

Information Society Technologies In the 6th Framework Programme

Coordination actions

Evaluation IST Call 1

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Coordination actions

Designed to promote and support the networking and co-ordination of research and innovation activities at national, regional and European level

- by establishing in a coherent way coordinated initiatives of a range of research and innovation operators, in order to achieve improved integration of the European research

May combine the following two types of activities

- Co-ordination activities
- Project management activities

Coordination actions

Each CA shall consist of a work plan, incorporating all or some of the following types of mid/long term collaborative activities:

- Organisation of conferences, of meetings;
- Performance of studies, analysis;
- Exchanges of personnel;
- Exchange and dissemination of good practice;
- Setting up of common information systems
- Setting up of expert groups;
- Definition, organisation, management of joint or common initiatives

CAs main characteristics

- CAs compared to NoE:
 - Instrument for ad hoc co-operation between organisations for a specific purpose - no requirement for durable integration of all activities
 - A networking instrument for research funded from other sources (EC/national/regional)
- CAs compared to SSAs:
 - Instrument for more longer term co-operation and networking compared to the more stand alone activities to be funded by SSAs
- CAs compared to IPs and STREPs:
 - CA is not an instrument to fund research

Coordination actions - Evaluation criteria 1

1. Relevance: *Threshold 3/5*

The extent to which

- the proposed project addresses the objectives of the work programme

Coordination actions - Evaluation criteria 2

2. Potential impact: *Threshold 3/5*

The extent to which

- the proposal demonstrates a clear added value in carrying out the work at European level and takes account of research activities at national level and under European initiatives (e.g. Eureka)
- the Community support would have a real impact on the action and its scale, ambition and outcome
- the project mobilises a critical mass of resources in Europe
- the exploitation and/or dissemination plans are adequate to ensure optimal use of the project results, where possible beyond the participants in the project

Coordination actions - Evaluation criteria 3

3. Quality of the coordination: *Threshold 4/5*

The extent to which

- the research actions/programmes to be coordinated are of demonstrably high quality
- the coordination mechanisms proposed are sufficiently robust for ensuring the goals of the action

Coordination actions - Evaluation criteria 4

4. Quality of the consortium : *Threshold 3/5*

The extent to which

- the participants collectively constitute a consortium of high quality
- the participants are well suited to the tasks assigned to them
- the project combines the complementary expertise of the participants to generate added value with respect to the individual participants' programmes

Coordination actions - Evaluation criteria 5

5. Quality of the management : *Threshold 3/5*

The extent to which

- the participants collectively constitute a consortium of high quality
- the participants are well suited to the tasks assigned to them
- the project combines the complementary expertise of the participants to generate added value with respect to the individual participants' programmes

Coordination actions - Evaluation criteria 6

6. Mobilisation of the resources : *Threshold 3/5*

The extent to which

- the project provides for the resources (personnel, equipment, financial ...) necessary for success
- the resources are convincingly integrated to form a coherent project
- the overall financial plan for the project is adequate

Coordination actions - Overall threshold

Threshold for overall score
of Coordination action proposals:

21/30