

Call for proposals for RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'Quality of life and management of living resources' (1998 to 2002)

(1999/C 64/14)

1. In accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998, concerning the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research technological development and demonstration (RTD) activities for the period 1998 to 2002 ⁽¹⁾ (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 'Quality of life and management of living resources' (1998 to 2002) ⁽²⁾ (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 ⁽³⁾, specifying detailed objectives and RTD priorities and 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 actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those described in the work programme.

2. This call relates to proposals, specified in paragraph 4 of this call, called by a fixed deadline following which evaluation will take place, and following which no other proposal will be considered under this call notice.

Proposals are submitted in one step.

3. The specific programme is implemented through indirect RTD actions as provided for in Annexes II and IV of the fifth framework programme and in Annex III of 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, concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results for the implementation of the fifth framework programme ⁽⁴⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation and dissemination), and the work programme.

Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the Guide to Proposers, which can be obtained, along with the work programme and other information relating to this call, from the European Commission using one of the following addresses:

European Commission,
Life Info-desk,
SDME 9/34,
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels,

Email: life@dg12.cec.be
Fax (32-2) 299 18 60
Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/fp5/home.html>

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme, according to the rules for participation and dissemination, are hereby invited to submit proposals for research and technological development projects, demonstration projects, combined RTD/demonstration projects, thematic networks and concerted actions that address the following parts of the work programme: see the Annex to the present call.

When submitting a proposal for an RTD project, a demonstration project, a combined project, or a concerted action, proposers may include an application for a 'Bursary for young researcher from developing countries'. Further information on this scheme is given in the Guide to Proposers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Not yet published.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(1999) 252.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

5. Proposals must be submitted before or on the deadline applicable to that type of indirect action:

— By post, preferably registered, as confirmed by the postmark, to:

European Commission,
DG XII/B/0/1,
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels.

— Or, by courier or hand-delivered, before or on 5 p.m. (Brussels local time), as confirmed by acknowledgement or receipt, to:

European Commission,
Reception desk in DG XII building,
Square de Meêus 8,
B-1050 Brussels.

— Or, by electronic submission, the details of which are given in the Guide to Proposers. When packaging a proposal for electronic submission, two files are created. The first is a small validation file which provides basic information on the proposal and a unique identification code. This validation file must be received by the European Commission before or on the deadline specified above. The second file contains the proposal and must be received unmodified, as verifiable from the unique identification code, not later than 48 hours after this deadline.

Proposals sent by post must be posted before or on the applicable deadline. Proposals received by the European Commission up to 10 working days after this deadline will be accepted if both sent by post and

clearly postmarked before or on the deadline. Proposals sent by courier service or hand-delivered must be received before or on the deadline.

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods described above, by which to submit proposals, and to only submit one version of any given proposal. In the case of an eligible proposal being received in both paper and electronic formats, only the electronic version will be retained.

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.

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 policy-making. This knowledge must have been generated by those RTD actions supported as a result of this call.

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

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

TYPE OF ACTIVITY		Deadlines for submitting proposals						Indicative budget available per activity per deadline in millions of euro	
		1.6.1999	8.6.1999	15.6.1999	4.10.1999	11.10.1999	18.10.1999	June 1999	October 1999
KEY ACTIONS									
TITLES	AREAS								
3. The 'cell factory'	3.1. Health related products and processes								
	3.1.1. New diagnostics and therapeutics	×							
	3.1.2. Biological productions	×							
	3.1.3. Alternatives to animal testing	×							
	3.2. Bioremediation and waste biotreatment								
	3.2.1. Preventing industrial pollution	×							
	3.2.2. Bioassays and biosensors						×		
	3.2.3. Biodegradation	×						75	36
	3.2.4. Biodiversity						×		
	3.2.5. Identifying recombinant organisms						×		
	3.3. Bioprocesses and products combining ecological, industrial and consumer advantages								
	3.3.1. Cellular and molecular characteristics						×		
	3.3.2. Products and processes involving/derived from microbes, plants and animals	×							
	3.3.3. Functional biomolecules	×							
	3.3.4. Metabolic and genetic diversity						×		
4. Environment and health	4.1./4.2. Diseases and allergies related to the environment; assessment and reduction of environment health hazards		×					31	—

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KEY ACTIONS	
TITLES	AREAS
5. Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and integrated development of rural areas, including mountain areas	5.1. New and/or improved systems of production
	5.1.1. Agriculture
	New and improved production and farming systems
	The diversification of agricultural production including on farm uses and supply to rural communities
	Plant Health
	Animal health and welfare
	Quality policy. Agricultural products and farm-processed products
	5.1.2. Fisheries and aquaculture
	Interactions between environment, fisheries and aquaculture
	Scientific basis of fisheries management
	Improvement of aquatic production
	5.2. Integrated production of biological materials
	5.3. Forest resources/forestry-wood chain
	Multifunctional management of forests
	Forestry policy and socio-economic aspects
	The functioning, sustainable multifunctional ...
	Support to Community forestry measures
	The protection and conservation of the forest ecosystem
	Agroforestry, cork, energy production ...
	Sustainable and multipurpose utilisation of forest resources; the forestry wood chain
	5.4. Support for Common Policies
	5.5. New tools and models for the integrated and sustainable development of rural and other areas

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KEY ACTIONS									
TITLES	AREAS								
6. The ageing population and disabilities	6.1./6.2./6.3./6.4./6.5. Age-related illnesses and health problems; determinants of healthy ageing; demography and epidemiology of ageing; coping with functional limitations in old age; health and social care services to older people			×				39	—
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF A GENERIC NATURE									
SHORT TITLES	AREAS								
7. Chronic, degenerative and rare diseases	7.1. Research on molecular, genetic, environmental and life style factors	×						104	86
	7.2./7.3. Evaluation of therapies; databases, registries, sample banks					×			
8. Genomes and diseases of genetic origin	8.1./8.2. Meaning of the genome information; structural studies	×							
	8.3./8.4. Novel expression systems; biophysics, statistics and computation					×			
9. Neurosciences	9.1./9.2. Cell communication; brain theories	×							
	9.3./9.4. Brain development; behaviour, cognition and functional mapping					×			
10. Public health and health services research	10.1. Improving of health systems					×			
	10.2. Fighting drug related problems	×							
11. Research relating to the disabled		×				×			
12. Biomedical ethics and bioethics		×				×			
13. Socio-economic aspects		×				×			