

INFORMATION SOCIETY

i2010

The *i2010 – A European Information Society for growth and employment* initiative was launched by the Commission on 1 June 2005. It promotes an open and competitive digital economy and emphasises ICT as a driver of inclusion and quality of life. The initiative contains a range of EU policy instruments to encourage the development of the digital economy such as regulatory instruments, research and partnerships with stakeholders.

FINANCING

The i2010 initiative contains a variety of policy instruments across a wide range of issue areas. Hence i2010 actions are financed from several sources.

- The [ICT Policy Support Programme \(ICT PSP\)](#) under the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) aims at stimulating innovation and competitiveness through the wider uptake and best use of ICT by citizens, governments and businesses and in particular SMEs. ICT PSP will be running from 2007 to 2013 with a budget of €728 million. ICT PSP builds on the aims of the previous [e-TEN](#) , [Modinis](#) and [e-Content](#) programmes.

OBJECTIVES OF ICT PSP

The ICT Policy Support Programme aims at a wider uptake and best use of ICT and digital content by citizens, governments and businesses, in particular SMEs.

It helps overcome hurdles that hinder the advancement of an information society for all. ICT PSP aims to develop pan-European, ICT-based solutions and services, most notably in areas of public interest.

Greater uptake of such ICT services will open a wide range of new business opportunities, in particular for innovative SMEs.

Call3bis focuses on the single objective 3.5 (eParticipation, empower and involve citizens in transparent decision-making in the EU) for up to 7 M€ as described in the amended work programme 2009.

MORE INFORMATION

http://ec.europa.eu/ict_psp

***Calls for proposals under the 2010 work programme of the
Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support
Programme as part of the Competitiveness and Innovation
Framework Programme (2007 to 2013)***

The call for proposals under the work programme for 2010 of the Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP) is a part of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (2007 to 2013). Proposals are invited for the following call: CIP-ICT PSP-2010-4.

Call documentation including content, deadline and budget is given in the call texts which are published on the ICT PSP website: http://ec.europa.eu/ict_psp

DEADLINE

The applications must be sent by **1 June 2010**.

- The research activities in i2010 are supported by [Seventh Framework Programme \(FP7\)](#). The objective of ICT research under FP7 is to improve the competitiveness of European industry, as well as to enable Europe to master and shape the future developments of these technologies so that the demands of its society and economy are met. The EU Member States have earmarked a total of € 9.1 billion for funding ICT over 2007-2013, making it the largest research theme in FP7.
- The MEDIA 2007 programme will provide a €755 million boost to Europe's film industry from 2007 to 2013. Almost 65% of the budget will help broader circulation of European works to other countries in Europe and worldwide.
- The [Safer Internet Programme plus](#) supports actions to tackle illegal and harmful internet content. This €45m programme (2005-2008) supports cooperation among the different actors from mobile operators to child welfare NGOs.

***7TH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME
(2007 – 2013)***

FP7 will be fully operational as of 1 January 2007 and will expire in 2013. It is designed to build on the achievements of its predecessor towards the creation of the European Research Area, and carry it further towards the development of the knowledge economy and society in Europe.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The proposed 7th Framework Programme will be organised in four programmes

corresponding to four basic components of European research:

Cooperation

Support will be given to the whole range of research activities carried out in trans-national cooperation, from collaborative projects and networks to the coordination of national research programmes. International cooperation between the EU and third countries is an integral part of this action.

There are four sub-programmes:

1. Collaborative research will constitute the bulk and the core of EU research funding
2. Joint Technology Initiatives will mainly be created on the basis of the work undertaken by the European Technology Platforms
3. Coordination of non-Community research programmes
4. International Cooperation

Ideas

This programme will enhance the dynamism, creativity and excellence of European research at the frontier of knowledge in all scientific and technological fields, including engineering, socio-economic sciences and the humanities. This action will be overseen by a European Research Council

People

Quantitative and qualitative strengthening of human resources in research and technology in Europe by putting into place a coherent set of Marie Curie actions.

Capacities

The objective of this action is to support research infrastructures, research for the benefit of SMEs and the research potential of European regions (Regions of Knowledge) as well as to stimulate the realisation of the full research potential (Convergence Regions) of the enlarged Union and build an effective and democratic European Knowledge society.

Each of these programmes will be the subject of a Specific Programme. In addition, there will be a Specific Programme for the Joint Research Centre (non-nuclear activities) and one for Euratom nuclear research and training activities.

THEMES

1. Health
2. Food, agriculture and biotechnology
3. Information and communication technologies
4. Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies
5. Energy
6. Environment and Climate Change
7. Transport and Aeronautics
8. Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
9. Space and Security Research

In addition, two themes are covered by the Euratom Framework Programme:

- Fusion energy research
- Nuclear fission and radiation protection

NEW ELEMENTS OF FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

- Emphasis on research themes rather than on "instruments"
- Significant simplification of its operation
- Focus on developing research that meets the needs of European industry, through the work of Technology Platforms and the new Joint Technology Initiatives
- Establishment of a European Research Council, funding the best of European science
- Integration of International cooperation in all four programmes
- Development of Regions of Knowledge
- A Risk-Sharing Finance Facility aimed at fostering private investment in research

BUDGET

In the Commission's proposals for the 7th Framework Programme to the European Parliament and the Council of 6 April 2005, the Commission proposed that the maximum overall amount for Community financial participation in the EC 7th Framework Programme should be 72.726 million EUR for the period 2007 - 2013. For nuclear research and training activities carried out under the Euratom treaty 3.092 million EUR are foreseen for 2007-2011.

MORE INFORMATION

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/>

Detailed information on calls and deadlines at:

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>