

# *Information Society Technologies In the 6th Framework Programme*

## *Specific support actions*

*Evaluation IST Call 1*

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# Specific support actions

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## Designed to

- underpin the implementation of the programme
- complement the other FP6 instruments,
- help in preparations for future Community research and technological development policy activities and
- stimulate, encourage and facilitate the participation of SMEs, small research teams, newly developed and remote research centres, as well as those organisations from the Candidate Countries in the activities of the priority thematic areas.

## May combine the following two types of activities

- Support activities
- Project management activities

# Specific support actions

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Each SSA shall have a work plan, which may consist of one or more (as appropriate on a case by case basis) of the following activities:

- Conferences, seminars, working groups and expert groups;
- Studies, analysis;
- Fact findings and monitoring;
- Trans-national technology transfer and take-up related services;
- Development of research or innovation strategies;
- High level scientific awards and competitions;
- Operational support and dissemination, information and communication activities.

# SSAs main characteristics

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- SSAs compared to CAs:
  - Instrument to support the implementation of the programme, priority or research objective - in most cases - stand alone events (meetings, conferences, studies etc.)
  - Instrument for future oriented activities: research roadmaps, identification of future research objectives
  - Instrument for dissemination and uptake of programme results
- SSAs compared to IPs and STREPs:
  - SSA is not an instrument to fund research activities

# SSAs - Evaluation criteria 1

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## 1. Relevance: *Threshold 4/5*

### The extent to which

- the proposed project addresses the objectives of the work programme

# SSAs - Evaluation criteria 2

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## 2. Potential impact: *Threshold 3/5*

### The extent to which

- the impact of the proposed work can only be achieved if carried out at European level
- the Community support would have a substantial impact on the action and its scale, ambition and outcome
- the exploitation and/or dissemination plans adequate to ensure optimal use of the project results, where possible beyond the participants in the project

# SSAs - Evaluation criteria 3

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## 3. Quality of the support action: *Threshold 3/5*

### The extent to which

- the proposed objectives are sound and the proposed approach, methodology and work plan are sufficiently high quality for achieving the objectives
- the applicant(s) represent(s) a high level of competence in terms of personal qualifications and/or experience
- the proposed activities innovative and original (*if applicable*)

# SSAs - Evaluation criteria 4

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

### The extent to which

- the management structure is credible in terms of professional qualifications, experience, track record and capacity to deliver



# SSAs - Evaluation criteria 5

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

### The extent to which

- the project provides for the resources (personnel, equipment, finance ...) necessary for success
- the overall financial plan for the project is adequate

# SSAs - Overall threshold

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Threshold for overall score  
of Specific support action proposals:

*17.5/25*