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FP7 - Calls Open

Programme	Call	Deadline
Marie Curie Individual Fellowships	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF) The scheme is aimed at researchers of any nationality who have been active in an EU Member State or Associated State and will enable them to move to a host organisation in a different EU Member State or Associated State for 1-2 years.	17 August 2010
	Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) The scheme is aimed at researchers of any nationality who have been active in research in a third country (i.e. outside Europe). The researcher must move from a third country to a host institution in an EU Member State or Associated State for 1-2 years.	17 August 2010
	Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) for Career Development The scheme is aimed at researchers who are nationals of an EU Member State or Associated State. They may go to a high-level research organisation in a third country (i.e. outside Europe) for 1-2 years and there is a mandatory return phase of one year in Europe.	17 August 2010

Marie Curie Reintegration Grants	Marie Curie European Re-integration Grants (ERG) This scheme is for experienced researchers of any nationality, who have benefited from a Marie Curie action in FP6/FP7. Applications are submitted by the researcher in conjunction with a host organisation in Europe and the scheme provides a grant of €15,000 p.a. for 2-3 years.	7 September 2010
	Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants (IRG) This scheme is for experienced researchers who are nationals of EU Member States/Associated Countries and who have been active in research outside Europe for at least 3 years. Applications are submitted by researchers in conjunction with a prospective host institution in Europe and the scheme provides €25,000 per year for 2-4 years.	7 September 2010

Please click on individual links to access all relevant documents.

FP7 Draft Work Programmes for 2011

The draft 2011 work programmes indicate that for most areas of FP7 calls for proposals are expected to be launched on 30 July 2010 with deadlines towards the end of 2010 or early 2011. Contact NCPs or KBMP for more information. Please use the information with caution as the content may change. If you plan to put together a consortium for one of these collaborative research themes, you are strongly recommended to contact the bureau (info.biro@nauka.gov.rs) to discuss your ideas at an early stage.

Draft Work Programmes and Topic Lists:

Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (KBBE)

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

Nanosciences, Nanotechnology and New Production Technologies (NMP)

Energy

Environment (including Climate Change)

Transport (including Aeronautics and Sustainable Surface Transport)

Security

Joint Technology Initiatives (JTIs) – Calls open

Programme	Details	Deadline
Clean Sky (Aeronautics and Air Transport)	Clean Sky JTI 2010-02 Fourth call for proposals	30 June 2010
Clean Sky (Aeronautics and Air Transport)	Clean Sky JTI 2010-03 Fifth call for proposals (launched on 03.05.10)	20 July 2010
Further information: http://www.cleansky.eu/index.php?arbo_id=52&item_id=46		

Other EU and European Programmes – Calls currently open

EUROCORES (European Collaborative Research) Themes

The European Science Foundation (ESF) is inviting proposals for new EUROCORES Themes. Five or six of the submitted theme proposals will be selected for further development into new collaborative research programmes. Successful themes will lead to a call for Collaborative Research Project proposals around December 2010.

Deadline: 21 May 2010 (midday CET).

Further information: <http://www.esf.org/activities/eurocores.html>

European Science Foundation (ESF) Research Conferences

Scientists are invited to submit proposals for high-level research conferences to take place in 2012 in the following scientific domains:

- Interdisciplinary Environmental Sciences (1)
- Molecular Biology+: Molecular Biology at the Interface with other Science Disciplines (up to 5)
- Mathematics (*for conferences in 2011 and 2012*) (up to 4)
- Physics/Biophysics and Environmental Sciences (up to 5)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (up to 5)

Deadline: 15 September 2010.

Further information: Call: <http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/call-for-proposals.html>

Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) - ICT Policy Support Programme (PSP)

The European Commission has launched a call for proposals under the work programme for 2010 of the Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP). The ICT PSP programme supports technological and non-technological innovation that has moved beyond the final research demonstration phase – *it does not fund research activities*.

Deadline: 1 June 2010.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

Co-operation on Clean Coal Technologies and Carbon Capture and Storage

This call, launched by the EuropeAid Co-operation Office of the European Commission, will concentrate on the following countries: *the Russian Federation; Ukraine; Kazakhstan; South Africa; India and Indonesia*. Activities to be supported are related to capacity building and studies on CCT and CCS with emphasis on promoting the use of these technologies and contributing to the strengthening of international expert networks and knowledge exchange.

Deadline: 15 June 2010.

Further information: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=129199>

Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE): Call for proposals 2010

The objective of the IEE programme is to contribute to secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy for Europe and funds projects that promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable energies. The programme will support actions in the following fields:

- SAVE: Energy efficiency and rational use of resources
- ALTENER: New and renewable energy resources
- STEER: Energy in transport

Deadline: 24 June 2010.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm

LIFE+

The LIFE+ 2010 call for proposals has been published for the co-financing of projects under within the following themes:

- LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity

- LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance
- LIFE+ Information and Communication

Deadline: 1 September 2010.

Further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

The OECD has launched the 2011 call for its Co-operative Research Programme:

- Research Fellowships – aimed at researchers working in the fields of agriculture, forestry and fisheries who would like the opportunity to conduct some of their research abroad, in another member country of the OECD Co-operative Research Programme. Possible help with funding to facilitate international collaboration and networking between researchers. Deadline: 5 September 2010.
- Conference Sponsorship - aimed at organisers of international conferences during 2011 or 2012, related to agriculture, forestry or fisheries. Possible help with funding should the planned conference fit the eligibility criteria. Deadline: 15 September 2010.

Further information:

http://www.oecd.org/document/58/0,3343,en_2649_33903_42625274_1_1_1_37401,00.html

http://www.oecd.org/document/41/0,3343,en_2649_33903_45019689_1_1_1_37401,00.html

COST (European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research)

COST invites proposals for Actions contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal development of Europe. COST stimulates new, innovative, interdisciplinary and broad research networks in Europe and is organised in nine broad Domains:

- Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences
- Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies
- Earth System Science and Environmental Management
- Food and Agriculture
- Forests, their Products and Services
- Individuals, Society, Culture and Health
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Materials, Physical and Nanosciences
- Transport and Urban Development.

Next collection date for Preliminary Proposals: 24 September 2010.

Further information: <http://www.cost.esf.org/> and <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/business-directorate/application2award/funding/european/other/cost/index.php>

Calls for Experts

Expert Evaluators for FP7

Why not register as an expert evaluator for FP7 programmes, and assist in the evaluation of proposals and monitoring of projects, programmes and other initiatives. The European Commission is keen to encourage researchers at all stages of their career to register on its database of experts. This is one of the best forms of proposal writing training available.

Currently, there is a specific need for female evaluators. The Commission's target for the participation of women in evaluation panels and committees is 40%. They are looking for:

- Women scientists with expertise in all scientific disciplines in order to increase the number of women in all the evaluation panels for the different thematic priorities.
- Women scientists whose main field of expertise is gender to evaluate the specific Women and Science activities that will be funded from the Science in Society budget. For evaluators wishing to highlight specific gender expertise there are a number of specialist keywords that are relevant to these activities, which can be used: Women and science, Gender mainstreaming, Equal opportunities, Gender studies, Women's studies, Feminist studies, History of women in science.

This includes those working in the social sciences and humanities.

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmf7/>

Expert Evaluators for EU Teaching & Learning, Audiovisual, Culture, etc. programmes

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency has issued a call for expressions of interest for the establishment of a list of experts in the fields of education, audiovisual, culture, youth and citizenship. Applications can be submitted until 30.06.2013.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/call_experts/call_experts_2007_en.php

European Food Safety Authority - Database of Scientific Experts

This database aims to pool scientific excellence across Europe in order to reinforce EFSA's capacity to provide high-quality and timely scientific advice within its areas of activity. The UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) has been asked by EFSA to promote the database, and new applications are now invited from scientists interested in registering as experts. EFSA is based in Parma, Italy and is an independent agency of the European Union providing scientific advice and support that contributes towards EU policies and legislation covering food safety, nutrition, animal health and welfare, and plant health and protection.

Further information: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/PartnersNetworks/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1178712806106.htm

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

First call for individuals to join a database of prospective independent experts to assist with tasks in connection with the evaluation and implementation of EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICS). Experts are required from a wide range of profiles and with a high level of professional expertise within the following areas:

- Thematic area: Sustainable energy
- Thematic area: Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Thematic area: Future information and communication society
- Business creation and venture capital
- Innovation in existing business
- Entrepreneurial education
- Research and product development

Further information: <http://eit.europa.eu/experts.html>

Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES)

The European Commission has launched a call for expressions of interest concerning technical assistance in evaluating, monitoring and validating Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) projects and services. The purpose is to establish a reserve lists of experts whose role is to assist the Commission services in the evaluation and monitoring of projects in the frame of the GMES initiative and/or the assessment/validation of products/services offered by those projects. Deadline: 11 May 2012.

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=3132

Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) - Call for Experts in Drug Development

The IMI Joint Undertaking is encouraging experts in drug development to register as evaluators for IMI proposals. Evaluations usually take place in the context of short sessions, lasting a maximum of around 10 days a year. These may be in Brussels – or Luxembourg for some innovation actions – or carried out remotely (i.e. at the evaluator's home or place of work).

Registration is online with the FP7 Experts Management Module (EMM)

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmf7/>

IMI website: http://www.imi.europa.eu/index_en.html

Information Days

International Brokerage Event on Environmental Technologies – Seville, Spain – 26 May 2010

The main objective is to provide the opportunity for participants to meet companies, research organisations and public administrations active in research and technology.

Further information:

Lucía Díaz Martín - Tel: +34 955 03 96 42 - Email: een.citandalucia@juntadeandalucia.es

Meet4Cleantech Conference – Geneva – 1-2 June 2010

Clean Technology European Partnering Event – focussing on the Public Private Partnerships: Energy Efficient Buildings, Green Cars and Factory of the Future.

Further information: <http://www.b2match.com/cleantech/>

European Summit on Future Internet – Luxembourg – 2-3 June 2010

This will bring together industrial experts and scientific specialists from around Europe and European Commission officials, to present visions, discuss technological options and new service concepts, and to jointly examine how to optimise the opportunities ahead.

Further information: <http://summit2010.uni.lu/>

Strategic Energy Technology Plan Conference – Madrid – 3-4 June 2010

This will show the progress of the SET-Plan since the conference held in Stockholm in October 2009 and will constitute the formal launching of the first European Industry Initiatives.

Further information: <http://www.setplan-conference2010.es/Publico/Home/index.aspx>

6th European Regional Economic Forum – Nova Gorica, Slovenia – 7-8 June 2010

The focus remains on development and better use of human capital.

Further information: <http://www.eref.eu/eref-2010/>

Open Information Day and Brokerage Event on FP7 Health Research – Brussels – 8 June 2010

Organised by DG Research – this event will highlight the priorities, novelties and special features of the 2011 work programme due to be published in July. It will also provide guidance on proposal preparation and opportunities for networking.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/events-02_en.html

ICT: Science and Policy Forum on Future Emerging Technologies (FET) Flagships – Brussels – 9-10 June 2010

The objective is to establish an open, high-level, high-visibility event and inform all stakeholders on preparation of FET Flagship Initiatives.

Further information: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/fet-proactive/flagship-ws-june10_en.html

Clean Sky Joint Technology Initiative Conference – The Aviation Industry Goes Green – Brussels – 18 June 2010

The conference will address the latest developments in the Clean Sky programme, highlighting the major technical steps to be taken in the near future.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/events-02_en.html

FP7 UK Information Day on “Food, Agriculture & Fisheries and Biotechnology” and “Environment” – London – 16 July 2010

Information on calls in the 2011 work programmes to be published at end of July 2010.

Further information: Email: ian.sutherland@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Conference on the Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy towards 2020 – Brussels – 13-14 September 2010

Organised by the future Belgian Presidency of the EU, the conference will look at results of implementation of Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy in terms of European and national research activities and industrial output. It will also provide input into upcoming action plan for a sustainable and innovative bio-economy in Europe until 2020.

Further information: <http://www.kbbe2010.be/>

Ambient Assisted Living Forum 2010 – Odense, Denmark – 15-17 September 2010

The Forum will present innovative solutions to tackle the challenges inherent to ageing societies, and will launch the first ever European “AAL Investment Forum”.

Further information: <http://www.aalforum.eu/>

ICT 2010: Digitally Driven - Brussels - 27-29 September 2010

This biennial event has become a unique gathering point for researchers, business people, investors and high level policy makers in the field of digital innovation. ICT 2010 will focus on policy priorities such as Europe's Digital Agenda and the next financial programme of the European Union for funding research and innovation in ICT.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010/index_en.htm

EuroOCEAN 2010 Conference – Ostend - 12-13 October 2010

This will provide a unique opportunity for the European marine science community to consider, discuss and respond to new policy developments and achievements since the last EuroOCEAN conference (2007, Aberdeen), and to highlight new challenges and opportunities for marine research in the next decade. The EuroOCEAN 2010 Conference and Ostend Declaration (October 2010) will come at a crucial time, as the research funding landscape in Europe is expected to undergo considerable changes. It will provide a timely opportunity to reinforce the importance of marine science in effective maritime policy making and the key role it will play in the path towards economic growth and recovery in Europe.

Further information: www.eurocean2010.eu

European Technology Platforms

European Biofuels Technology Platform: Consultation on update to Strategic Research Agenda

The European Biofuels Technology Platform (EBTP) is currently holding a public and stakeholder consultation, via an on-line questionnaire, on the update to their Strategic Research Agenda (SRA). The technology platforms are independent from the European Commission, but given that they represent a large number of stakeholders in their sector, their Strategic Research Agendas normally influence some of the call topics selected for FP7 Work Programmes.

Deadline: 31 May 2010.

Further information: <http://www.biofuelstp.eu/sra.html>

European Commission Consultations

CONSULTATIONS STILL OPEN:

Consultation on approaches for a possible EU legislative proposal on the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste

The European Commission intends to re-launch the process of enacting a dedicated legislative proposal on radioactive waste and spent fuel management that would seek to achieve and maintain the safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste.

Deadline: 31 May 2010.

Further information and online questionnaire:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/nuclear/consultations/2010_05_31_fuel_waste_en.htm

European Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)

The Commission is launching a public consultation to invite the views and opinions of EDCTP stakeholders, experts active in the fields and the public at large on the need for and nature of a new EDCTP initiative.

Deadline: 15 June 2010.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/research/consultations/edctp/consultation_en.htm

Access to Traffic and Travel data – Universal Traffic Information

The objective of this questionnaire is to collect information across the EU on the status of traffic and travel information with regard to:

- Traffic and travel data availability and access, co-operation and data exchange between public and private sector
- Definition of safety related traffic information and provision of free universal traffic information services

Deadline: 18 June 2010.

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/its/consultations/2010_06_18_traffic_travel_data_en.htm

Consultation on the Green Paper on Forest Protection and Information in the EU: Preparing forests for climate change

This green paper raises a series of questions relevant to developing options for future forest protection and information in the EU under a changing climate.

Deadline: 31 July 2010.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/forests_en.htm

NEW CONSULTATIONS SINCE LAST ISSUE:

Consultation on EU e-Maritime Initiative

The European Commission has launched a consultation on the EU e-Maritime Initiative, aimed at fostering the use of advanced information technologies for working and doing business in the maritime transport sector. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to make maritime transport more efficient, safer and environmentally friendlier by improved information use, knowledge creation, and facilitation of business collaboration and support. The initiative also aims to improve life at sea by providing internet-based services for mariners, thus improving the attractiveness of the seafaring professions.

Deadline: 27 June 2010.

Further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=emaritime>

Green Paper and Consultation on Cultural and Creative Industries

The European Commission has published a Green Paper entitled "Unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries" and a public consultation. This highlights the need to improve access to finance, especially for small businesses, as key to enabling the creative and cultural industry sector to flourish and to contribute to sustainable and inclusive growth. It aims to spark a debate on the requirements of a stimulating creative environment for cultural and creative industries and includes multiple perspectives, from that of the business environment to the need to open up a common European space for culture, from capacity building to skills development and promotion of European creators on the world stage.

Deadline: 30 July 2010.

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-policy-development/doc2577_en.htm

External Newsletters

New Zealand RS&T News

The New Zealand Ministry of Research, Science & Technology publishes a monthly electronic newsletter containing ministry and sector news:

<http://www.morst.govt.nz/about/News/RST-News/>

RCUK in China Newsletter

The Research Councils UK Office in China publishes a number of newsletters each year. These can be downloaded from the RCUK website:

http://www.rcuk.cn/rcuk/fore/s_workshop_cnt_en.php?pgm_id=133