle the specific barriers preventing the growth of innovative firms, highlight excellence in innovation through the means of awards and support initiatives bringing innovative solutions to society.

All the actions under these three blocks correspond to specific Innovation Union commitment⁴.

Innovation dimension of the activities and bridging towards Horizon 2020:

This work programme addresses **specific innovation-related topics** such as social innovation, public sector innovation, standard setting, public procurement etc. which have not yet been sufficiently tackled in the previous CDRP work programmes. All the three blocks comprise actions that aspire to contribute to the three key pillars of Horizon 2020. In addition, it aims at exploring new forms of innovations which may be further developed and implemented through Horizon 2020.

➤ SME relevant research

Actions in the third block (Activity C) include measures to analyse the various existing national support structures to fast growing innovative firms, in particular SMEs.

➤ Dissemination actions

The results of the actions developed under this part of the work programme are disseminated through:

⁴ <http://i3s.ec.europa.eu/commitments.html>

- The new comprehensive and user-friendly website on Innovation Union; http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?pg=intro. The Innovation Union website acts as the portal to provide information on all activities related to the Innovation Union such as ERA, expert groups etc.
- The dedicated Innovation Union Information and Intelligence System which is the European Commission platform for all Innovation Union stakeholders. It provides easy access to updated, comprehensive and comparable information on the nature and implementation of all the 34 Innovation Union Commitments; <http://i3s.ec.europa.eu/home.html>
- The ERA website http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index_en.htm
- The ERAWATCH website, linked to the Innovation Union website, provides information on European, national and regional research systems, policies, and programmes in the EU and beyond <http://erawatch.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

Results are discussed, validated and disseminated through success stories, case studies etc. in workshops and conferences, as well as through publications of reports and studies. They are discussed in the European Research Area Committee (ERAC) and specific policy forums, such as the Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility, the Strategic Forum for International Cooperation or the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures.

In 2014, the second 'Innovation Convention' will be organised, as well as supporting events under the EU presidencies.

➤ Overall expected impact

CDRP activities contribute to the realisation of the political guidelines of the Commission: to combine European research efforts to overcome fragmentation and achieve higher coherence and synergies of research and innovation policies between the EU, national and regional levels and with other policies (notably employment, education, industrial and regional), in order to collectively tackle societal challenges, to achieve world excellence in research, to increase innovation by equipping all sectors of our economy to be more competitive, and to attract world class researchers to the EU, and making thus the Innovation Union a reality (including ERA).

International Cooperation

The development of an international strategy for Science and Technology (S&T) cooperation with Third Countries is mainly supported through another part of the 'Capacities' specific programme. This work programme will implement two specific studies; one to better identify the ways third countries provide State support in S&T domains and the other focusing on a comparative analysis of growth enhancing measures in Member States, Associated Countries and some selected Third Countries.

Modalities of implementation

This work programme will be implemented through Coordination and Support Actions via calls for proposals, expert groups, grants to identified beneficiaries, public procurements, and prizes.

II CONTENT OF CALLS

This section describes all the topics for which proposals will be called in this work programme. This concerns only the content of the calls. For all practical modalities related to these calls, please refer to section III 'Implementation of calls'. For actions not implemented through calls for proposals, please refer to section 'IV Other actions'.

1. Activity: B. Supporting an internal market for R&I and delivering the ERA

Area: *B2. Excellence in science*

Addressing IU commitments 1, 4 and 30

Title of topic: FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD - CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Description of topic

This call aims to complement the efforts made so far in support of the career development of researchers in an academic environment. Starting from the knowledge, behaviour and characteristics of an individual researcher, career development advice, coaching, and training could further enable a researcher to aspire to excellence, whether inside and outside academia.

Scope of the action

This action will support activities by members of the EURAXESS Services Network in cooperation with

HR departments, extending to career development centres, in universities across Europe and other external bodies supporting researchers career development. Proposals shall respect a geographical balance by involving partners from across Member States and Associated Countries.

The objective of the call is to disseminate career development tools and practices and to provide advice and training for researchers throughout their career, to show what career opportunities exist inside and outside academia and enlarge the skills of an individual researcher to take advantage of the multiple possibilities.

The call also aims to enlarge the assistance provided by the EURAXESS Service Centres and to strengthen the interactions between research institutions in the career management, including the further improvement of career assessment of the individual researchers, notably via collecting best practices particularly on self-assessment, and supporting the take up of (online) tools for individual researchers' career development.

Expected impact

The action is expected to assist researchers to more easily identify their skills and capabilities and enable them to plan their professional development. Researchers will be able to set personal targets and demonstrate evidence of achievements based on knowledge, behaviours and attributes which are also important in industries and private enterprises, as well as information literacy, leadership and public engagement. This will result in a lowering of the

dropout rate from within the research profession. At the same time, researchers will be equipped with skill sets which enable them to move from academia to industry.

Furthermore the action is also expected to enlarge the support provided by the EURAXESS Services Network to both mobile and non-mobile researchers.

2. Activity: C. Improving business environment and European partnerships in R&I

Area: *C1. Support to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives aimed at improving the business environment, enhancing economic growth*

The activity includes support for the coordination and networking of incubators for social innovation. Social innovation can be defined as a new product, service or model that simultaneously meets social needs (more effectively than alternatives) and creates new social relationships or collaborations. Social innovations are not only important for the specific new solutions to societal needs, but can furthermore impact on society's capacity to innovate.

In order to realise this potential, intermediaries, networks and other infrastructures are needed across Europe, similar to those existing for business innovations but adapted to social innovations. Complementary to the actions linked to the Social Innovation Europe Initiative⁵ and those supported by the European Social Fund, this topic supports research and innovation partnerships which link civil society with public and private organisations across Europe, in particular through the coordination and the implementation of common actions within a trans-national network of incubators for social innovation.

Title of topic: FP7-CDRP-2013-INCUBATORS Support to trans-national network of incubators for social innovation

Description of topic

Incubators can accelerate the growth of small innovative businesses (for profit and non-profit) and, in the case of social innovation, enable experiments that are small and locally successful to be applied in other places across Europe, spreading good ideas and innovations. The action will provide support for up to two transnational networks of incubators to facilitate the scaling up of social innovations from their local communities to higher levels across Europe.

A broad definition of "incubators for social innovation" is applied, including business clusters and networks, social innovation parks, universities, technological institutes, private research institutions and bodies. Incubators for social innovation may work in a similar manner to technology incubators, by bringing together the resources, skills, and expertise needed to assist entrepreneurs and innovators, including from the public sector, seeking to build a social enterprise or to address a societal need.

Scope of the action

The network (or networks) will:

- a) assess and select social innovations successful at local level;

⁵ <http://www.socialinnovationeurope.eu/>

- b) ensure the provision of the professional services needed to scale up these social innovations, notably legal and financial advice and business coaching;
- c) implement the necessary activities to support the scaling up of the selected social innovations across Europe.

In addition, the network(s) could provide further services, such as dissemination events (e.g. success stories) and broad stakeholder collaboration (e.g. intensifying links between social and other businesses).

A transnational network supported by this call is expected to scale up more than 300 social innovations. The partners of the network(s) could be any type of organisations such as business networks, technology parks, universities or other science and research bodies with experience in incubating services including for social enterprises and social innovators.

Expected impact

The action is expected to increase the innovation capabilities of social innovators and to enable small and locally successful social innovations to be realised across Europe. The action is also expected to provide new evidence of the role of incubators networks in accelerating and scaling up social innovations, test social incubation processes and show what works and how across Europe.

III IMPLEMENTATION OF CALLS

For description of the topics of the calls, please refer to section II 'Content of calls'

CALL TITLE: CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- **Call identifier:** FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD
- **Date of publication⁶:** 14 November 2013
- **Deadline⁷:** 15 April 2014 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 0.96 million

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget of the call may vary up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

- **Topics called:**

Activity	Topics called	Funding Schemes and eligibility criteria
<p><i>1. B. Career development</i></p> <p><i>B2. Excellence in science</i></p>	<p><i>FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD</i></p> <p><i>Trans-national collaboration on career pathway development for researchers.</i></p>	<p><i>CSA-CA</i></p> <p><i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)</i></p>

- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme and in the Guide for Applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
<p>Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)</p>	<p>At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC.</p>

- Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants

⁶ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication.

⁷ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

- **Additional eligibility criteria**

- Members of the EURAXESS Services Network have signed a 'Declaration of Commitment' with the Commission. This 'Declaration of Commitment' shall be provided to the Commission as a supporting document to the proposal⁸.

- Consortia have to include up to six independent legal entities from three different Member States or associated countries. **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding actions are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the electronic Submission Services of the Commission.
The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.
- The minimum font size is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used following a single proposal submission.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Proposals will be evaluated in a single multi-disciplinary panel and there will be a single ranked list.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 2 months following the deadline for submission. Grant agreement signature: expected within 6 months after the deadline for submission.

- **Consortia agreements:**

Participants are NOT required to conclude a consortium agreement.

- **Additional information:**

It is expected that one proposal will be financed under this call. The duration of the action shall be up to 24 months.

⁸ The “Declaration of Commitment” (“DoC”) is designed to be a statement of an organisation’s participation in the EURAXESS Network and to acknowledge the objectives that the members of the Network aspire to meet.

- **The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available on the Participant Portal at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents under 'Guidance documents for FP7/Financial issues/Flat rates for daily allowances'.

Call title: Support to transnational networks of incubators for social innovation

- **Call identifier: FP7-CDRP-2013-INCUBATORS**
- **Date of publication⁹:** 10 July 2012
- **Deadline¹⁰:** 07 November 2012 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 2 million

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

- **Topics called:**

Activity	Topics called	Funding Schemes and eligibility criteria
<p><i>2. C. Improving business environment and partnerships in R&I</i></p> <p><i>C1. Support to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives aimed at improving the business environment, enhancing economic growth</i></p>	<p><i>FP7-CDRP-2013-INCUBATORS</i></p> <p><i>Support to transnational networks of incubators for social innovation</i></p> <p><i>Up to 2 projects are expected to be funded</i></p>	<p>CSA-CA</p> <p><i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)</i></p>

⁹ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication.

¹⁰ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme and in the Guide for Applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC.

- Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 to the work programme.
- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the electronic Submission Services of the Commission.

The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

The minimum font size is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 to the work programme.

- **Indicative timetable:** Evaluation will be carried out in November-December 2012. The call results are estimated to be available within 4 months after the deadline. Grant agreement signature expected to come into force 9 months after the closure date.

- **Consortia agreements:** Participants are encouraged to conclude a consortium agreement.

- **The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.

- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For

further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available on the Participant Portal at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents under 'Guidance documents for FP7/Financial issues/Flat rates for daily allowances'.

IV OTHER ACTIONS¹¹ (not implemented through calls for proposals)

A. Providing evidence-base and monitoring of R&I policies and supporting policy coordination

This block of actions aims at supporting policymakers by providing evidence-base, monitoring R&I policy developments and performance - including through the development of indicators, data and information platforms - and supporting policy coordination and mutual learning in view of increasing synergies and consistency across the EU.

*A.1 - Strengthening of the economic analysis and providing evidence base for R&I systems and reporting on overall progress on R&I performance
Addressing IU commitments 8 and 34*

This series of actions aims at launching a set of "economic analysis" studies to ensure better international comparability with Europe's main trade partners, to extend the provision of the indicators (investment, bibliometrics, mobility and cross-border cooperation, impact) used for monitoring innovation and ERA performance and to deepen the analysis of Europe's R&I challenges.

It comprises the following studies along the R&I value cycle:

1. Maintenance of a data collection and analysis of joint national research funding (joint programmes) and of national research programmes open to non-resident researcher performers in order to monitor progress in the degree of opening-up of national research programmes and the degree of coordination of national research funding.
2. Analysis of national public research funding, by theme and by type of allocation (competitive project-based funding versus institutional block funding).
3. Identification and analysis of the international business investment flows (foreign direct investments) in R&I.
4. Data mining on knowledge and technology flows in priority domains within the private sector and between public and private sector.
5. Maintenance of national data collection and analysis of R&I investment in different sectors, thematic areas and societal challenges.

Indicative timeline: 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 2.3 million

6. Statistical analysis and monitoring the use of Composite indicators in research and innovation.

¹¹ In accordance with Articles 14, 17 and 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013).

- Objectives: This action is a continuation and extension of the feasibility study conducted in 2011 (CDRP work programme 2010) and of the study conducted in 2012 (CDRP work programme 2011) for DG Research and Innovation by the Group of Research on the Impact of the Innovation Union (GRIU) of the Joint Research Centre, to develop four sets of indicators in view of measuring respectively a) progress towards a more open and integrated ERA, b) progress towards higher research excellence, c) nature and speed of structural change towards a more knowledge-intensive economy and d) capacity of the national and European R&I systems to diffuse knowledge and technology.

This study will firstly further progress in improving the relevance and comprehensiveness of the core sets c and d mentioned above, which comprises a series of sub-indicators still at a stage of development. It will secondly update the indicators used in the first ERA related core set, in order to integrate new data collected to measure the impact of the ERA and to take into account feedback of the stakeholders. It will thirdly compute updated value and time series for these core set of indicators. Thirdly, it will continue to provide statistical analysis in support of the interpretation of the variation in the value of these indicators and in support of the regular production by DG Research and Innovation of the Innovation Union Competitiveness report.

- Expected impact: The indicators developed will serve policy-makers at the European level, in the EU Member States and regions. They provide an objective, scientifically tested assessment of performance and impact of policies, which are crucial to foster the development of a knowledge-intensive, innovative and economically efficient economy at the various geographical levels of the European Union. Such a development is one of the key priorities of the Europe 2020 strategy and of its Innovation Union flagship initiative. Its importance has recently been underlined with the priority given to smart growth-enhancing measures in the annual orientations (AGS) of the Europe 2020 strategy.

The Coordination and Support Action will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria set out in Article 15 of the FP7 rules of participation (available in Annex 2 to this work programme). The maximum possible rate of co-financing is set out in Article 33 of the FP7 rules of participation (available in Annex 3 to this work programme).

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), Grant to identified beneficiary Joint Research Centre (JRC)/The Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen (IPSC) - EUR 0.40 million 8. A study will be launched to assess the completion of the 2010 Innovation Union commitments. This study will provide an external in-depth assessment of the level of implementation for all 34 commitments. The results of the study will be an input for the preparation of the 2014 State of the Innovation Union Report and thereby also contribute to the 2015 mid-term review of Innovation Union.

Indicative timeline: To be launched by the 4th quarter of 2013 through existing framework contract.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.25 million

A.2 - Strengthening the monitoring of the Member States' R&I policies and systems, and support to policy coordination, notably in view of assessing Europe 2020 National Reform Programmes

Addressing IU commitments 25, 31 and 33

1. Comparative analysis of growth enhancing measures in Member States, Associated Countries and some selected Third Countries.
Indicative timeline: To be launched by 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.15 million

2. Support to peer reviews and policy mutual learning activities in the context of the European Research Area Committee (ERAC). Paving the way for the future Policy Support Facility these activities will build on the IU self-assessment tool¹² to promote the identification and diffusion of experiences and good practices including from the point of view of higher education institutions, researchers and private stakeholders. Policy areas covered could include R&I policies addressing societal challenges; the definition of growth- enhancing policy mixes; the evaluation of smart specialisation strategies; and the building of S&T capacity through the use of structural funds.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.10 million

A.3 - Development of forward looking activities and dialogue with stakeholders
Addressing IU commitments 8 and 13

This series of actions aims at providing financial support to different expert groups which are expected to put forward strategic advice on the Innovation Union and other European R&I policy issues as well as provide fresh thinking on how to put into action a globally competitive ERA. This includes also a study to analyse "State support schemes for RDI" in the EU's international competitors in the fields of science, R&I and an assessment of the CDRP Programme and its future in the context of the proposed Horizon 2020.

1. A study on "State support schemes for RDI in the EU's international competitors in the fields of science, research and innovation", by sector / industry and type of beneficiary.

Indicative timeline: To be launched by 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 3.00 million

2. An expert group to assess the support given through the CDRP Programme and draw lessons for the future.

¹² Annex 1 to the Innovation Union Flagship Initiative Communication, at http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/pdf/innovation-union-communication_en.pdfview=fit&pagemode=none

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.05 million

3. The European Research and Innovation Board (ERIAB) is expected to advise the Commission on the development and realisation of the ERA as well as integrated Research and Innovation policies and Innovation Union flagship initiative, at the request of the Commission, or on ERIAB own initiative. ERIAB will be composed of 15 members and includes prominent innovators and leaders from business, science and government. To this end the following actions are supported:

- Support to ERIAB members for attendance at meetings related to their work, including the setting up of ad-hoc expert groups or inviting experts to participate in the work of ERIAB.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts – EUR 0.10 million

- Support to the work of ERIAB through a range of services such as facilitation of meetings, preparation of documents, writing proceedings, preparation of annual report etc., including studies to support its work. The studies will be used as key input to deliberations on the topic in question. Indicative timeline: To be launched by 1st quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.075 million

4. The European Forum on Forward Looking Activities (EFFLA) is expected to enhance collective intelligence and help devise better European policies and R&I in particular, which need a long term perspective. It is also expected to build genuine stakeholder commitment to action. The forum brings together a set of high-level experts and decision makers from academia, industry, government, European and international organisations, NGOs, as well as think tanks with very diverse profiles, able to mobilise the best available expertise and interact with key networks.

The Innovation for Growth group (I4G) is expected to provide strategic economic advice to EU R&I policies and their potential impact on growth. Its members are top economists from the academia. To this end the following actions are supported:

- Support to the work of EFFLA and I4G experts.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.16 million

- Approximately 10 studies to support the work of EFFLA and I4G. Indicative timeline: To be launched during 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.10 million

6. A study in support of the next strategic programming period of Horizon 2020. Indicative timeline: To be launched by the 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement – EUR 0.015 million

B. Supporting an internal market for R&I and delivering the ERA

This block of actions aims at supporting the realisation of a unified research area open to the world based on the Internal Market, in which researchers, scientific knowledge and technology circulate freely. Further to the adoption of the ERA Communication on 17 July 2012¹³ there is a need to support its implementation by Member States, Associated Countries, research funding and research performing organisations (RFO/RPO).

B1. Implementation of the ERA Communication Addressing IU commitments 4 and 30

Three types of activities are necessary to ensure a timely and effective implementation of the ERA Communication. Firstly, there is a need to follow up policy developments and reforms in Member States and Associated Countries and the consequent implementation of ERA actions by RFOs and RPOs, so as to be able to measure their progress at national level. Secondly, there is also a need to identify and develop appropriate methodologies and statistical analysis to be able to assess the impact of different actions proposed or taken by Member States, Associated Countries, RFOs and RPOs, as well as to refine the assessment of the progress. Finally, the ERA policy and the ERA actions need to be communicated to the research community and stakeholders at large.

1. ERA policy development and implementation by Member States, Associated Countries, RFOs and RPOs:

- A study will be launched as a follow-up of the first year progress review of the study "Analysis of the ERA state-of-play in Member States and Associated Countries: focus on priority areas" launched under the work programme 2012, measuring progress in completion of ERA in Member States and Associated Countries.

Indicative timeline: to be launched by the 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.20 million

- Experts groups in support of ERA policy development and implementation: one expert group will support the follow up of the implementation of ERA actions by RFOs and RPOs and the other will assist the Commission in refining its analysis on ERA key priorities' weight and situation/recommendation in Member States, by means of case studies.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.35 million

¹³ http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research_policies/era-communication_en.pdf

2. Methodologies and statistical analysis to assess the progress of the ERA priority actions:
 - Expert group in support of developing tailor-made impact assessment methodologies for assessing impacts of ERA actions.
 - Expert group supporting statistical analysis of ERA-related data.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.45 million

3. Communication actions in support of the ERA:

- The ERA community online space will be further developed and maintained. This online tool is expected to be a space for exchange of information, debate and dialogue where Member States, the ERA stakeholder community at large and the Commission will be able to participate and interact.

Indicative timeline: To be launched by the 3rd quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.08 million

- Expert group to advise the Commission on communicating ERA

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.02 million

B2. Excellence in science

Addressing IU commitments 4, 24-25

1. A European accreditation mechanism for Human Resources (HR) Excellence in Research will be set up. Its aim is to further encourage and incentivise the take-up of the ERA principles related to the HR management in research institutions and universities (including the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers).

Indicative timeline: To be launched by the 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.30 million

2. To support the setting up of pan-European (supplementary) pension funds for researchers a series of Mutual Learning Activities will be implemented. The aim of the Mutual Learning Activities is to allow institutions more advanced in the pension project to share their experiences with those only about to join the fund, and to provide more clarity on this subject. Indicatively six contracts using *public procurement procedures*.

Indicative timeline: To be launched by 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.30 million

3. Various awareness raising *and training* activities at the Commission initiatives related to researchers' careers and mobility, including the HR Excellence in Research accreditation will be supported. This may include for example the production of leaflets and brochures, a launch event for the accreditation mechanism for HR Excellence in Research with selected guests, or small working level events with relevant stakeholders. Indicatively eight contracts using public procurement procedures.

Indicative timeline: To be launched by 4th quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.35 million

4. Experts Groups on the role of Universities and Research Centres in Smart Specialisation. The role of the experts groups would be to analyse the role of universities and research centres in the Smart Specialisation Process, examine strengths and weaknesses and identify opportunities and propose recommendations for policy makers.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.20 million

5. A study on comparative experiences in setting-up Centres of Excellence in Europe and establishing modes and levels of co-funding will be launched to support the preparation of the upcoming Teaming and Twinning activities in Horizon 2020.

Indicative timeline: To be launched by the 3rd quarter of 2013.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), public procurement - EUR 0.015 million

C. Improving business environment and European partnerships in R&I

This block of actions aims at analysing the ways of improving the overall framework conditions for innovation, tackling specific barriers preventing the growth of innovative firms and in particular SMEs and enterprises of intermediate size as well as highlighting excellence in innovation through the means of awards.

*C.1 - Support to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives aimed at improving the business environment and enhancing economic growth
Addressing IU commitments 10, 13, 16 and 34*

1. Standards are strategic assets for securing Europe's competitiveness and key tools for knowledge dissemination, interoperability, and validation of novel ideas and promotion of innovation. Standardisation will expand more and more into new areas and will cover new subjects. To this end an expert group will be appointed to support an independent review in the area of innovation and technological development, announced in the Innovation Union flagship initiative (commitment 16) and the standardisation package.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.05 million

2. Expert Group on consideration of options for EU level intervention to foster aggregation of Intellectual Property.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.05 million

*C.2 - Support to the implementation or testing of initiatives aimed at improving the linkage between business, academia and public administrations
Addressing IU commitments 2, 21 and 29*

1. Innovation- fostering awards

This initiative aims to drive innovation through the recognition of achievements, promotion of role models and highlighting of excellence in innovation through the means of awards.

1.1 A Prize for Women Innovators 2014

After the success of the first Prizes for Women Innovators, awarded in 2011, the Commission continues its drive to spotlight women researchers who have brought about outstanding innovations to the market. Europe urgently needs more innovators to stay competitive in the coming decades. The large number of well-educated women researchers who, for various reasons, including lack of awareness, do not consider entrepreneurship as an option, represents a tremendous untapped pool of innovation. Awards have a strong potential to drive innovation through the recognition of achievements and the promotion of role models.

The Prize for Women Innovators 2014 will aim to increase public awareness of this issue, to encourage women to exploit the commercial and business opportunities offered by their research projects and become entrepreneurs, it will therefore help to achieve the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy. The prizes will not reward research or innovation proposed for the future, but results that have been already obtained.

The Commission intends to award up to three "Prize for Women Innovators 2014" following a contest.

Implementation and management:

The rules of the contest are established and published by the Commission, which will launch and manage the contest and award the prizes. An information campaign will be launched to

advertise it via National Contact Points and Programme Committees in order to encourage candidates to apply. Applications have to be submitted by the contestant (natural person) via the web-based submission forms on www.ec.europa.eu/women-innovators.

The applicant will have to provide proof of eligibility and a written presentation of her achievements, which will be presented to a High Level Jury for evaluation.

The High Level Jury will consist of a group of independent experts from business and academia appointed by the Commission.

They will appraise the quality of the entries and submit to the Commission the final list of up to 3 women selected for the award of the following prizes:

First prize: EUR 0.10 million

Second prize: EUR 0.05 million

Third prize: EUR 0.03 million

Funding scheme: prizes ¹⁴

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), prizes - EUR 0.18 million

Date of publication of the contest¹⁵: 10 July 2012

Date of opening of the contest¹⁶: 15 April 2013, at 12:00:00 Brussels local time

Deadline to submit applications¹⁷: 15 October 2013, at 17:00:00 Brussels local time

Eligibility criteria:

Contestants for the "**Prize for Women Innovators 2014**" shall comply with the following eligibility criteria to participate:

1. The contestant must be a woman.
Example of proof: Copy of any official document of identification e.g. passport, identity card.
2. The contestant must be an ordinary resident in an EU Member State or in Associated Countries¹⁸ of the Research Framework Programmes.
Example of proof: Copy of any official document of identification e.g. passport, driving licence etc.

¹⁴ In accordance with Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013).

¹⁵ The Director- General responsible for the contest may publish it up to one month prior or after the envisaged date of publication.

¹⁶ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline up to two months.

¹⁷ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline up to two months.

3. The contestant must be the founder or co-founder of an existing and active company.
Example of proof: Copy of any official document showing clearly that the candidate has (co-) founded a company.
4. The company has been registered before 1 January 2011.
Example of proof: Copy of any official document showing the date of registration of the company (e.g. copy from the business register).
5. The annual turnover of the company was at least EUR 0.10 million in 2011 or 2012.
Example of proof: Copy of a document showing the annual turnover in 2011 (e.g. copy of the annual report to the tax authorities).
6. Either the contestant as a natural person or the company founded/co-founded by the contestant have received or is receiving funding from the European Union or the European Atomic Energy Community Research Framework Programme, or from the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP).
Example of proof: Copy of a document demonstrating the past or current EU funding.

Award criteria:

The winners of the "**Prize for Women Innovators 2014**" will be selected according to the following award criteria, which will be assessed by the High Level Jury:

1. The originality and marketability of the developed product or service provided by the company of the contestant.
2. The economic relevance for Europe.
The economic relevance of a product or service of the company for Europe is measured by the number of countries (inside and outside the EU) where the product or service is sold, and by the size of the turnover achieved with this service or product in 2011 and 2012.
3. The social relevance for Europe
The social relevance of a product or service of the company for Europe is defined by the potential of the service or product to help Europe address the grand societal challenges such as the ageing of the European population, global warming, clean water, renewable energy and resource efficiency.
4. The high scientific content of the innovation
The contestant must have been involved in the research and innovation activities connected to the origin of the product or service provided by the company she has founded or co-founded. Entries will be compared according to the number of patents/co-patents, scientific publications (or co-publications) and trademark.

Contestants can at any time be required to submit official proof to support claims made under any of the above eligibility and award criteria.

Expected impact:

In face of the demographic development of the European continent, Europe can no longer afford to leave unused the greatest untapped pool of innovative entrepreneurs, the European-

based women researcher. The prizes will both boost the public awareness of the contribution, potential and importance of women researchers to entrepreneurship and will encourage entrepreneurial women themselves to become innovators.

1.1.2 A group of independent experts (in the form of a High Level Jury) will be in charge of assessing the quality of the applications for the '**Prize for Women Innovators 2014**' against the rules of the contest.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.02 million

1.2 A European Prize for Innovation in Public Administration

The public sector accounts for half of GDP in the EU¹⁹. Therefore, in order to excel and stay competitive, Europe needs to mobilise innovation and modernisation in its public administrations. Awards have a strong potential to drive innovation through the public recognition of achievements and the provision of role models.

The Commission plans to award prizes to successful, already running, and innovative public initiatives. The initiatives, managed by the national, regional or local public administrations, will have made significant improvements in citizens' lives. With this Prize the Commission wants to reward excellence and innovation in strategies, services, networks, processes and infrastructure. All public administrations from EU Member States or Associated Countries of the Research Framework Programme are invited to submit their innovative initiatives or programmes.

The awarded money will be used by the winning public administration to scale up and expand their initiative thereby leveraging and inducing further excellence and innovation in public administration. The Commission will remain in close contact with the winners and ensure follow-up for the implementation of the subsequent stages of their initiatives.

Implementation and management:

The Commission wants to recognise the outstanding achievements of public administrations in the following three categories:

1. Initiatives for **citizens**
(e.g. special assistance for the elderly; eco-friendly public transport; participatory budgeting)²⁰
2. Initiatives for **firms**
(e.g. providing networking platforms for start-ups; supporting rural entrepreneurs with e-trade tools)²¹
3. Initiatives for **education** and **research**
(e.g. new approaches to vocational training; fostering a better learning environment for primary schools; facilitating entrepreneurship of researchers²²)

¹⁹ Total general government expenditure in EU27 was 50.6% of GDP in 2010 (Source: Eurostat).

²⁰ The examples given are by no means to be regarded as complete or exhaustive.

²¹ Ibid.

²² Ibid.

The High Level Jury evaluating submissions will consist of a group of independent experts from public administration, business and academia appointed by the Commission. The High Level Jury will submit to the Commission a shortlist of up to six initiatives in each category. In each of the three categories, monetary prizes of EUR 0.1 million will be awarded to each of the three best initiatives.

The Commission will manage the award. An information campaign will be launched to encourage contestants to apply.

Funding scheme: Prizes²³, (9 prizes)

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), prizes - EUR 0.90 million

Date of publication²⁴: 10 July 2012

Opening of the submission phase: 17 September 2012, at 12:00:00 Brussels local time

Deadline to submit applications²⁵: 15 February 2013, at 17:00:00 Brussels local time

Eligibility criteria:

Contestants for the "**European Prize for Innovation in Public Administration**" shall comply with the following **eligibility criteria** to participate:

1. The candidate must be an established public administration at the national, regional or local level in an EU Member State or in Associated Countries of the Research Framework Programme²⁶.
2. The candidates' submission will consist of a complete application for the "European Prize for Innovation in Public Administrations".
3. The on-going initiative or programme has been running for at least 1 year but not longer than 4 years at the time of submission.
4. The initiative or programme is owned by the contestant (idea, planning, design, launch, administration etc.).
5. The initiative or programme cannot have already been awarded a monetary prize by an EU Institution.

²³ In accordance with Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013).

²⁴ The Director-General responsible for the contest may publish it up to one month prior or after the envisaged date of publication.

²⁵ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline up to two months.

²⁶ Associated Countries are: Israel, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Faroe Islands and the Republic of Moldova.

Award criteria:

The winners of the "**European Prize for Innovation in Public Administration**" will be selected according to the following award criteria, which will be assessed by a High Level Jury:

1. The **social relevance** for the community concerned
In line with the Europe 2020 strategy goals, initiatives will be assessed on their potential to address grand societal challenges (e.g. the ageing of Europe, climate change, clean water, renewable energy and resource efficiency).
Importance will also be given to the level of citizen engagement and satisfaction as well as the involvement of direct users in the design and operation of the initiative.
2. The **originality and replicability**
Initiatives must be highly innovative and will be judged on the level of quality of implementation and potential for being replicated in other European contexts.
3. The **economic relevance** for the community concerned.
Important aspects to be considered will be, for example: increased efficiency in resource allocation; more effective use of personnel, ICT platforms or green technology; increased cost efficiency; improved attractiveness for investors; better service delivery.
4. The **planned use of the prize money**
Plans to use the prize money to scale-up or expand the initiative will be judged based on their ambition and feasibility, on the expected impact and benefits for citizens and on their potential to attract further financial or technical support from other sources for their realisation.

Candidates can at any time be required to submit official proof to support claims made under any of the above award criteria.

Expected impact:

By awarding the "European Prize for Innovation in Public Administration" the Commission will showcase innovations in the public administration and give visibility to the most dynamic, forward-looking and innovative public administrations and their initiatives. The winners' innovative initiatives will have a strong potential for replicability and scaling up and should be used as role models for other public administrations in Europe. Furthermore, the awards aim to challenge persistent negative stereotypes and also to increase citizens' expectation for excellence in public administration in Europe.

- 1.2.1. A group of independent experts (in the form of a High Level Jury) will be in charge of assessing the quality of the applications for the "European Prize for Innovation in Public Administrations" in accordance with the contest rules.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts- EUR 0.03 million

1.3 Pilot award for a "European Capital of Innovation"

Currently 68% of the EU population live in urban areas. With their capacity to connect people, places, public and private actors, urban areas can substantially enhance innovation in Europe. The Innovation Union Communication²⁷ takes a broad approach to innovation, including social innovation and public sector innovation and builds on strengths in design and creativity.

Moreover, a specific recommendation from the 2010 European Research Area Board (ERAB) Report²⁸ proposed the creation of a European Capital of Research, Development and Innovation in order to "*foster the visibility of science and innovation, gain trust and strengthen the cooperation between researchers, innovators and society*".

Through this initiative, the Commission therefore plans to test the feasibility of a European Capital of Innovation award which encourages cities to build up an innovation ecosystem.

The award will recognise an outstanding achievement of a city in creating an integrated and interactive innovation ecosystem and provide funding for scaling up these achievements.

Implementation and management:

A High Level Jury, consisting of a group of independent experts appointed by the Commission will evaluate the submissions. The High Level Jury will submit to the Commission a shortlist of up to three cities. One city will be selected as the European Capital of Innovation. The winning city will receive a prize of EUR 0.50 million.

The Commission will manage the award. An information campaign will be launched to encourage contestants to apply.

Funding scheme: Prizes²⁹, (1 prize)

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), prizes - EUR 0.50 million

Date of publication: 3rd September 2013

Opening of the submission phase: 3rd September 2013 at 12:00:00 Brussels local time

Deadline to submit applications: 3rd December 2013 at 17:00:00 Brussels local time

Eligibility criteria:

Contestants shall comply with the following eligibility criteria:

1. The candidate city must have a population of over 100,000³⁰ and must be established in an EU Member State or in Associated Country of the Research Framework Programme³¹.

²⁷ COM(2010) 546 final, Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative Innovation Union

²⁸ http://ec.europa.eu/research/erab/pdf/erab-2nd-final-report_en.pdf

²⁹ In accordance with Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013).

2. The submission consists of a complete application.
3. The achievements must relate to an on-going initiative started after 1st January 2010.
4. The achievements have not been previously awarded with a monetary prize by an EU institution.

Award criteria:

The following criteria will be applied to judge the achievements and the intended use of the money in scaling up activities:

- Innovative – in terms of concepts, processes and tools
- Inspiring – attracting talent, funding, investment and ensuring citizens' involvement and engagement
- Integrated – covering the entire innovation ecosystem and its links with Europe 2020
- Interactive – facilitating the interactions in the innovation ecosystem.

Expected impact:

At the European level, the award will give visibility to science and innovation, illustrate European political commitment to innovation at the city level and inspire other cities in Europe. At the level of the winning city, the award will enable the city to develop new innovation activities, strengthen its innovation potential and allow it to engage with other cities.

If the Capital of innovation awards are continued after the first pilot, a network of winning cities would be developed which could disseminate good practice and hence further increase the impact of the initiative.

- 3.1 A group of independent experts (in the form of a High Level Jury) will be in charge of assessing the quality of the applications for the "**European Capital of Innovation**" in accordance with the contest rules.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts - EUR 0.05 million

³⁰ In this context, a “city” is understood to be an urban area, excluding metropolitan areas, larger urban zones and conurbations, and is understood as an administrative unit governed by a city council or another form of democratically elected body. In countries where there is no city with more than 100.000 inhabitants, the largest city is eligible to apply.

³¹ Associated Countries are: Israel, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, , the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Faroe Islands and the Republic of Moldova.

*C.3 – Support to the cross-cutting aspects of implementing and evaluating EIPs
Addressing IU commitments 15 and 29*

1. An independent expert evaluation of the European Innovation Partnership approach will be carried out, assessing its effectiveness and efficiency, utility and sustainability, and EU added value. The evaluation will cover European Innovation Partnerships in different phases of development and with both common and specific features.

Coordination and Support Action (supporting action), expert contracts – EUR 0.20 million

V BUDGET

Part - Indicative budget

Activities	Budget 2013³² EUR million
Call FP7-CDRP-2013- INCUBATORS	2
Call-FP7-CDRP-2013-CD	0.960
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions implemented through public procurement, expert groups and grant to identified beneficiary (EUR 9.365 million) • Actions implemented through prizes (EUR 1.58 million) 	10.945
Estimated total budget	13.905

All budgetary figures given in this work programme are indicative. The final budgets awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for each call.

For actions not implemented through calls for proposals:

- The final budgets for evaluation, monitoring and review may vary by up to 20% of the indicated budgets for these actions;
- The final budget awarded for all other actions not implemented through calls for proposals may vary by up to 10% of the indicated budget for these actions.

³² Under the condition that the planned appropriations coming from the Associated third Countries will be available in 2013.