

**Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on improving the human research potential and the socioeconomic knowledge base**

**Distinctions for high-level research work**

**Archimedes Prize**

*Call identifier: IHP-ARP-01-1*

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1. In accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998, relating to the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) activities for the period 1998 to 2002 <sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the fifth framework programme), and with the Council Decision of 25 January 1999, adopting the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on improving the human research potential and the socioeconomic knowledge base <sup>(2)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the specific programme), the European Commission hereby invites proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme.

In conformity with Article 5 of the specific programme, a work programme <sup>(3)</sup>, specifying detailed objectives and RTD priorities and an indicative timetable for their implementation, was drawn up by the European Commission to serve as the basis for implementing the specific programme. The objectives, priorities, indicative budget and types of indirect RTD actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those set out in the work programme.

2. This call relates to proposals, specified under point 4 of this call, called by a fixed deadline following which evaluation will take place. Proposals not having met this deadline will not be considered under this call notice. Proposals are invited to be submitted in one step.

3. The specific programme is implemented notably through indirect RTD actions as provided for in Annexes II and IV to the fifth framework programme and in Annex III to the specific programme.

Evaluation and selection criteria and modalities relevant to this call are given in the fifth framework programme, the specific programme, the Council Decision of 22 December 1998, on the rules for participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results <sup>(4)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the rules for

participation and dissemination), and the work programme. The fifth framework programme manual of proposal evaluation procedures <sup>(5)</sup> along with its Annex on the specific programme, and the European Commission Regulation on the implementation of the rules for participation and dissemination <sup>(6)</sup>, provide further details.

Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the guide for proposers, which can be obtained, along with the work programme and other information relating to this call, from the European Commission using the following address:

European Commission  
Directorate-General for Research  
Directorate C (Archimedes Prize)  
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200  
B-1049 Brussels  
E-mail: [improving@cec.eu.int](mailto:improving@cec.eu.int)  
Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/improving>  
Fax (32-2) 296 70 24.

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme are hereby invited to submit proposals that address the following parts of the work programme:

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Participants to the Archimedes Prize are undergraduate students of European higher education institutions who have developed original scientific ideas or concepts in areas which are relevant to the advancement of European science.

The candidates to the Archimedes Prize must be natural persons (in case of a team, the rules concerning eligibility criteria are applicable to all members of the team):

— who are nationals of a Member State or an associated State, or residing in the EU for at least the last five years, and

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 105.

<sup>(3)</sup> Commission Decision C(1999) 508 of 9 March 1999, as last modified by Commission Decision C(2001) 1852 of 12.7.2001.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

<sup>(5)</sup> Commission Decision C(1999) 710, not published, amended by Commission Decision (2000) 2002 of 14.7.2000.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 122, 12.5.1999, p. 9.

- registered in a tertiary education institution established in a Member State or in an associated State, and
- attending university (or equivalent institution of higher education) course leading to a first degree or equivalent, which qualifies the holder to embark directly on a doctorate or equivalent degree.

For this call the scientific and technological achievements must be relevant to one of the six themes/challenges specified hereunder:

- **structure and function in macromolecules,**
- **water resources modelling and management,**
- **societal and economic implications of demographic change in the EU,**
- **energy devices,**
- **acquaculture,**
- **implications of tourism on natural and human ecosystems.**

The Archimedes Prize will be financed as accompanying measures. Community financing will cover the awarding of monetary prizes and/or equivalent recognition.

The monetary awards will consist of a right for the prize-winner(s) to draw funds, to enhance and develop their future scientific careers, and will amount to an indicative amount of EUR 50 000, per project.

The indicative budget available for this call is EUR 0,45 million of Community contribution.

5. Proposals must be received by the Commission before or on the deadline specified below, by one of the following methods: by post, preferably registered, courier <sup>(1)</sup>, or hand delivery by **15 March 2002, 5 p.m.** (Brussels local time) at the following address:

European Commission  
The Research Proposal Office (ORBN 8)  
Square Frère Orban/Frère Orbanplein 8  
B-1040 Brussels.

Please mark envelopes with the call identifier: **IHP ARP-01-1.**

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods, described above, by which to submit proposals, and to submit only one version of any given proposal.

**Important notice:** the above constitutes a change with respect to previous calls where deadlines applied to submission. Deadlines now apply to receipt by the Commission.

6. In all correspondence relating to this call (e.g. when requesting information, or submitting a proposal) please make sure to cite the relevant call identifier.

In submitting a proposal, either on paper or electronically, proposers accept the procedures and conditions as described in this call and in the documents to which it refers.

All proposals received by the European Commission will be treated in strict confidence.

According to the rules for participation and dissemination and the European Commission regulation for implementing them, Member States and associated States may have access, on presentation of a reasoned request, to useful knowledge which is relevant to policymaking. This knowledge must have been generated by those RTD actions supported as a result of this call and which addressed a part of the work programme specified as eligible for such access.

The European Community pursues an equal opportunities policy and, in this context, women are particularly encouraged to either submit proposals or to be involved in their submission.

<sup>(1)</sup> Note that delivery services that require a local telephone number for the recipient should use (32-2) 298 42 02.