

**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)**

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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 <sup>(1)</sup> (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) <sup>(2)</sup> (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 <sup>(3)</sup>, 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 under Point 4 of this call, called by a fixed deadline following which evaluation will take place. Proposals not having met this deadline will not be considered under this call notice.

Proposals are invited to be submitted in one step.

3. The specific programme is implemented notably 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 <sup>(4)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation and dissemination), and the

work programme. The fifth framework programme Manual of Proposal Evaluation Procedures <sup>(5)</sup>, along with its annex on this specific programme, and the European Commission Regulation on the implementation of the rules for participation and dissemination <sup>(6)</sup>, provide further details.

Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the Guide for 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  
Quality of Life Info-desk  
SDME 9/34  
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200  
B-1049 Brussels  
E-mail: quality-of-life@cec.eu.int  
Fax (32-2) 299 18 60  
Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/life>

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme 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.

5. Proposals must be sent before or on the deadline applicable to that type of indirect RTD action by one of the following methods:

— Post, preferably registered, as confirmed by the postmark, to:

European Commission  
DG Research/B/0/1  
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200  
B-1049 Brussels;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> European Commission Decision C/99/252 modified by Decision C/99/4211.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

<sup>(5)</sup> European Commission Decision C/99/710.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 122, 12.5.1999, p. 9.

- Courier or hand-delivery, before or on 5p.m. (Brussels local time) (see annex), as confirmed by acknowledgement of receipt, to:

European Commission  
'Quality of life and management of living resources'  
programme  
Research Proposals Office (ORBN 8)  
Square Frère Orban 8  
B-1000 Brussels;

- 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 evaluated.

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.

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

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.

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



TYPE OF ACTIVITY		Deadlines for submitting proposals		Indicative budget available per activity per deadline in millions of euro			
		15.3.2000	11.10.2000	15.3.2000	11.10.2000		
<b>KEY ACTIONS</b>							
TITLES		AREAS					
5. Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry and integrated development of rural areas, including mountain areas	5.2. The integrated production and exploitation of biological materials for non-food uses		×		43		
	5.3. Sustainable and multipurpose utilisation of forest resources						
	5.4. Support for common policies	5.4.1. Community agriculture and the international context					
		5.4.2. CAP measures and related activities including socio-economic aspects					
	5.1. New and sustainable systems of production, including breeding methods in agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture						
	5.4. Support for common policies	5.4.3. Monitoring and enforcement of the CFP					
5.4.4. Social and economic basis of the CFP							
5.5. New tools and models for the integrated and sustainable development of rural and other relevant areas			×		79		
6. The ageing population	6.1. (*)/6.2. (**)/6.3. (**)/6.4. (**)/6.5. (***) Age-related illnesses and health problems; determinants of healthy ageing; demographic and social policy aspects of population ageing; coping with functional limitations in old age; health and social care services to older people		×		39	—	
<b>RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF A GENERIC NATURE</b>							
SHORT TITLES		AREAS					
7. Chronic, degenerative and rare diseases	7.1. Common underlying pathogenic mechanisms		×		—	113	
8. Genomes and diseases of genetic origin	8.1./8.2. Genome analysis, functional genomics and proteomics						
9. Neurosciences	9.1./9.2. Cell communication; brain theories						
10. Public health and health services research	10.1. Health services research, health and safety at work						
	10.2. Fighting drug related problems						
11. Research relating to persons with disabilities							
12. Bioethics							
13. Socio-economic aspects							

(\*) This area will support only concerted actions, thematic networks except for diseases and disorders of the urogenital system where RTD projects will also be supported.

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