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(Notices)

COMMISSION

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 64/13)

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 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 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 under a continuous submission scheme, under which proposals will be evaluated at fixed intervals (for which deadlines for receipt are associated).

Details of the types of indirect actions, and, where applicable, their associated deadlines for receipt, are specified in paragraph 4 of this call notice. Proposals under this scheme may be submitted at any time up to the last dates indicated in paragraph 4.

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 Annexes 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 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

⁽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.

application for a 'Bursary for young researcher from developing countries'. Further information on this scheme is given in the Guide to Proposers.

5. Proposals must be submitted before or on the last 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 of receipt, to:

European Commission,
Reception desk in DG XII building,
Square de Meëus, 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.

Proposals which are not received before or on a given deadline for receipt, will be evaluated after the next deadline for receipt.

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 (for example 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.

ANNEX

TYPE OF ACTION		Indicative budget available for proposals to be evaluated in 1999 in millions of euro	Indicative budget available for proposals to be evaluated in 2000 in millions of euro	Indicative budget available for proposals to be evaluated in 2001 in millions of euro	Indicative budget available for proposals to be evaluated in 2002 in millions of euro	Proposals will be evaluated by batches according to the following cut-off dates
TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS⁽¹⁾						
TITLES						
Marie Curie Individual Fellowships	Marie Curie Individual Fellowships	37	37	37	9	2.6.1999, 3.11.1999, 12.4.2000, 11.10.2000, 11.4.2001, 10.10.2001, 10.4.2002
	Return Fellowships					
	Experienced Researcher's Fellowships					
Marie Curie Host Fellowships	Training sites					11.10.1999, 1.2.2000, 1.2.2001
	Industry host fellowships					
TECHNOLOGY STIMULATION TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE SME PARTICIPATION IN RTD ACTIVITIES⁽¹⁾						
SME exploratory awards						
		20	20	20	20	14.4.1999, 15.9.1999, 12.1.2000, 26.4.2000, 13.9.2000, 17.1.2001, 18.4.2001
Cooperative research						14.4.1999, 15.9.1999, 12.1.2000, 26.4.2000, 13.9.2000, 17.1.2001, 18.4.2001, 19.9.2001, 16.1.2002, 17.4.2002
ACCOMPANYING MEASURES⁽¹⁾						
Studies in support of the specific programme, the exchange of information, conferences, seminars, workshops and scientific and technical meetings, dissemination, information and communication activities						
		7	10	10	10	15.4.1999, 11.10.1999, 10.2.2000, 11.10.2000, 9.2.2001, 11.10.2001, 8.2.2002, 2.9.2002
TYPE OF ACTIVITY						
SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES⁽²⁾						
TITLES						
Research infrastructures		20	16	16	8	1.6.1999, 11.10.1999, 10.2.2000, 11.10.2000, 9.2.2001, 11.10.2001, 8.2.2002

⁽¹⁾ All areas of the work programme are covered.

⁽²⁾ Only proposals for research and technological development projects, demonstration projects, combined RTD/demonstration projects, thematic networks and concerted actions can be submitted.