European Community
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Call for Proposals
FP7-ENV-2009-1

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The European Commission published a call for proposals on 3 September 2008 with the identifier: FP7-ENV-2009-1

The deadline for the submission of proposals is: 17:00h on 8 January 2009

Overall indicative budget: EURO 193.5 million

Full details of this call can be found at: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=142
Activity 6.4 Earth observation and assessment tools for sustainable development

Sub-Activity 6.4.1 Earth and ocean observation systems and monitoring methods for the environment and Sustainable Development

Indicative budget: EURO 20 million
Area 6.4.1.1 Integration of European activities within GEO
ENV.2009.4.1.1.1 Contribution to observing systems for seismogenic hazards

International co-operation with other experimental sites/observatories is encouraged. It is viewed that the active participation of relevant partners from outside Europe should add to the scientific and/or technological excellence of the project, as well as to its international dimension, and/or lead to an increased impact of the research to be undertaken.

European Community contribution of up to EURO 7 million
Area 6.4.1.3 Earth Observation activities in emerging areas
ENV.2009.4.1.3.1 Contribution to observing systems for environment and health monitoring and modelling

It is viewed that the active participation of relevant partners from outside Europe should add to the scientific and/or technological excellence of the project and/or lead to an increased impact of the research to be undertaken.

The expected impact will be achieved by taking advantage of expertise of, and cooperation with partners from outside Europe, also following the principles and objectives of GEO (development of GEOSS).

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Area 6.4.1.3 Earth Observation activities in emerging areas
ENV.2009.4.1.3.2 Earth observation in support of a sustainable exploitation of mineral resources

Funding scheme: Collaborative Project (small- or medium scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international cooperation partner countries.

European Community contribution of up to EURO 3.5 million
Linked to CB-07-01a, the CBC Co-chairs have proposed the following criteria for selecting CB projects:

1. To achieve its goal, a project needs improved access to EO (EO as a component in a value chain).
2. The project should impact one or more of nine SBA in a quantitative and highly visible manner.
3. The project will demonstrate the value of GEOSS.
4. The project supports the MDGs or sustainable development requirements of beneficiaries.
5. The project can demonstrate concrete results within three years.
Linked to CB-07-01a, the CBC Co-chairs have proposed the following criteria for selecting CB projects:

6. The project should appeal to multiple resource providers & partners.
7. The requested funding can be quantified.
8. The project is implemented by one or more GEO Members or Participating Organizations.
9. The project must have an outreach program embedded in it.
10. The project must be sustainable and replicable.
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Area 6.4.1.4 Developing capacity building activities in the domain of Earth Observation in the new EU countries and in the developing countries

ENV.2009.4.1.4.1 Action in the domain of EO to support capacity building in GEO (support action)

Proposals are requested with the objective of establishing a Capacity Building (CB) advisory capability in support of Earth Observation (EO) activities, seeking to build upon and complement existing actions in this domain.

This action should contribute to the GEO 2007-2009 Work Plan tasks CB-07-01a, CB-07-01b, CB-07-01c and CB-07-01d.
The primary objectives of any proposal should be:

a) to work with stakeholders in new EU countries and developing countries to identify the actual EO capacity building needs of these groups and then to set out clear and detailed specifications for viable EO capacity building initiatives;

b) to identify possible resource providers and to act as a broker to bring those stakeholders with viable initiatives into contact with these providers, making use of the proposers expert knowledge of the various types of potential sources of resources, and the procedures used by these providers to allocate funds;
The primary objectives of any proposal should be:
c) to act as a broker between the stakeholders and the resource providers, assisting the stakeholders to work with the providers to bring the identified EO CB initiatives to fruition;
d) to facilitate education and training in support of EO capacity building, thereby providing a global base of technical expertise for GEOSS, including the domain of climate monitoring in developing countries;
e) to produce monitoring and evaluation mechanisms aimed at determining the efficacy of GEO capacity building efforts.
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Additional eligibility criterion: A minimum of two participants from developing countries are required.

The requirement will be applied as an eligibility criterion.

European Community contribution of up to EURO 1 million
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Expected impact: This support action should:

Make a major contribution to the implementation of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) Seville roadmap to mobilise capacity building resources for realising the GEOSS.

It should also demonstrate the capability of the GEO to co-ordinate resource mobilisation mechanisms and to act as a broker serving EO stakeholders and potential resource providers.
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Expected impact: This support action should:

It should also improve the integration of the GEOSS into regional and national planning processes for sustainable development.

This support action should strengthen the capability of all countries, and in particular developing countries, to play an effective role in the capacity building activities of the GEO.
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Note: the Commission cannot assist in either:
   a) The formation of consortia;
   b) The drafting of a proposal.

Please also note that potential “stakeholders” should note be participants in any proposals submitted. They will be future “clients” of any project that is selected.
Thank you

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