



European Research Council

## Call for Proposals

### Coordination & Support Actions (CSA)

**Call budget:** € 2.5 Million  
**Deadline:** 12 November 2008

The European Research Council (ERC) is calling for proposals with the aim to support the continued monitoring, assessment and evaluation of the ERC's activities based on exploratory, state-of-the-art, scholarly studies on broadly defined topic areas and questions.

Support will be provided to selected projects **assessing the qualitative and quantitative impacts of the ERC**, e.g.:

1. ERC science management and efficiency
2. Emerging research areas
3. Institutional and individual excellence
4. Changing structures and policies
5. Funding complementarities



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FP7 Specific Programme IDEAS



## **Information Day in Brussels**

Tuesday 16 September 2008, 10.30 –16.00

Venue: to be confirmed

Registration by 5 September 2008 to: [rtd-erc-info@ec.europa.eu](mailto:rtd-erc-info@ec.europa.eu)

### **Aim of the CSA call for proposals**

The aim is to conduct the monitoring, assessment and evaluation studies that will enable the Commission to prepare the evidence needed for a rigorous appraisal of the ERC's activities in the longer term.

### **Topics**

The proposed studies should address the direct and indirect impact of the ERC on research policy and culture in European science, on careers of researchers, on the performance of research institutions, on the exploitation of new prospective themes, and/or to examine the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of the ERC management of operations.

The ERC is open to high quality proposals on other related topics as it operates a flexible and responsive "bottom-up" approach.

### **Methodology**

The most appropriate range of innovative methods (e.g. statistical analyses, case studies, bibliometric studies, surveys, social network analyses) should be used, recognising that different methods may be needed for different topics and studies. They can draw on good practice and experience from evaluation studies of national research systems and international research institutions, as well as from other relevant studies.

**For more information and how to apply:**

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