

MARIE CURIE INITIAL TRAINING NETWORKS 2011 (ITN)

- **Call identifier:** *FP7-PEOPLE-2011-ITN*
- **Date of publication:** 20 July 2010¹
- **Deadline:** 26 January 2011 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time²
- **Indicative budget:** *EUR 318.41 million* of the 2011 budget³. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of the call.
- **Topics called:**

ACTION	Funding Schemes
<i>Marie Curie Initial Training Networks</i>	<i>Support for training and career development of researchers</i>

- **Eligibility conditions:**
 - The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme, and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.
 - This action addresses joint research training networks in the form of either multi- or mono-partner ITNs. The number of participating legal entities required in this action is summarised in the table below.

Type	Conditions
Multi-partner ITN	At least three participants established in at least three different Member States or associated countries. Above this minimum, the participation of other third countries ⁴ and of international organisations is foreseen under the conditions provided by the FP7 Rules for Participation.
Mono-partner ITN	Mono-partner ITNs include a sole participant and a network of associated partners. The sole participant shall be established in a Member State or in an associated country.

- Only information provided in Part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to the minimum number of eligible participants.
- **Evaluation procedure:**

¹ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication.

² The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

³ Under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

⁴ Other third countries are countries which are neither EU Member States nor third countries associated to FP7 (List of FP7 associated countries: ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/third_country_agreements_en.pdf).

- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding actions are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme.
 - Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS. The experts will be instructed to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.
 - The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left and right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
 - Associated partners must include a letter of commitment in the proposal to ensure their real and active participation in the proposed network. The experts will be instructed to disregard the contribution of any associated partners for which no such evidence of commitment is submitted.
 - A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
 - The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 of this work programme.
 - Proposals are allocated to one of 8 evaluation panels⁵. For each panel a ranked list is established. The distribution of the indicative budget of the call over the research disciplines will be proportional to the number of eligible proposals received in each panel. If the budget allocated to a panel exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated⁶ in that panel, the excess budget will be reallocated to the other panels based on the distribution as above. Equally, if the allocated funding to a panel is insufficient to fund the highest ranked proposal in that panel, the necessary budget will be transferred from the other panels based on the distribution as above, in order to ensure that the highest ranked proposal can be funded.
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**
 - Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 4 months after the relevant deadline for submission.
 - Grant agreement signature: expected from within 9 months after the relevant deadline for submission.
 - **Consortia agreements:** Participants in actions resulting from this call are NOT required to conclude a consortium agreement.
 - **Forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates:** The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 of this work programme.

⁵ The Marie Curie evaluation panels are: Chemistry (CHE), Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC), Economic Sciences (ECO), Information Science and Engineering (ENG), Environment and Geosciences (ENV), Life Sciences (LIF), Mathematics (MAT), Physics (PHY).

⁶ Measured as proposals having passed all relevant evaluation thresholds.