

Additional call for proposals for indirect RTD actions addressing systems and services for independent living under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on a user-friendly information society (1998 to 2002)

(The IST Programme)

(2000/C 38/09)

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 ⁽¹⁾ (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 a user-friendly information society (1998 to 2002) ⁽²⁾ (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 ⁽³⁾, 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 RTD actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those set out in this 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 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 ⁽⁴⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation and dissemination), and the

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

Information on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the Guide for Proposers ⁽⁷⁾, which can be obtained, along with the IST 1999 Work Programme and other information relating to this call, from the European Commission using one of the following addresses:

European Commission
The IST Information Desk
Directorate General Information Society
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels
Email: ist@cec.eu.int
Fax (32-2) 296 83 88
Web: www.cordis.lu/ist

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme are hereby invited to submit proposals for RTD, demonstration, and combined RTD/demonstration projects that address the action line given below.

Important: This is an additional call ⁽⁸⁾ and the action line referred to below only relates to that given in the IST 1999 Work Programme.

Key Action I — Systems and services for the citizen

Action Line I.3.1. Systems and services for independent living. (*Call identifier: IST-99-ADD*).

Deadline for proposals: 10 May 2000, at 5 p.m. (Brussels local time).

The indicative budget available for this call is 10 million euro of Community contribution.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ European Commission Decision C(1999) 586 of 18 March 1999 on the Information Society Technologies (IST) 1999 Work Programme.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

⁽⁵⁾ European Commission Decision C(1999) 710 of 24 March 1999.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 122, 12.5.1999, p. 9.

⁽⁷⁾ The Guide for Proposers applicable to this call is the one dated February 2000.

⁽⁸⁾ The action line concerned was first called on 19 March 1999 (OJ C 76, 19.3.1999, p. 18).

Note:

- (i) This call is cross-referenced with Action Line I.2.1 (Intelligent assistive systems and interfaces to compensate for functional impairment) of the IST 2000 Work Programme⁽⁹⁾ which is currently the subject of a call (OJ C 38, 10.2.2000, p. 11).
- (ii) For this call, and the call mentioned under (i) above, complementary information can be obtained from www.cordis.lu/ist/calls. All proposers are encouraged to consult this information.

When submitting a proposal for an RTD project, a demonstration project, or a combined project, proposers may include an application for a bursary for young researcher from developing countries. Further information on this scheme is given in the Guide for Proposers.

5. Proposals must be sent before the deadline mentioned above by one of the following methods:

— By post, preferably registered, as confirmed by the postmark, by courier⁽¹⁰⁾, or by hand-delivery, as confirmed by acknowledgement of receipt, to:

The IST Programme
The Research Proposal Office
Square Frère Orban/Frère Orbanplein 8
B-1040 Brussels

Note:

Failure to use this address exactly as it is reproduced here could lead to delays in having your proposal received by the IST Programme.

- Electronic submission, the details of which are given in the Guide for Proposers. When packaging a proposal for electronic submission, two files are created. The first is a small validation file that provides basic information on the proposal and a unique identification code. The European Commission must receive this validation file

before 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 the relevant 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 the deadline. Proposals sent by courier service or hand-delivered must be received before the deadline.

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods described above to submit proposals, and to submit only 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 (for example, when requesting information, or submitting a proposal) please make sure to cite the 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 and which addressed a part of the work programme specified as eligible for such access.

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.

⁽⁹⁾ European Commission Decision C(2000) 350 of 9 February 2000.

⁽¹⁰⁾ For courier services that require a telephone number for the recipient, please use (32-2) 296 02 45.