Call title: ICT call 9

- Call identifier: FP7-ICT-2011-9

- Date of publication[1]: 18 January 2012

- Deadline[2]: 17 April 2012, at 17:00.00 Brussels local time

- Indicative budget[3],[4]: EUR 291 million

  See indicative budget breakdown in section 7 of the ICT work programme.

- Topics called:

Challenge	Objectives	Funding schemes
Challenge 2: Cognitive systems and robotics	ICT 2011.2.1 Cognitive Systems and Robotics (b), (c), (e)	IP/STREP, CSA
Challenge 4: Technologies for Digital Content and Languages	ICT 2011.4.3 Digital Preservation	IP/STREP, NoE, CSA
Challenge 5: ICT for Health, Ageing Well, Inclusion and Governance	ICT 2011.5.2 Virtual Physiological Human (a), (b), (d)	IP/STREP
Challenge 8: ICT for Learning and Access to Cultural Resources	ICT 2011.8.2 ICT for access to cultural resources	IP/STREP, CSA
Future and Emerging Technologies	ICT 2011.9.9 FET Proactive: Quantum ICT (QICT) including ERA-NET-Plus	IP/STREP, ERA-NET Plus
	ICT 2011.9.10 FET Proactive: Fundamentals of Collective Adaptive Systems (FOCAS	IP,STREP
	ICT 2011.9.11 FET Proactive: Neuro-Bio-Inspired Systems (NBIS)	IP/STREP, CSA
	ICT 2011.9.12 Coordinating Communities, Identifying new research topics for FET	CSA

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

[2] The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months

[3] The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary:
- the final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call; and
- any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

[4] Under condition that the draft budget for 2012 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

	Proactive initiatives and Fostering Networking of National and Regional Research Programmes (a), (b), (c), (d)	
International Cooperation	ICT 2011.10.3 International Partnership building and support to dialogues (b)	STREP/SICA

- Eligibility conditions:

  The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of 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.

  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.

  The minimum number of participating entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation. See Appendix 1 of the ICT work programme for further details on the minimum number of participants.

- Evaluation procedure:

  - A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.

  - The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to the Cooperation work programme.

  Proposal submission must be made by means of the European Commission's Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS) on or before the published deadline. 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 EPSS.

- Particular requirements for prioritisation of proposals with the same score[5]:

  The procedure for prioritising proposals which have been awarded the same score (ex aequos) within a ranked list is described below. It will be applied successively for every group of ex aequo proposals requiring prioritisation, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:

  (i) Proposals that address topics not otherwise covered by more highly-rated proposals, will be considered to have the highest priority.

  (ii) These proposals will themselves be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the criterion impact. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on the scores for the criterion scientific and/or technological excellence. If necessary, any further prioritisation will be based on other appropriate characteristics, to be decided by the panel, related to the

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[5] For this call, the procedure detailed below replaces the procedure foreseen in Annex 2 for the handling of tied scores.

contribution of the proposal to the European Research Area and/or general objectives mentioned in the work programme.

(iii) The method described in (ii) will then be applied to the remaining ex aequos in the group.

- Specific eligibility and evaluation criteria and specific rules for prioritisation of proposals are applicable to the FET Objectives of this call (see Appendix 5).

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will start as of September/October 2012.

- Consortia agreements: Participants in all actions resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement.

- The forms of grant which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.

- Grant agreements of projects financed under this Call for Proposals under Objectives 2.1 and 4.3 will include the Special Clause 39 on the Open Access Pilot in FP7[6]

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[6] See ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/fp7-ga-clauses-v6_en.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/open_access; http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/scientific_information/.